Riverwood High School
Rising 9th Grade
Parent Night

Ridgeview Parents, please sign in for Ridgeview's records at the table just outside the auditorium.
Welcome!
Who are We?
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Ridgeview Parents

• Course Verifications will go home soon
• You will see courses that your child has been recommended for and have the opportunity to request electives
• Follow the instructions on the verification form
• Reach out to the 8th grade counselor with any questions
• A second verification will go home a few weeks after the first to confirm the requested courses.
Non-Feeder Schools

- Reach out to the counseling center to set an appointment with your child’s counselor.
- Meetings will begin late March and go through April.
- Be prepared to review course recommendations.
- Counselors have specific days/times available.
International Baccalaureate

• Apply spring semester of sophomore year
• Interested in being an IB student? Let us know!
• Write it on the side of the course verification OR let you counselor know when you set up your meeting
Freshman Year

Balance:
- Academics
- Social/School Involvement

Freshman Pitfalls:
- Failure to communicate with teachers
- Inability to grasp the impact of zeros
- Organizational Skills
- The Middle School Mindset
Freshman Year

Positives:
- Involvement
- New Experiences
- Maturity
- New friends
Middle School Grading

In middle school, grades are calculated using the system of averages.

Example:
8th Grade English/Language Arts
- Semester 1: 60%
- Semester 2: 80%
- Yearly Average: 70%

Student passes 8th grade ELA for the year
High School Grading

In high school, each semester is independent.

Example:
- 9th: Grade English/Language Arts
  - Semester 1: 60% FAILED
  - Semester 2: 80% PASSED

Student has failed Semester 1 and the .5 credit must be recovered.
Instructional Levels

General Education
Honors
Magnet
AVID
Advanced Placement (AP)
Dual Enrollment
International Baccalaureate (IB)
Fun Facts:
- We have tutored 1162 students thus far.
- We have 38 tutors on staff.
- We have three bunnies: Biscuit, Honey, and Butters.

Mission/Vision:
- Nurture successful and informed global citizens through guided tutoring in the hopes of aiding students with their assignments and fostering their own personal growth in becoming better people, students, and writers.

Programs:
- Morning Workshops Program
- Literary magazine: The Glaive
- Rent-A-Tutor Program

Goals:
- Tutor over 2020 students
- Tutor a wider and more diverse array of Riverwood students in all classes
Grading

Progress Report every 6 weeks

Final grades posted at the conclusion of each semester
- Yearlong Course = 1.0 credits
- One Semester Course = .5 credits

7 additional points are added to a final grade higher than 70 in approved Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses
Graduation Requirements

**CLASS of 2024: 23 credits required**
- English - 4 credits
- Math - 4 credits
- Science - 4 credits
- Social Studies - 3 credits
- CTAE/World Language/Fine Arts* - 3 credits

Note: 2 years of World Language credits may be required for college admission

- Health/Personal Fitness - 1 credit (each .5)

Personal Fitness Waivers available if you participate in JV and Varsity Sports
- Electives - 4 credits
Graduation Requirements

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- Science – 4 credits
- Social Studies – 5 credits
- World Language – 3 credits

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**For Magnet**

Must maintain an 80% or higher
### Daily Schedule

**A/B Block Schedule**

- 90 minute class periods
- 6 minute transitions
- Every other day

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Typical 9th Grade Classes

Language Arts

9th Literature and Composition
9th Literature and Composition Honors
Typical 9th Grade Classes

Science
Earth Systems
Biology
Biology Honors

BRO,

DO YOU EVEN SCIENCE?
Typical 9th Grade Classes

Math

- GSE Algebra I
- GSE Algebra I/Geometry A
- GSE Geometry
- GSE Geometry/Algebra II
Social Studies

AP Government

World Geography

Social Studies does not have Honors level classes.

Gen Ed, IB and AP Levels only
Typical 9th Grade Classes

World Language
- Spanish
- French
- Japanese
- Chinese
- American Sign Language
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HORTON, M.  | World Geography M 8:20 AM - 9:52 AM  
Room: 3212  
HENDERSON, Y. |
| 2 | VA/CI Intro to Art 9:53 AM - 11:28 AM  
Room: 1282  
MEYER, H.  | 9th Lit/Comp M 9:53 AM - 11:28 AM  
Room: 2201  
BERNARD EVANS, M. |
| 3 | GSE Algebra I Support 11:29 AM - 1:54 PM  
Room: 1244  
CLAYTON, R.  | GSE Algebra I Support 11:29 AM - 1:54 PM  
Room: 1244  
CLAYTON, R.  |
| 4 | Personal Fitness 1:55 PM - 3:30 PM  
Room: 908  
HICKS, R.  | SP/Native Spk 1 1:55 PM - 3:30 PM  
Room: 3274  
Benitez, L.  |
| 5 | Advisement 09-05 3:35 PM - 3:45 PM  
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Career Pathways is a tool used to assist students in linking their high school coursework to post secondary training at four-year universities, technical colleges, military training or apprenticeships and future careers.
Milestone Testing

- 9th Lit/Composition
- American Lit./Composition
- Biology
- Algebra (On-level & Accelerated)
- Geometry (On-level & Accelerated)
- US History
- Economics

Required by the state of Georgia for all classes listed

IB/AP/DE classes do not take Milestone Exam, but they do have required exams
Academics and Athletics

“No Pass No Play”

To participate in any sport, you must pass 5 out of 6 courses the preceding semester - summer school is considered an extension of spring semester.

All athletes must be on track to graduate at the beginning of each school year.
1. Utilize current teachers and current counselor to help make the best choices.

2. Make a choice and STICK WITH IT

3. There are very limited schedule changing opportunities. Once the window is closed, it is closed!

4. BALANCE
Keys to Success in High School

- Choose realistic and balanced schedule
- Have a plan of attack (GOALS)
- Be organized, and keep an agenda
- Stay Involved or Get Involved
- Understand you have a VOICE