



**RIVER MILL  
ACADEMY  
VIRTUAL TOUR**

## BACKGROUND

- One of the original five public charter schools in the state.
- Founded in May of 1998 in Saxapahaw, on the banks of the Haw River.
- Moved to Graham in 2003 and expanded on two separate occasions.
- College preparatory curriculum aligned with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.
- Participates in all state mandated standardized testing.

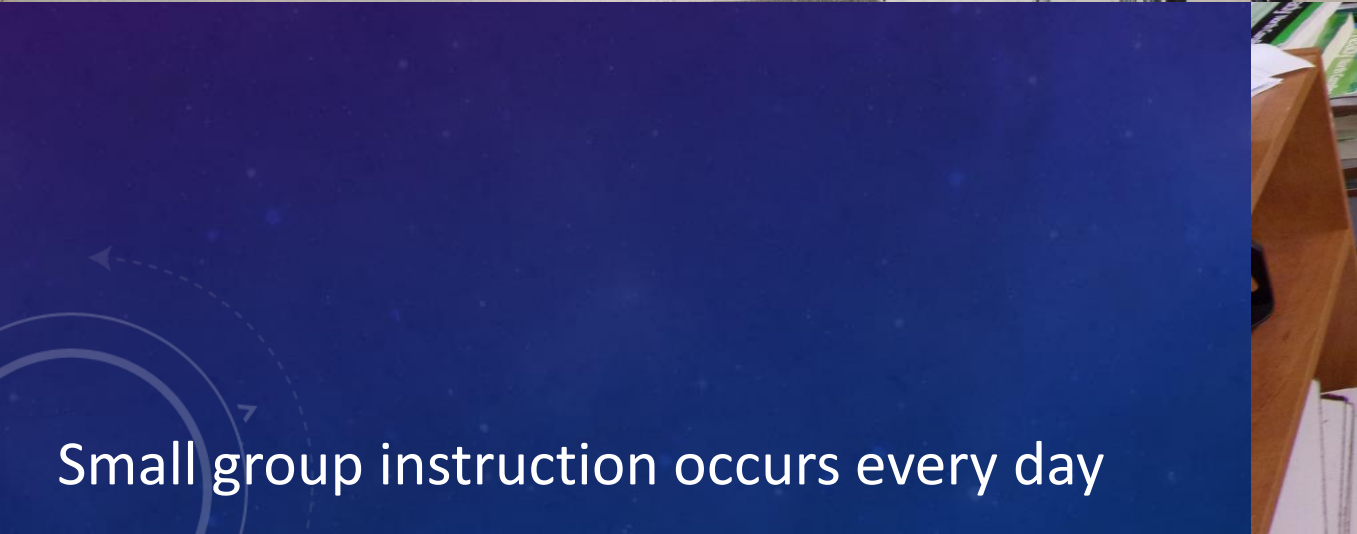
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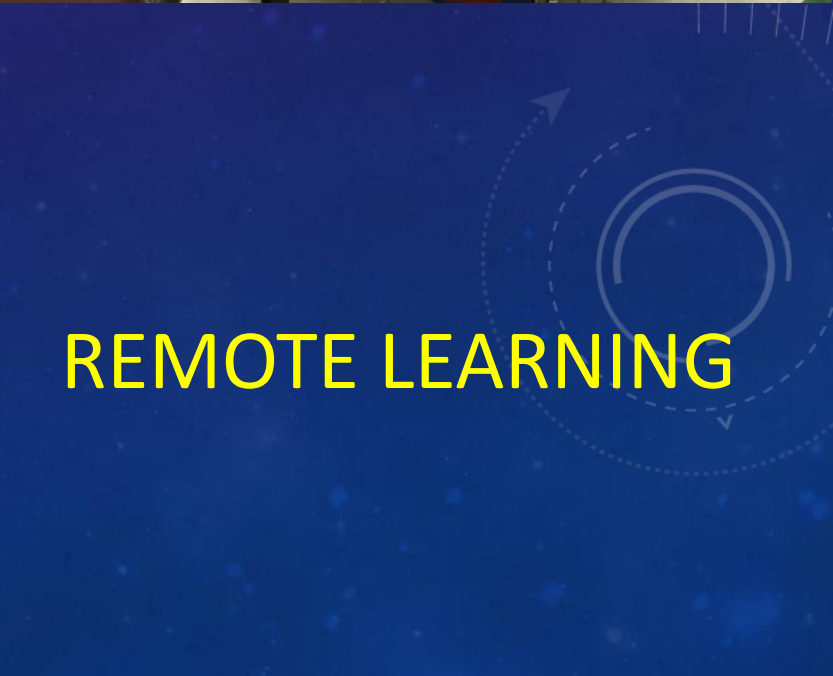
- Kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> grade public school houses approximately **850** students
- Class sizes are capped at **24**
- School day starts from **7:45** for secondary students and **8:00** for elementary students
  - Dismissal is at **2:30**

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 3 classes of 24 students per grade level.
- Each classroom in grades K-3 have a full-time teacher assistant.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades share a teacher assistant in each grade level.
- Elementary classes “loop”, meaning students remain in the same class cohort for two full school years.
- Each day students participate in 90 minutes of uninterrupted math and reading periods.
- Students have 30 minutes of recess and at least one special each day.
  - **Spanish, Art, Media (Library), Music and Physical Education**



Small group instruction occurs every day



REMOTE LEARNING



# SPECIALS







## STUDENT SUPPORT STAFF

- Two full-time Exceptional Children's "EC" Teachers
- Full-time Reading Specialist
- Part-time Occupational and Speech Therapists
- School Counselor
- Four school administrators



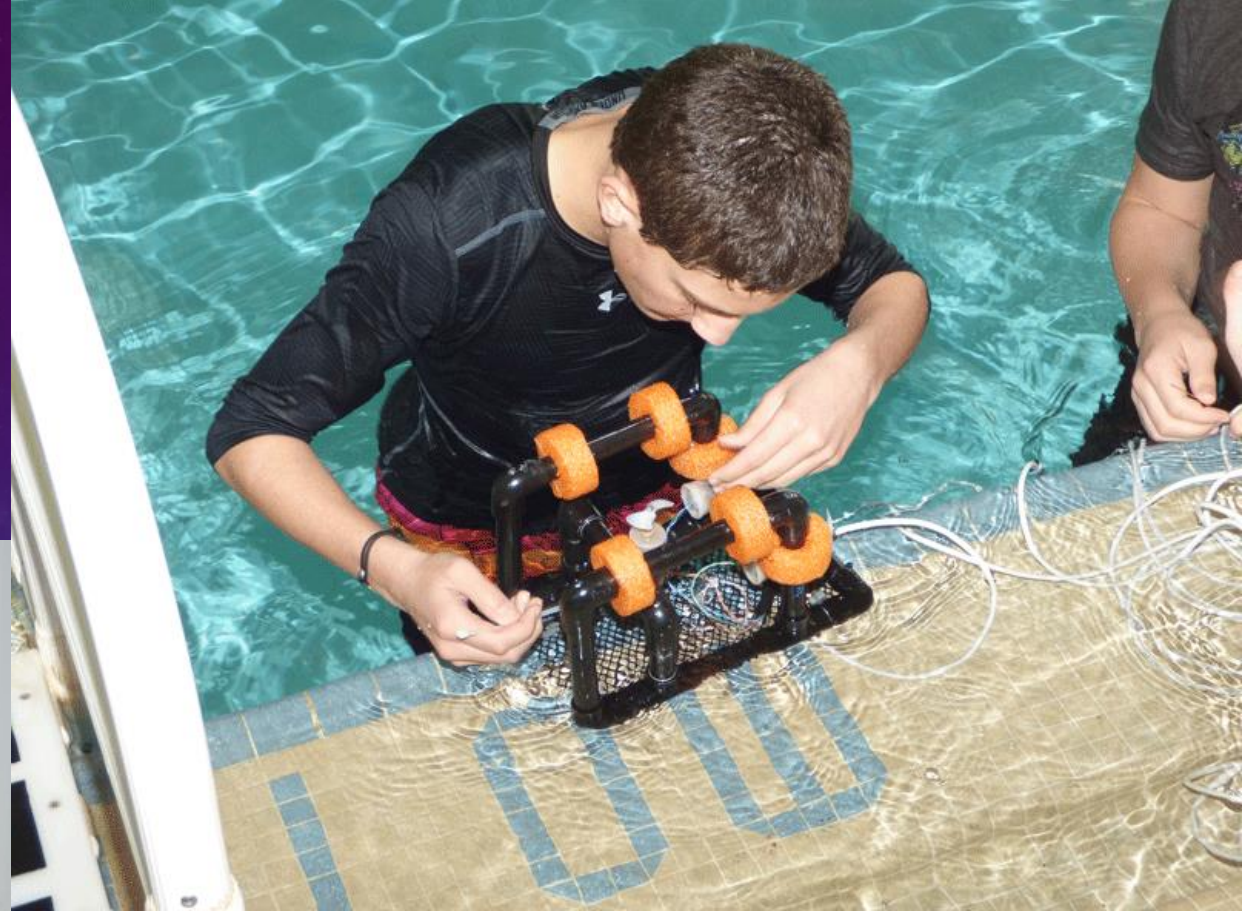
# MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- **1<sup>st</sup> Elective: 7:45-8:32**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Elective: 8:35-9:20**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Period: 9:23-10:30**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Period: 10:33-11:40**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Period: 11:43-12:10**
- **Lunch: 12:10-12:35**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Period: 12:25-1:20**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Period: 1:23-2:30**

## Popular Elective Options

- STEM
- Horticulture
- Spanish
- Theater
- Creative Writing
- Art
- Band
- Oceanography

# ELECTIVES





# MIDDLE SCHOOL REMOTE LEARNING



## HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- **Block 1:** 7:45 - 9:20
  - **Block 2:** 9:23 – 11:00
  - **Block 3:** 11:03 – 12:38
  - **Lunch:** 12:40 – 1:10
  - **Block 4:** 1:10 -2:30
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- Students have the opportunity to take classes through the North Carolina Virtual Public School, Alamance Community College, North Carolina School of Science and Math, at no additional cost.

# ATHLETICS

Athletic teams participate in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association as a member of the Central Tar Heel Conference.

## Fall Sports - Middle School

Boys & Girls Cross Country  
Boys & Girls Tennis  
Girls Volleyball  
Cheerleading  
Boys Soccer

## Winter Sports - Middle School

Boys & Girls Basketball  
Cheerleading

## Spring Sports - Middle School

Girls Softball  
Boys Baseball  
Boys & Girls Tennis  
Boys & Girls Golf  
Girls Soccer

## Fall Sports - High School

Boys & Girls Cross Country  
Girls Tennis  
Girls JV Volleyball  
Cheerleading  
Girls Golf  
Boys Soccer

## Winter Sports - High School

Boys & Girls JV Basketball  
Boys & Girls Varsity Basketball  
Swimming  
Track  
Cheerleading

## Spring Sports - High School

Girls Softball  
Boys Baseball  
Boys Tennis  
Boys Golf  
Girls Soccer  
Boys & Girls Track





POSTER 1  
POSTER 2  
POSTER 3

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POSTER 4  
POSTER 5  
POSTER 6

SMALL SIGN





# FAQ'S

- Parent participation is encouraged and essential for our school to be successful.
  - PTT, Parents and Teachers Together
- Four buses run in the morning and afternoons in a park and ride format
  - Two locations in Graham, one location in Burlington and Mebane.
- Before and Afterschool Care is offered on-site.
  - Hours: 6:30 to 7:30 AM and 2:30 to 6:30 PM
- Lunch is catered by Danny's Café for students who elect to purchase lunch.
- Students in grades 8-12 receive a school issued Lenovo laptop.

# LOTTERY

- All students interested in enrolling at RMA must apply through the Lottery .
- **Lottery opens January 5<sup>th</sup> and closes February 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**, no applications will be accepted late. The lottery will be held **February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**.
- Applications can be submitted and monitored through <https://lotterease.com/>
- Siblings of currently enrolled students, along with staff member's children, receive priority in the lottery and start the process at the top of the wait list.
- On the day of the lottery, all students are randomly assigned a position on the wait list. Phone calls will be made to offer enrollment opportunities during the summer months as soon as they become available.
- Openings vary per year school year, Kindergarten will have on average 60-70 openings.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND INTEREST!

