

A stack of seven books with various colored spines (white, red, tan, blue, purple, orange, grey) is positioned on the left. To its right is a silver laptop. The background is a light grey surface covered in black hand-drawn sketches, including a globe, an envelope, a bar chart, a lightbulb, a dollar sign, and various symbols like @ and +. The text 'PERSONAL LEARNING TIME' is overlaid in large white letters across the center.

PERSONAL LEARNING TIME

RICHMOND
SECONDARY
2025 - 2026

PURPOSE OF PLT

- All secondary schools in the district remain committed to the purpose and value of Personal Learning Time (PLT)
- PLT is meant to provide an opportunity for students to become independent learners by exercising ownership of their learning and providing students with time within the school day to:
 - Choose what area of learning they want to focus on
 - Choose who they need to connect with for support
 - Learn how to self-manage their time and develop skills to be more independent learners
- PLT provides a structure for students to access learning support and collaborate with other students within the school day



WHY ARE WE CHANGING THE PLT STRUCTURE

The District has been looking at PLT structures across schools to see if our current structure best meets the purpose and goals of PLT in terms of enhancing student learning.

CONCERNS WITH THE CURRENT MODEL:

- Across the district, attendance in PLT has been low.
- Questions and concerns raised by students, parents and staff about the effective use of this time when PLT is first block in the morning.
- PLT is instructional time, and schools are accountable to the Ministry of Education to ensure that students receive the correct number of instructional minutes for the year, and that the time is used effectively for student learning.
- Schools must remain in compliance with Ministry requirements.



WHAT WILL PLT LOOK LIKE FOR NEXT YEAR?

- Changes are being made for next year so that schools can continue to offer PLT. The new structure will provide increased opportunities to support student learning and success.
- PLT will continue to be twice per week and will be scheduled between first and second period, NOT first thing in the morning.
- At RSS, PLT will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Each PLT block will be 48 minutes long.
- We are working on the details, and more information will be shared as it becomes available.



PLT BELL SCHEDULE

CLASS	TIME
PERIOD 1	8:30 – 9:38
PLT	9:43 – 10:31
PERIOD 2	10:41 – 11:49
LUNCH	11:49 – 12:34
PERIOD 3	12:34 – 1:42
PERIOD 4	1:52 – 3:00



WILL STUDENTS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE FEEDBACK?

The district will coordinate an engagement process from students, staff and parents during the 2025-2026 school year to gather feedback on PLT and the revised structure.

MORE INFO COMING...

We are working through many of the details to support this change, and we will provide updates to students and families on more specific details when they are available.

