



June 2025

Dear Incoming Grade 8 Families,

Welcome to Grade 8 at Rising Tide! We are excited to meet our students in August, and we wanted to take this opportunity to share our expectations for students during the upcoming school year.

Grade 8 students will explore the grade-level Guiding Question, “How can we take responsibility for ourselves and one another?” through our Advisory curriculum, team-building activities and community events, and in the academic classes. As emerging student leaders, they are not only responsible for themselves, but to their school community as well. Students are able to serve in a variety of roles, including working with younger students and taking on different jobs within the building. There will be an emphasis on community- and team-building at the start of the new school year.

A goal for this school year is to teach students to take increased personal responsibility by developing consistent work habits and self-advocacy skills, both in and out of the classroom. Students will face the challenge of becoming more confident, respectful, and inquisitive learners. Meaningful regular homework can provide students with an opportunity to practice these skills, prepare for future lessons, and develop a deeper understanding of the course content. Students should expect to spend, on average, two hours for homework per night to complete all their assignments. Students are expected, and also encouraged, to talk to teachers if they are having trouble with any of their classes.

Summer reading is an opportunity for learning enrichment and enjoyment. Therefore, we are providing students with four options from a variety of genres to choose from. The list of selected titles is attached [here](#). We ask students to read one book on the list, but we encourage students to read as many titles as they choose. We also encourage families to read along and discuss the book together with students.

Please find on the following page the supply list of items that Grade 8 students will need during the upcoming school year.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Open House event on Monday, August 25!

Sincerely,

The Grade 8 Team

Grade 8 Supply List for the 2025-2026 Academic Year:

- 2 Two-pocket folders
- 5 One-inch binders
- 20 (total) binder dividers
- 1 Package of white lined paper
- 2 Packages of sticky notes
- 3 Large boxes of pencils
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 (package) Erasers
- 1 Box of blue/black pens
- 1 Box of colored pens (red, green, purple, etc.)
- 1 Box of low-odor dry-erase markers
- 1 Dry board eraser (or a clean sock)
- 2 Highlighters
- 6 Packs of 3½x5” index cards (For learning vocabulary, researching, and studying)
- 1 set of headphones (NOT Bluetooth or AirPods; inexpensive ones are fine)
- A scientific calculator (such as: Texas Instruments TI-30XS or Casio FX-300ES)

** Students will be provided with a Chromebook laptop and an agenda planner by the school*