



June 30, 2026

Dear Incoming Grade 7 Families,

Welcome to grade 7 at Rising Tide! We see this grade as an important time of transition during middle school, as students are becoming more responsible individuals. Our goal is to support students in the process of growing as independent, lifelong learners. We encourage students to work hard and we will support them as they put forth their best effort in all classes.

The grade 7 school year will provide many opportunities for exploration and growth, as the grade 7 Advisory curriculum will connect to the Guiding Question, ***“How do we face challenges?”*** During the fall term, grade 7 students will engage in a variety of team-building activities, focused around overcoming challenges as individuals and also in groups. Throughout the school year, students will have opportunities to meet such challenges within the curriculum, by developing public speaking and performance skills, conducting research, and learning a world language.

Summer reading is an opportunity for learning enrichment and an enjoyment for discovering new books. We have selected [four options](#) of books for students to choose from. Students should plan on returning to school prepared to discuss their chosen book; students are free to read more than one book if they like. Family members are also encouraged to read along and discuss the book with your student at home.

We are asking for the help of parents and guardians in fostering this growth by encouraging students to take increased personal responsibility in school. Our expectation is that each student will try their best to always complete assigned work on time and come to class prepared for each day at school. We believe that regular homework is important for student growth, as it provides the meaningful practice of academic skills. Regular practice prepares students for future lessons, and reinforces understanding of content material.

Practicing increased organization is a goal for each student in grade 7; it will be critical to their success this coming school year and beyond. With this in mind, please find a list of school supplies on the following page.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Open House event on Monday, August 31!

Sincerely,
The Grade 7 Team

Grade 7 Supply List for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

- **GENERAL SUPPLIES**

- Pencils with erasers
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Small pack of color pencils
- 5 Pens (black or blue)
- 3 Highlighters
- 3 Dry erase markers & small eraser or cloth
- *Students will be provided with a Chromebook laptop and an agenda planner by the school*

- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

- Sneakers (*for First Semester*)
- One 2 pocket folder

- **ELA**

- Either a 3 ring binder OR folder
- Lined loose-leaf paper
- Sticky notes

- **SCIENCE**

- Either a 3 ring binder OR two folders (one for references/readings, one for student work)
- Lined loose-leaf paper

- **MATH**

- Basic Calculator
- Ruler
- Protractor
- 1.5 inch binder
- 8 tab dividers
- Study two pocket folder
- ¼ inch ruled graph paper

- **SPANISH**

- 1 Three ring binder
- Lined loose-leaf paper/Notebook
- Tabs for your binder
- Notecards

- **SOCIAL STUDIES**

- Either a 3 Ring Binder OR folder
- Loose leaf paper
- Tabs for your binder