Renaissance Public Academy
Expectations

- RPA is focused on academics. Our courses are rigorous and, because of our small discussion-based classes, require a high level of active engagement from our students.
- The teachers of RPA believe homework is a valuable tool and students will find we assign more homework than the average school. We do not assign busywork as homework and students are expected to complete their homework in order to be prepared for class. It is impossible to pass at RPA by coasting and not completing homework. As a part of the enrollment process, we ask that students and parents sign an acknowledgement of our homework standards and expectations. We do work a study hall into our schedule so students have time during the school day to work on assignments with the help of a teacher.
- RPA’s grades are not inflated and must be earned. Students that may have previously received straight “A’s” will find themselves challenged to do the same during their first term or year at RPA. The grade of an “A” denotes mastery and we consider a “B” or “C” to be a decent, well-earned grade. We challenge our students to do their very best work and take pride in doing so.
- However, because of our higher standards, anything below a 70% (D+ and below) is not considered to be passing.
- RPA is a classical charter school and a school of choice. We are not an alternative school and we are not the “easier route.”
- As a classical school, our goal is to instill the trivium (logic, grammar, and rhetoric), and to produce philosophers, lovers of learning.
- Our other primary focus is character development. Our teachers model the RPA “Pillars of Character” and hold the students to those standards both in and outside of the classroom. RPA students are always expected to be respectful and work diligently. These pillars include: citizenship, courage, honesty, humility, integrity, perseverance, respect, and responsibility.
- Our small class sizes create an environment of individualized attention, helping all motivated students accomplish their academic goals.
- Students are tested within the first week of their attendance to determine their best placement in math.
- Any questions may be directed to the school’s administrator; additional information is available on the website (rpa-molalla.org).