

*ROSSFORD
VIRTUAL
ACADEMY (RVA)*

OCTOBER UPDATE
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Rossford Virtual Academy (RVA) Attendance

- Beginning in October, RVA students will have the opportunity to participate in “Offline” Activities, in addition to completing coursework through the RVA platform.
- To comply with state regulations, students in **grades K-5 are required to log a total of 25 hours weekly.***
- To comply with state regulations, students in **grades 6-12 are required to log a total of 27 hours weekly.***
- Beginning the week of October 5th, parents/guardians are required to submit an attendance form weekly. The attendance logs should only take a few minutes to complete, **MUST** be submitted by a parent/guardian, and are available using the following links:
 - [ELEMENTARY RVA Attendance Log](#)
 - [JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL RVA Attendance Log](#)
- If students are logging the required amount of time in RVA (25 hours K-5; 27 hours 6-12), it is kindly requested that parents still submit the form, but may enter a “0” for the items referred to as “Offline” Activities in question seven.

**The weekly time requirement is representative of an average. Attendance will be recorded monthly, so if one week it's a little more, and one week it is a little less—that is acceptable.*

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- Parents/learning partners may determine the breakdown of hours spent offline vs. hours spent working on the RVA platform, so long as students are “on track” in all of their RVA courses.
- It is important that students work through grade level content in RVA. If students are “behind” or “far behind” in their assigned RVA courses, the following is highly recommended:
 - Elementary: Students who are behind or far behind in assigned RVA courses should complete a minimum of 15 hours/weekly (on average) on the RVA platform.
 - Grades 6-12: Students who are behind or far behind in assigned RVA courses should complete a minimum of 17 hours/weekly (on average) on the RVA platform.
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Wellness Survey for Grades 5-12

- In collaboration with the Wood County Educational Service Center (WCESC) your student may be asked to complete a brief survey regarding their current wellness. This screener is being asked of all students to provide access to services being offered in collaboration with the WCESC.
- Over the next few weeks, the surveys will be pushed to students through their district-issued Chromebooks. Upon logging into the Chromebook, the survey will appear. Please have your child complete the survey before beginning on their coursework that day.

Instructional Notes

- If your child comes across an activity that takes longer than a day to complete, it's okay to move ahead without submitting that assignment. While it's important to complete lessons sequentially, all courses are “ungated” which means you can move forward without submitting each assignment. If your child is really enjoying an assignment or project, it's okay not to submit it right away. Students are not penalized for “late” assignments.
- If there is an assignment that requires supplies that you do not have, please do not feel like you need to go out and buy them. Here are some examples...

What RVA Suggests...	What I might do instead...
Create a terrarium	Watch some videos on YouTube where kids describe terrariums they made
Practice multiplication flashcards	Practice math facts using IXL (This is an awesome app and tool on the Chromebooks that is now accessible to RVA students when they login through Clever.)

Instructional Notes, *Continued*

What RVA Suggests...	What I might do instead...
Do an experiment and make a bar graph that shows your findings	If I don't have the things I need for the experiment, I can improvise. If this is a math activity and it seems like the purpose is to learn to do a bar graph, I can make a graph about something else.
Examine the parts of a dissected frog under a microscope	Do an internet search to find simulations or check out YouTube.

Students and Learning Partners—It is absolutely acceptable to modify an assignment, especially when it calls for materials you don't have at home. Please communicate the adjustment (when appropriate) using the comment box when the assignment is submitted.

Grades

- Students grades are accessible through the RVA Platform. Parents and students can check grades and progress at any time by logging in to the websites below.

Rossford Virtual Academy (RVA) Websites

- High School (Grades 9-12) <https://rossford.schoolsplp.com/login>
 - JH (Grades 6-8) <https://rossfordjh.schoolsplp.com/login>
 - Elementary (Grades K-5) <https://rossfordelem.schoolsplp.com/login>
- Midterm and quarter grades are accessible through the RVA websites.
 - At the end of the semester, student grades will be recorded in PowerSchool.

District Assessments and State Tests for RVA Students

Grade(s)	District and State Assessments
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KRA (required assessment of incoming kindergarten skills, testing appointments scheduled through elementary office)• DIBELS (reading assessment—to be conducted through a scheduled Zoom Meeting or at the KRA appointment)
1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DIBELS (reading assessment—to be conducted through a scheduled Zoom Meeting)• STAR (math assessment—can be taken at home through the Chromebook, information will be sent through the messaging feature in RVA)
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ohio State Test in Reading (students are required to test in-person, details to follow from principal)• STAR (reading and math assessments—can be taken at home through the Chromebook, information will be sent through the messaging feature in RVA)

District Assessments and State Tests for RVA Students, *Continued*

Grade(s)	District and State Assessments
4-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STAR (reading and math assessments—can be taken at home through the Chromebook, information will be sent through the messaging feature in RVA)• Ohio State Tests (students are required to test in-person in the spring, details to follow from principal)
6-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STAR (reading and math assessments—can be taken at home through the Chromebook, information will be sent through the messaging feature in RVA)• Ohio State Tests (students are required to test in-person, details to follow from principal)
10-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ohio State Tests (students are required to test in-person, details to follow from principal)

Additional details will be shared by principals. This list above is subject to change based on additional guidance from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

NOVA Update

- An update will occur later this week which will allow students to see the correct answers to assessments after submitting their work. This addresses a concern that's been brought to our attention and will allow children to see where/why they got questions wrong and learn from the assessments.
- Because of this update, students will only have one attempt (by default) on an assignment. Students may communicate with the teacher through the messaging feature to request another attempt in rare circumstances. In the event that an additional attempt is given, the average of the two grades will be reported in the gradebook.
- “Save and Continue” will also be enabled, which will allow a student to save progress on an assessment, log out, and return to work later in the same place they left off.
- In order for this update, and others, to go into effect for your child, please remind them to completely shut down/turn off their device on a daily basis—just closing the lid does not enable updates.

RVA Webpage

Rossford Virtual Academy

rossfordschools.org/rossfordvirtualacademy_home.aspx

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6-8 Course Schedules and Electives

How to login:
Username: jasmith@ross
First two letters of first name + last name + @ross (Example for Jane Smith: jasmith@ross)
Password: 12345jas
5 digit student id + first two letters of first name + first letter of last name (Example for Jane Smith with a student id of 12345: 12345jas)

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How do I login?

RVA Contacts

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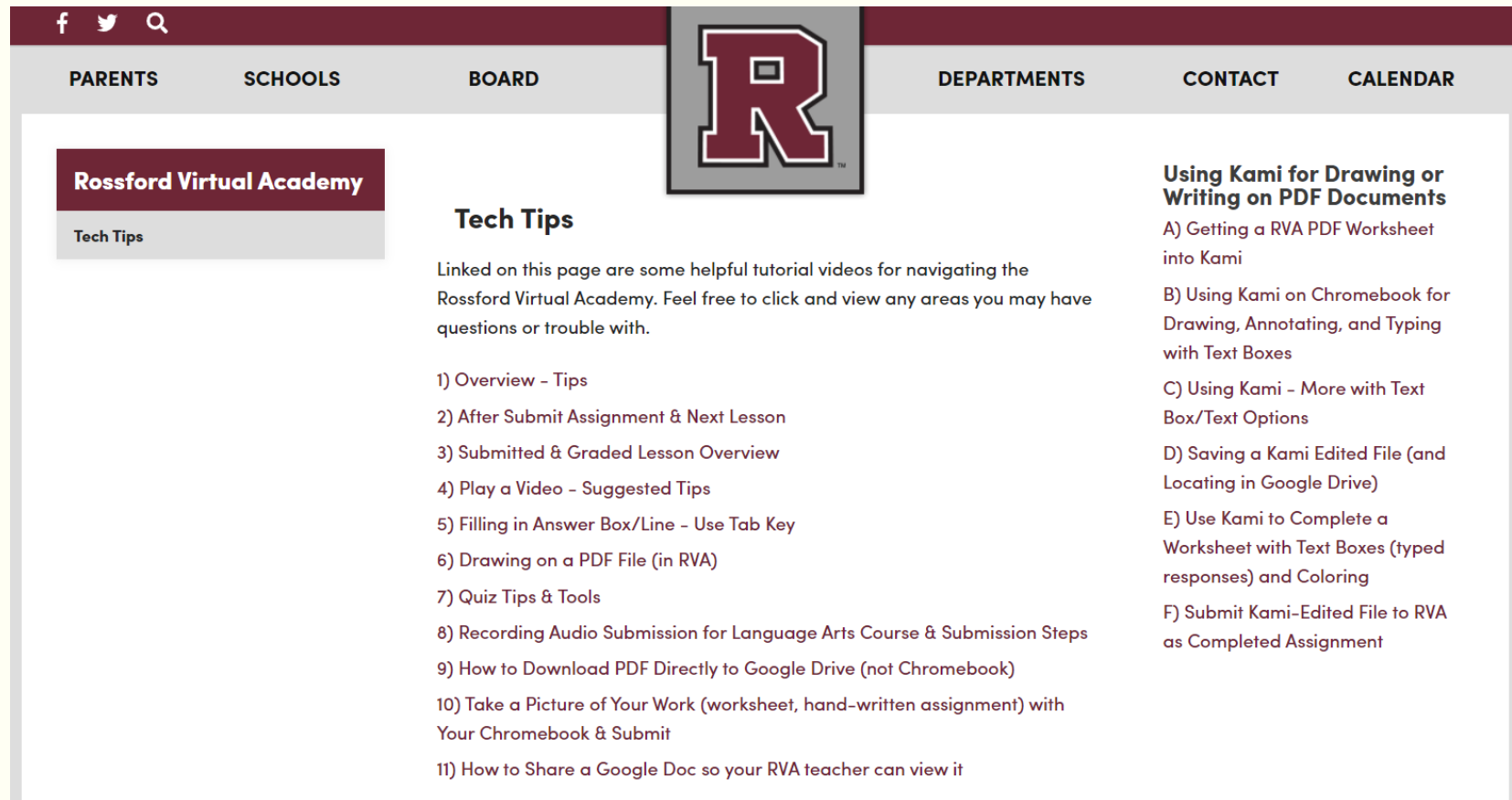
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Check out RVA info by visiting www.rossfordschools.org, clicking on schools, then Rossford Virtual Academy. The page contains info such as contact information, links to login sites, and helpful tech tips (https://www.rossfordschools.org/rossfordvirtualacademy_home.aspx).

RVA Webpage—Tech Tips



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Tech Tips

Linked on this page are some helpful tutorial videos for navigating the Rossford Virtual Academy. Feel free to click and view any areas you may have questions or trouble with.

- 1) Overview - Tips
- 2) After Submit Assignment & Next Lesson
- 3) Submitted & Graded Lesson Overview
- 4) Play a Video - Suggested Tips
- 5) Filling in Answer Box/Line - Use Tab Key
- 6) Drawing on a PDF File (in RVA)
- 7) Quiz Tips & Tools
- 8) Recording Audio Submission for Language Arts Course & Submission Steps
- 9) How to Download PDF Directly to Google Drive (not Chromebook)
- 10) Take a Picture of Your Work (worksheet, hand-written assignment) with Your Chromebook & Submit
- 11) How to Share a Google Doc so your RVA teacher can view it

Using Kami for Drawing or Writing on PDF Documents

- A) Getting a RVA PDF Worksheet into Kami
- B) Using Kami on Chromebook for Drawing, Annotating, and Typing with Text Boxes
- C) Using Kami - More with Text Box/Text Options
- D) Saving a Kami Edited File (and Locating in Google Drive)
- E) Use Kami to Complete a Worksheet with Text Boxes (typed responses) and Coloring
- F) Submit Kami-Edited File to RVA as Completed Assignment

Technology Tips have been created to assist RVA families. Most are in response to specific questions from Rossford students and parents. New tips are added regularly, so check back often (<https://www.rossfordschools.org/TechTips.aspx>).

Option to Switch from RVA to On-Campus

- Students and their parents have the option to switch from RVA to the on-campus/“traditional” setting (currently hybrid) between 1st and 2nd semester.
- The last day of 1st semester is January 14, 2021. The first day of 2nd semester is January 19, 2021. Students who are currently enrolled in RVA and opt to flip back to the traditional setting, would do so the week of January 19, 2021. (The exact date would depend on whether or not the district is still in a hybrid setting, and if so, to which cohort students are assigned.)
- Beginning on December 1st, information regarding the option to flip from RVA to “traditional” will be available on the website and will be shared through the messaging feature within RVA. The deadline to indicate a desire to switch from RVA to traditional will be December 10, 2020.
- Students who are currently enrolled in RVA will remain in RVA through the end of the school year, **unless** a parent/guardian opts out during the December 1st through 10th window.