

T.F. Riggs High School Online Course Option

T.F. Riggs High School will offer an online educational opportunity for students in grades 9-12 through a platform called Edgenuity. Edgenuity is a video-based curriculum where students monitor their own progress while completing lessons, assessments, and interactive activities. Students access the curriculum via the internet. The courses use audio, video and text content and different types of assignments including writing assignments, projects, and graded tasks to support different learning styles.

Students will be expected to make adequate daily progress. Students have access to detailed statistics on their progress, including lesson completion percentages, a calendar of daily goal completion and scores on lessons and tests. Parents also have access to this information through a daily/weekly email from the Edgenuity platform. The program builds tools into the platform including a graphing calculator, interactive periodic table and notepad to help students complete activities. Many classes offer printable guided notes which allow students to better follow the lectures. English Language Learners can translate a text into a specific language or select the option to hear it read aloud in their native language. More information can be found at <https://www.edgenuity.com/about-edgenuity/>

Students will be assigned a Riggs teacher who will serve as a learning facilitator. All direct instruction will come from a certified teacher employed by Edgenuity (not a Riggs teacher). Any question that a student has would be directed to their Riggs Learning Facilitator who will help each learner troubleshoot their questions.

How many classes should I take?

The recommended number of courses to enroll in is six per semester; in order to be considered a full time student, a minimum of five classes is required.

What should I do if I have a question on the content?

There are Riggs teachers designated as the online learning facilitators. Email is the best way to contact these teachers, and they will work to meet the needs of each learner to assist them.

What if I am struggling with the online option and decide that I would like to enroll in the regular face-to-face option at Riggs High School?

This will be allowed and families can establish a plan with Riggs Administration to make this transition. Edgenuity is a customizable product, and Riggs teachers worked over the summer break to align the content of each online course to mirror what is taught in the face-to-face class (as much as possible). It is critical that students stay current with the online work since the grades earned up to the transition point will follow them into the face-to-face classroom.

Do I still have to do the required state assessment?

Yes. Eleventh grade students are required to take both the Smarter Balanced Assessment and South Dakota Science Assessment. Counselors and Administrators will work with students to complete these around the month of April.

What classes can I take?

The following courses will be offered through the online platform Edgenuity. Not every elective course offered at Riggs High School will be offered in an online format; however, there are elective options for students that will meet graduation requirements. It is important that each student work with their school counselor to assure that the courses taken are on track with the state graduation requirements.

Math	English	Science	Social Studies	Electives (tentative)
Pre-Algebra* Algebra I* Algebra II* Geometry* Adv. Math* Pre-Calc*	English 9* English 10 Lit English 10 Speech English 11* English 12*	Earth Science* Biology* Chemistry* Physics*	World History Geography US History* Government	Psychology Sociology Careers Exploration Career Planning and Development Skills for Success Intro to Business Intro to Art Art History Spanish I* Spanish II* Health Intro to Health Science Personal Finance Economics

*Indicates a year-long (two semester) course.

What will online learning look like for me?

An example lesson is as follows:

Video

- An average of 15-20 minutes
- Instruction will stop every 2 minutes and have students complete an activity (matching, drag and drop, fill in the blank, etc.) to ensure understanding of the content.

Assignment

- Examples include 10 short answer and multiple choice questions, an online reading with a journal question to follow, and project-based assignments
- Math classes provide interactive questions with immediate feedback

Quiz

- Ten multiple choice and fill in the blank questions
- Students must earn a 70% or higher for program to allow progression

*Each course will have 4-6 unit tests. In order to assure the test security, these tests must be proctored by school personnel. Students will work with their assigned learning facilitator to set up a time to complete these unit tests in a face-to-face format outside of school hours - in a safe and sterile environment.