



# Running Start Orientation!

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# OVERVIEW

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- 2.) RVC Main Campus Buildings
- 3.) Vital student resources
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  - ✓ Writing Center
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- 4.) College Transition
- 5.) Responsibilities & Expectations
- 6.) Strategies for success
- 7.) Textbooks
- 8.) RVC Web Services



# RVC HIGH SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

As a high school student attending RVC, you will work directly with  
**High School Connections\***

- Location: **2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Student Center (SC)**
- Phone: **(815) 921-4080**
- Email: **[rvc-hsc@rockvalleycollege.edu](mailto:rvc-hsc@rockvalleycollege.edu)**

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**High School Connections**

- Coordinate the Advance Now, Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment, and Running Start programs
- Register dual credit students for their classes\*
- Provide academic advising\*
- Partner with high school districts
- Communicate frequently with high school counselors\*

\*RPS students need to communicate on a regular basis with their high school counselors to ensure they are on track.

# RUNNING START CLASSES HELD AT RVC MAIN CAMPUS



Student Center - SC



Jacobs Center for Science and Math



Educational Resource Center - ERC



**Classroom Building II - CLII**



**Classroom Building I - CLI**



**Woodward Technology Center - WTC**



**Physical Education Center - PEC**

# SERVICES LOCATED IN THE STUDENT CENTER

## Ground Floor:

- **Disability Support Services**
- **Testing Center**
- **Tutoring Center**
- **Writing Center**
- **Bookstore**

## First Floor:

- **Information Desk**
- **Student Life**
- **Computer Lab**
- **Food Vendors**

## Second Floor:

- **High School Connections Office**
- **Records & Registration**
- **Academic & Transfer Advising and Career Services & Placement**

# EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER (ERC)

## Ground Floor:

- Performing Arts Auditorium
- Mass Communications Department
- Music Practice Rooms

## First Floor:

- **Library**
- Meg's Coffee Shop
- Study & Gathering Area

## Second Floor:

- **EAGLE Support Office**
- Classrooms



# JACOBS CENTER FOR SCIENCE & MATH (JCSM)

## Ground Floor:

- Classrooms
- Math Lab
- Seating Areas

## First Floor:

- Science & Math Departmental Office
- Biology Labs & Classrooms
- Science Resource Room

## Second Floor:

- Chemistry Labs
- Physical Science Classrooms
- Green House

Study Areas/Seating on all Floors

# TUTORING CENTER

As a college student, you will need to **ask for help** if you fall behind in your coursework, or if the course content becomes confusing.

Located in the Student Center (SC):

- The RVC Tutoring Center provides **FREE** tutoring in most subjects, as well as in **study skills**. Online tutoring is also available.
- Some walk-ins available, but appointments are recommended.
- Attend a one time appointment, or set-up a recurring weekly meeting.
- Tutoring sessions are in groups of 3 or fewer students.

# WRITING CENTER

Located in the Student Center (SC)

- The RVC Writing Center (inside Tutoring Lab) provides **FREE** individualized assistance for student writers.
- Full time and part time faculty assist student writers.
- Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended.

# MATH LAB

Located in the Jacobs Center for Science & Math (JCSM)

- Math Lab (**Rooms 0210 & 0212**) offers **FREE** drop-in math tutoring (by Math instructors), a library of all math textbooks, math DVD's, MyMathLab and calculator assistance.
- JCSM-0210 has some computers and tables for studying and doing math homework.
- JCSM-0212, has an additional 24 computers for computer-assisted math classes and for students to use for math-related work such as online homework.

# EAGLE SUPPORT OFFICE

Located in the Educational Resource Center (ERC)

- EAGLE Resource Center (Room 2402)
- Walk-in support provided

(EAGLE is RVC's Learning Management System. It can be used to submit homework, discuss course topics, complete practice tests, etc. All students enrolled in RVC credit classes are given EAGLE accounts.)

**Phone:** 815-921-4646

**Email:** [eaglesupport@rockvalleycollege.edu](mailto:eaglesupport@rockvalleycollege.edu)

**Website:** [www.rockvalleycollege.edu/eagle](http://www.rockvalleycollege.edu/eagle)

# DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Located on the ground floor in the Student Center (SC)

○If you are a student with a disability who may require assistance in accessing any of the college's programs or services, please contact the Disability Services office to discuss potential barriers and possible solutions.

○College responsibilities and services differ from those provided in high school. Contact Disability Support to discuss individual needs.

# TRANSITIONING TO COLLEGE FOR STUDENTS

- RVC's Student Population:
  - Student average age - 26
  - Number of students - 7,500 +
  - Student residence - Six counties +
- Grading
  - College transcript
  - Grading time period
- Students seek help vs. help arranged by an instructor
- Academic Calendar (provided in folder)

# TRANSITIONING TO COLLEGE FOR PARENTS & FAMILY

## College expectations

- More out of class work than high school.
- Instructors work directly with students – no parent/teacher conferences.
- Students assume responsibilities.



# RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE CLASSROOM

- **Attendance** –and be on time!
- Be prepared for each class by reading the assignments beforehand.
- Take organized notes. You will be tested on lecture material.
- Gather any information from a class session that you might miss.
- **Manage your deadlines and submit assignments.**
- Keep your course syllabi . Syllabi allow you to monitor your class schedules and you may need to supply one to your transfer university.
- **Seek help if needed.** Successful students don't wait until it's a problem.
  - **Attend instructor office hours.**
- **Schedule tutoring.**
- **Maintain your academic integrity.** Violations are cause for dismissal from the program. Be sure you understand what constitutes plagiarism.

# EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDY TIME

- Study time = 2 hours of study time for every credit hour that you're enrolled.
- One 3 credit class = 3 (*in-class hours per week*)  
3 (*class hours*)  
x 2 (*study hours*)

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= 6 (*hours per week*)
- 3 (*Total classroom*) + 6 (*study time*) = 9 (*hours per week*)
- **Attendance** – no difference in excused/unexcused.
- **Supplies** - you are expected to bring needed books & supplies to class.

# RUNNING START

## PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

(PROVIDED IN FOLDER)

- High School Connections builds student schedules.
- Classes can be scheduled between 7:30am-10:15pm, Monday-Friday.
- Students must remain at full-time status throughout the entirety of the semester.
- Students must successfully complete STU 100 and ENG 101; no repeats allowed.
- Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA **and** not earn a D, F, or W in a course in order to avoid academic probation and/or possible dismissal.
- Tuition for repeated courses are at the cost of the student.

# STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS!

- Make education your priority.
- Participate in student clubs and organizations through the Student Life office.
- Join the *Running Start Club* and get to know other students while gaining valuable information about the program.
- Make use of your available resources.
  - (Tutoring Center, Math Lab, Writing Center, Disability Services, etc.)

# TEXTBOOKS

- Textbooks can be purchased at the RVC Bookstore, located in the lower level of the Student Center.
  - New, used, rentals, e-books
  - (students under 18 are unable to sign rental agreement)
- Summer textbooks currently available for purchase.
- Fall textbooks will be available mid-July.
  - Books may be pre-ordered online



# RVC TECHNOLOGY

- Rock Valley College uses several web services:
  - **RVC Online Services** is for student records
  - **RVC EAGLE** is used for course content
  - **RVC Mail** is the student email system
  - **RVC Alerts**
  - **RVC Mobile App**
  - **OrgSync**
- Open Computer labs:
  - WTC
  - SC
  - ERC
- **RVC Wi-Fi** in all buildings
- Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus – Free to RVC students!

# QUESTIONS?

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