



HOME OF THE GRIZZLIES

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TOTAL ENROLLMENT 2022-23	1313
American Indian or Alaska Native	<1%
Asian	2%
Black or African American	10%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2%
Hispanic or Latino	32%
Two or More Races	11%
White/Not of Hispanic Origin	43%

OUR COMMUNITY

Mesa Ridge High School is located in the unincorporated community of Security – Widefield, a suburb of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Because of its proximity to Fort Carson Army Base, Peterson Space Force Base, Schriever Space Force Base, and NORAD, approximately 30% of the community population of 45,000 is military or retired military. The industry in the community consists mainly of military, aerospace defense, health care, technology, and insurance. Amazon is a significant local employer.

OUR SCHOOL

Mesa Ridge is a comprehensive public high school in Widefield School District 3 in Colorado Springs. Mesa Ridge opened in 1997 and enrolls approximately 1300 students in grades 9-12. The school is accredited by the State of Colorado. The **class of 2023** includes 306 seniors.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Classes are taught on an alternating block system, and students typically take 7 classes per semester. A minimum of 48 credits are required for graduation (1 credit = 1 semester).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Course Type	Credits	Details
Communication	8	Composition, Literature, Speech
Mathematics	6	
Science	6	Life, Earth, and Physical Science
Social Science	7	US History & Government, World History, Geography
Personal Development	5	Music, PE, Health, Fine Arts, Careers
Electives	16	

48 Total Credits

In addition to the above credit requirements, the Class of 2021 and beyond must demonstrate competency in English and Math to qualify for graduation.

CURRICULUM

Mesa Ridge offers a diverse curriculum to meet the varied needs and interests of its students. The school offers 15 AP courses and 19 honors courses for grades 9-12. Additionally, students may enroll in dual enrollment courses and earn college and high school credit simultaneously. Mesa Ridge also offers 11 Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, many of which offer industry certifications, and 8 specialized academic programs.

CTE Programs

- ACE – Career Readiness Program
- Art
- Automotive Services
- Business, Management, & Marketing
- Cabinet Manufacturing
- Cosmetology
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- General Construction
- Information Technology (IT)
- Production and Managerial Arts
- Work-Based Learning

Other Academic Programs

- AP – Advanced Placement
- AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination
- Career Start – Concurrent Enrollment
- CU Succeed – Concurrent Enrollment
- NJOTC – Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps
- PLTW – Biomedical Sciences Program
- PLTW – Computer Science Program
- PLTW – Engineering Program

GRADING SYSTEM

Mesa Ridge utilizes a standard grading system.

A 90-100 (Excellent)	P Passing*
B 80-89 (Above Average)	CR Credit*
C 70-79 (Average)	NC No Credit*
D 60-69 (Below Average)	WF Withdraw Failing
F <59	I/F Incomplete/Failing
	NM No Mark*

*No impact on GPA

GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Academic grade point averages are computed on the weighted grade system reported below. Cumulative GPAs include academics and electives. Plus/minus grades, which may appear on student grade reports, do not change GPA.

	Standard Weight	Honors Weight	AP Weight
A	4.0	4.5	5.0
B	3.0	3.5	4.0
C	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	1.0	1.5	2.0
F or WF	0.0	0.0	0.0

COURSE GUIDE

For a complete description of programs and courses, visit the [MRHS Course Description book](#).

PREVIOUS GRADUATING CLASS

Mesa Ridge Class of 2022

42%	Enrolled in 4-year college/university
23%	Enrolled in 2-year college, vocational or technical school
27%	Directly entered the work force
8%	Joined the military

The class of 2022 earned more than **\$3.4M** in scholarships.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

934 - 2022 SAT Composite Score
200 - AP Exams Administered
41 - Industry Certifications Earned

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION & AWARDS

Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, Honor Roll recognition is awarded each semester. Students must be enrolled full time (7 classes). Criteria for Honor Roll recognition is a weighted, semester GPA of:

4.0 and Above	Principal's Honor Roll
3.75 – 3.99	Grizzly Merit Honor Roll
3.50 – 3.74	Academic Honorable Mention
0.5 GPA Improvement (single semester)	Dean's LEAP* Award

*Learning, Engagement, and Academic Progress

SPORTS, CLUBS, & ACTIVITIES

Mesa Ridge is a member of the 4A Colorado Springs Metro League South, participating in 10 men's sports and 9 women's sports. Men's varsity sports include baseball, basketball, cheer, cross-country, football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, and wrestling. Women's varsity sports include basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, wrestling and volleyball.

The Mesa Ridge High School music program is one of the best in Colorado. The Pride of Mesa Ridge Marching Band are 15-time State Marching Band finalists, and the Winter Guard Team are 4-time State Champions. The Choir and

Orchestra programs consistently receive *Superior* ratings at their respective state competitions. The notable Navy Junior ROTC program has been awarded the Distinguished Unit Award with Academic Honors for several years. Alumni have gone on to the Air Force Academy, West Point, and the Naval Academy.

Mesa Ridge offers between 20-30 clubs each year, depending on student interest. Most clubs are open to all interested students. National Honor Society requires an application, nomination, and approval by committee.

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