

# APRIL



## Upcoming Events

- 4/18/25 No School (In Service)
- 4/23/25 Parent Teacher Conference
- 5/30/25 Class of 2025 Graduation
- 6/5/25 Last day of School



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Greetings RCHS Graduates and Families,  
The following is the May 30th agenda and information for the graduating class of 2025.

### **May 30, 2025**

#### **Optional**

Senior Send-Off Picnic- 10:30 to 11:45

All students and their families are invited to attend this event at River Cities High School.

#### **Mandatory**

Graduation Rehearsal-

- 12:15-12:30- Graduates meet at the Performing Arts Center (PAC is connected to Lincoln High School)
- Park in the student parking lot
- Enter through the red door- next to the garage door of the PAC, facing the student lot
- 12:30-2:00- Graduation Practice **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOLLOWING!**

**Attendance is mandatory. If the student does not attend practice, they will NOT be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

- After practice, graduates will receive their caps and gowns
- Formal clothing is not required at practice
- Do NOT go into Lincoln High School
- Graduates ONLY. No guests or family members.

**5:15-5:30- Graduates meet at the PAC to prepare for graduation- enter through the same doors as the rehearsal. Graduates ONLY**

**6:00- Graduation Ceremony**

## **Graduation Information and Reminders:**

After the ceremony, students will return their caps and gowns and pick up their diplomas. Students may keep their tassels.

The ceremony will be **live-streamed**. The link will be posted on the River Cities High School website.

### **Attire**

- Graduation is a meaningful ceremony; graduates should be well-groomed and neatly dressed.
- Formal clothing should be worn.
  - Collared shirt and tie, dress pants, dress or skirt, and their best pair of shoes.
- Caps and gowns are NOT to have any additional adornment. This includes, but is not limited to, ribbons, messages, jewels, and signs.
- Spectator and Graduate Expectations
  - Mature adult behavior is expected during all of the graduation events. Evidence of drinking or use of illegal substances before graduation will result in the graduate being eliminated from participation in the ceremony.
  - Everyone will be required to stay in their seats for the duration of the ceremony. Standing in aisles will not be allowed for safety and visibility reasons.

### **Finish Strong**

Graduation is an important and exciting time for students and families. The school year will be coming to a close in a relatively short time. In order for students to participate in graduation, they must take care of their responsibilities.

- First and foremost, complete all academic and work requirements. If you are unsure of your status or the status of your student, please reach out to RCHS staff.
- Fines, Fees, or Materials
  - Need to be taken care of prior to the graduation ceremony. Payments can be arranged by calling River Cities High School. All materials, including Chromebooks, must be returned before the ceremony. Students will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony unless they have met all of their obligations.

We encourage you to reach out to staff with any questions. To earn credits toward graduation, students must complete assigned academic requirements and meet other obligations, including work-hour requirements. If you are unsure of your status or the status of your student, please reach out to RCHS staff.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2025!

Steven Hepp  
Principal  
River Cities High School





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## EARLY LEARNING

### 4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

## Registration Now Open

If your child is 4 years old on or before  
September 1, 2025, they are age eligible for  
4-Year-Old Kindergarten for the 2025-2026  
school year!

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# **WRPS Pupil Nondiscrimination Statement**

**The School District of Wisconsin Rapids is committed to equal educational opportunity for**

**All District Students. The District will not deny any person admission to , participation in, or**

**The benefits of any curricular, extra-curricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of a person's gender, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender identity, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected under State or Federal civil rights laws. Please review Board Policy 411 for additional information. Incidents or other discrimination or harassment should be reported to a teacher, administrator, supervisor or other District employee to be addressed or forwarded on to District Compliance Officer Brian**

**Oswall.**



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River Cities High School - Wisconsin Rapids

## Trauma Sensitive Schools

River Cities High School provides students with a safe environment that is sensitive to individual needs. The Wisconsin DPI provides guidelines for schools to support students' various needs. To learn more visit the DPI link:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/mental-health/trauma>

### Creating Trauma-Sensitive Schools to Improve Learning, Wisconsin DPI

Professional Educators know that many students face challenges in their personal lives that Adversely affect their learning in school. Unfortunately, many children have been traumatized by directly or vicariously experiencing violence, homelessness, loss (or fear of loss) of loved ones, or other kinds of devastating experiences.

Trauma changes people. Just as physical assault on the body can cause bodily impairment, psychological trauma can result in a mental injury that impacts such things as a child's ability to regulate emotions, attend to classroom activities and/or achieve normal developmental milestones. However, this does not mean that traumatized children and adolescents cannot grow up to be healthy and happy adults, despite the often substantial obstacles they face.