

Research Triangle High School

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday September 10, 2026 at 1:00 PM EDT

The RTHS Academic Excellence Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month, except in December and July. Meetings are held virtually from 1:00 until 2:00 PM.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			1:00 PM
A. Record Attendance		Phoebe Thermitus	3 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Phoebe Thermitus	2 m
C. Approve Minutes	Vote	Phoebe Thermitus	2 m
II. New Business			1:07 PM
A. Items for Discussion	Discuss	Phoebe Thermitus	40 m
• Welcome: Discussion Topic - Summer ◦ What's one memorable highlight from your summer? • EOC State Assessment Results (Akiba) ◦ Purpose: Standardized test outcomes to inform instruction and intervention ◦ Academic Excellence Sept 2026 .pptx - Google Slides			

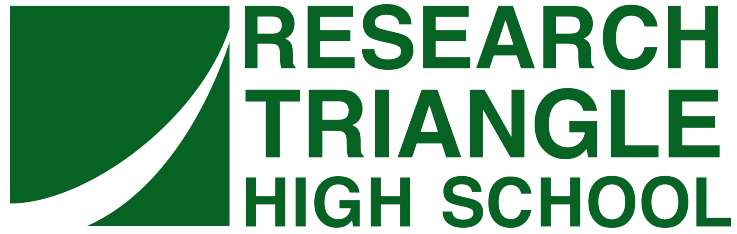
	Purpose	Presenter	Time
• Board Retreat Discussion Topics (All)			
III. Other Business			1:47 PM
A. Other Business	Discuss	Phoebe Thermitus	5 m
• Discussion: Plan for October meeting (given Board Retreat occurring same day)			
IV. Closing Items			1:52 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Phoebe Thermitus	1 m

Coversheet

Approve Minutes

Section:	I. Opening Items
Item:	C. Approve Minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	2026_08_13_academic_excellence_committee_meeting_minutes.pdf

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Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday August 13, 2026 at 1:00 PM

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Committee Members Present

D. Thompson (remote), K. Daughtry Broccio (remote), P. Thermitus (remote), S. Hunter (remote)

Committee Members Absent

J. Anderson

Guests Present

A. Griffin (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

P. Thermitus called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Research Triangle High School to order on Thursday Aug 13, 2026 at 1:06 PM.

II. New Business

A. Items for Discussion

Member introductions

Review of annual calendar, focus for this month data review

Review of Student Data and Enrollment Trends

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
P. Thermitus

Documents used during the meeting

- Admissions Report - August 2026.pdf
- RTHS_Academic_Committee_Data_Calendar.docx

Coversheet

Items for Discussion

Section:	II. New Business
Item:	A. Items for Discussion
Purpose:	Discuss
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	Academic Excellence Sept 2026 .pptx

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School Engagement Team Update

Applications went out to the community for new SET members. SET appointments are for two years. Our first meeting will be in October where we will revisit the current School Improvement Plan and identify 2-3 goals to work on over the next school year.



Research Triangle High School Academic Committee Data Calendar

This calendar is designed to guide monthly academic committee meetings by focusing on one key dataset at a time.



Month	Focus Dataset	Purpose	Key Questions
August	Student Demographics & Enrollment Trends	Understand student population, shifts, and subgroup composition	Who are our students this year? What trends are emerging in enrollment?
September	EOC State Assessment Results (Prior Year)	Analyze standardized test outcomes to inform instruction and interventions	Where did students struggle? Which subgroups need more support?
October	Course Grades & Failure Rates (Q1)	Identify academic risk early in the year	Which students are failing courses? What subjects are most impacted?
November	Attendance Data	Explore attendance trends and correlations with performance	Are there chronic absenteeism patterns by group or grade?
December	Discipline Data	Review behavior trends and equity in disciplinary actions	Are certain groups overrepresented in suspensions or referrals?
January	Mid-Year Benchmark Assessments	Evaluate student growth and instructional effectiveness	Are students on track for end-of-year goals? Where are the gaps widening?

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The Academic Excellence Committee reviewed EOC State Test results from 2022-2026



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EOC Biology	2023	N/A	⏪ Does Not Meet Expected Growth	
	2024	N/A	⏪ Does Not Meet Expected Growth	
	2025	N/A	⏪ Does Not Meet Expected Growth	
	2026	N/A	⏪ Does Not Meet Expected Growth	
EOC English II	2023	N/A	⏩ Exceeds Expected Growth	
	2024	N/A	⏩ Exceeds Expected Growth	
	2025	N/A	⏩ Exceeds Expected Growth	
	2026	N/A	⏩ Meets Expected Growth	
EOC Math 1	2023	N/A	⏪ Does Not Meet Expected Growth	
	2024	N/A	⏩ Meets Expected Growth	
	2025	N/A	⏪ Does Not Meet Expected Growth	
	2026	N/A	⏪ Does Not Meet Expected Growth	
EOC Math 3	2023	N/A	✓ Meets Expected Growth	
	2024	N/A	⏩ Exceeds Expected Growth	
	2025	N/A	✓ Meets Expected Growth	
	2026	N/A	⏩ Meets Expected Growth	
EOC Math 3 - School Accountability Growth	2023	N/A	✓ Meets Expected Growth	
	2024	N/A	⏩ Meets Expected Growth	
	2025	N/A	✓ Meets Expected Growth	
	2026	N/A	✓ Meets Expected Growth	

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What the evidence shows

- We have not been meeting expected growth in Biology over the last few years. This has been a trend across the entire state of NC. The Biology exam was revamped in the 2024-2025 school year, therefore those scores did not count for students.
- We do exceedingly well in English 2
- Math 1 scores have also been low over the last few years
- Math 3 has varied



Math scores by subgroup-2026

Math

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Student Group	Growth Measure	Standard Error	Growth Index	Growth Indicator
▼ Asian/Pacific Islander			-1.49	Meets Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			-1.49	Meets Expected Growth
Math 3 - School Accountability Growth	-1.3	0.9	-1.49	Meets Expected Growth
▼ Black (not Hispanic)			0.7	Meets Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			0.7	Meets Expected Growth
Math 1	0.8	1.0	0.76	Meets Expected Growth
Math 3 - School Accountability Growth	0.0	1.2	0.03	Meets Expected Growth
▼ Economically Disadvantaged Students			-1.12	Meets Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			-1.12	Meets Expected Growth
Math 1	-1.6	1.1	-1.42	Meets Expected Growth
Math 3 - School Accountability Growth	0.3	1.1	0.25	Meets Expected Growth
▼ English Learners			-1.29	Meets Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			-1.29	Meets Expected Growth
Math 1	-1.7	1.3	-1.29	Meets Expected Growth
▼ Hispanic			-2.95	Does Not Meet Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			-2.95	Does Not Meet Expected Growth
Math 1	-3.1	1.1	-2.95	Does Not Meet Expected Growth
▼ Students with Disabilities			-1.01	Meets Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			-1.01	Meets Expected Growth
Math 1	-1.4	1.4	-1.01	Meets Expected Growth
▼ White (not Hispanic)			0.08	Meets Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			0.08	Meets Expected Growth
Math 1	-1.7	1.4	-1.19	Meets Expected Growth
Math 3 - School Accountability Growth	0.5	0.8	0.59	Meets Expected Growth

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English scores by subgroup-2026

Reading

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Student Group	Growth Measure	Standard Error	Growth Index	Growth Indicator
▼ Asian/Pacific Islander			1.15	Meets Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			1.15	Meets Expected Growth
English II	0.8	0.7	1.15	Meets Expected Growth
▼ Black (not Hispanic)			1.07	Meets Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			1.07	Meets Expected Growth
English II	0.9	0.8	1.07	Meets Expected Growth
▼ Economically Disadvantaged Students			1.34	Meets Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			1.34	Meets Expected Growth
English II	1.0	0.8	1.34	Meets Expected Growth
▼ English Learners			-0.05	Meets Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			-0.05	Meets Expected Growth
English II	-0.1	0.9	-0.05	Meets Expected Growth
▼ Hispanic			-0.16	Meets Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			-0.16	Meets Expected Growth
English II	-0.1	0.8	-0.16	Meets Expected Growth
▼ Students with Disabilities			-0.54	Meets Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			-0.54	Meets Expected Growth
English II	-0.5	1.0	-0.54	Meets Expected Growth
▼ Two or More Races			0.98	Meets Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			0.98	Meets Expected Growth
English II	0.9	1.0	0.98	Meets Expected Growth
▼ White (not Hispanic)			0.85	Meets Expected Growth
▼ End of Course			0.85	Meets Expected Growth
English II	0.6	0.7	0.85	Meets Expected Growth



Biology

EVAAS currently does not list subgroup data for Biology



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See how your school did compared to last year

The numbers represent the percentage of students who scored proficiently on the test. The data for elementary schools reflects third, fourth and fifth grades. For middle schools, it reflects sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

School name	Subject	2024-25	2025-26
Research Triangle High School	Biology	68%	70%
Research Triangle High School	English II	82%	87%
Research Triangle High School	NC Math 3 (9-12)	85%	79%

Table: Emily Walkenhorst/WRAL News • Source: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction • [Get the data](#) • Created with [Datawrapper](#)



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