

Robert Gray Middle School

Fall Registration & Start of School FAQs

When is Fall Registration at RGMS?

- Tuesday, August 20, Noon-6:00 PM
- Wednesday, August 21, 9:00 AM - Noon

When are the busy times?

The first afternoon is always really busy. It gets quiet on the second day and the lines are shorter.

Can we come in earlier?

The office will be open from 8:00-4:00 PM starting Thursday, August 14. If your student has never been registered to attend RGMS, you may come in starting then. (Students coming from feeder elementary schools or who transferred in were automatically registered.) We can't do other activities until noon on August 20.

What happens at Fall Registration?

- Pick up class schedule & request changes
- Pay fees & turn in forms
- Join the PTA, volunteer & order a yearbook
- Get locker assignment
- Decorate & practice opening lockers
- Register for SUN School classes
- Find classrooms & drop off school supplies
- Register to attend (if never registered yet)

Why is Registration important for 6th graders?

Transition to middle school is a big deal and can be exciting if students and parents have the information they need before the first day and get settled in.

Do 7th and 8th graders need to attend?

While no one has to attend Fall Registration, it is a fun time and builds community.

What happens if we are out of town or otherwise can't attend the event?

Don't worry and don't change your vacation plans! You won't miss out on anything. But, if you can come in before the first day of school, it is helpful.

Will my child risk not getting their preferred electives if we can't attend Fall Registration?

No, nothing is on a first-come, first-served basis. This year's schedule is very tight due to huge core class sizes (district equity formula), but we will be able to accommodate most elective requests.

How do we pay?

- **Fees:** Cash, check to RGMS, or pps.schoolpay.com
- **PTA:** Cash, check to RGMS PTA, or pps.schoolpay.com (see the non-profits page)
- **Yearbook:** Online only at yearbook.rgms.org
- **SUN School:** Check made to Impact NW

Can my child get a PE/Health waiver?

No waivers can be granted, sorry. This is a state requirement and not one that can be avoided.

Can we visit on other days?

Yes, you are welcome to come find classrooms and visit lockers starting August 20.

Where do we put school supplies?

- Shared supplies will go in boxes in the lobby
- Individual supplies go in the binder and locker

If my student struggles opening their locker, what do they do?

- If the locker has a defect, report it to the office.
- For combination help, buy a combo lock and practice at home, or come to school to practice on the locker

When will teachers be available?

Teachers have staff development and planning days on August 22-27. Emailing them during that time is a good strategy if you have urgent needs.

What is Jump Start Day?

Wednesday, August 28, the first day of school for 6th graders, is a chance to learn their routines and the school procedures. We run a regular schedule, but we do special activities all day. All 7th and 8th graders start on Thursday, August 29.

Whom do I contact if I have concerns?

- **Special Education:** Ms. Hoffelt, ahoffelt@pps.net.
- **504 Plans:** Ms. Hyde, lhyde@pps.net
- **Teachers:** see the RGMS website, *Teachers & Staff*
- **Classes/Behavior:** Mr. Waters, jwaters@pps.net
- **Lockers:** Mrs. Madison, bmadison@pps.net