

# RTM SYA Frequently Answered Questions

## **Why do students attend RTM SYA?**

Students attend RTM SYA for a variety of reasons, most of which relate to needs which may only be met through online and/or blended learning. Students who are highly focused on their learning may want to accelerate their education and benefit from one on one attention from our teachers. Students attend the Academy because they work, participate in dual enrollment, or may need a flexible non-traditional school schedule. Some students attend for medical or social reasons. Self-pacing and access to diverse course offerings are other attractive components to a virtually-oriented education.

## **Who can enroll in the RTM SYA?**

Students of high school age who currently live in Rose Tree Media School District. We have Penncrest students, Cyber Charter School students, and former home schooled students attend the RTM SYA. For more information students and families should connect with the student's counselor.

## **Who will be teaching the courses?**

Courses are taught by Rose Tree Media School District certified teachers in conjunction with the online platform, Edmentum.

## **What is the enrollment process?**

Please contact your student's guidance counselor for more information to discuss if SYA is a good fit and if so the registration procedures.

## **Can my child participate in RTMSD extra-curricular activities?**

Yes! One of the benefits to enrolling in the RTM SYA opposed to a cyber charter school is that students are eligible to participate in ALL Penncrest extra-curricular activities such as art, music, sports, theater, and even clubs. Your assigned academic advisor will help to facilitate enrollment in these activities.

## **Will my child receive a diploma?**

Your child will receive a Penncrest High School diploma upon successfully completing his/her course requirements. She/he will be able to participate in the Penncrest graduation ceremonies and all senior activities, such as prom and other PHS events.

## **What is the cost?**

There is no additional cost for your child to attend the RTM SYA and transportation is provided.

## **What curriculum does RTM SYA use?**

RTM SYA uses an online platform that mirrors the Penncrest High School curriculum which was developed by Pennsylvania certified teachers in concert with Pennsylvania standards. Teachers individualize the curriculum for students' varying abilities and learning styles. RTM SYA has partnered with Edmentum and SYA students use in the Edmentum Courseware program.

## **Can my child work at his or her own pace?**

Yes. The flexibility of our setting allows each student to work at his/her individual pace. All assignments are available from the first day of class, and students are actually encouraged to work ahead.