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AdvanceED

School Code

380917

Mission

Riverdale High School develops inquisitive, imaginative, and eager learners. Our students demonstrate academic mastery through exhibition to become effective communicators and responsible leaders

Fast Facts:	
Student/Faculty Ratio	11:1
Average Class Size	22
Teachers with Advanced Degrees	84%
2021 4-Year College Acceptance	95%
Class of '21 Middle-50% GPA	3.48-3.94
Class of '21 Average Honors Classes	7

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History

Riverdale High School was created in 1996 to be a public, college-preparatory high school and was modeled on the principles of the *Coalition of Essential Schools*. It remains a public high school with small classes, a rigorous curriculum, and strong community support. Our student body consists of in district students, inter-district transfer students, and tuition students, all of whom are attracted to our size, curriculum, and commitment to individualized support.



Special Features of our Curriculum

Independent

Our pedagogy is progressive, project based, and rooted in the principle of "teacher as coach, student as worker". Our graduation requirements and class curriculum go beyond the State of Oregon guidelines and are similar to many college preparatory independent schools.

Individualized Learning

We thoughtfully individualize the programs of many students by crafting independent studies and internships or by sending them out of the building for college courses. We counsel each student about their summer activities, motivating them toward growth experiences that match their passions.

Special Features (continued)

Honors

Riverdale strives to remain comprehensive without sacrificing depth. Our honors coursework is just one of the ways that we encourage students to go beyond our curriculum with the aim of helping students achieve a deeper understanding of subjects through critical reflection, synthesis, and application. Honors designations are available in all core classes and in many electives and require that students engage in an Honors Contract with their teacher.

Dual Enrollment

We offer courses in conjunction with colleges in the area, most notably Portland State University Honors College, Portland State University's Challenge Program, and Portland Community College. Many of our students have the opportunity to also take courses through Lewis & Clark College's Templeton Scholars Program and Reed College's Young Scholars Program.

AP Tests

While we do not offer AP courses, we provide the opportunity for students to take AP tests that connect with our coursework. We encourage and assist students as they independently prepare for tests in subjects we do not offer.

Calculating Grade Point Average

A+, A	4.0	C	2.0
A-	3.7	C-	1.7
B+	3.3	D+	1.3
B	3.0	D	1.0
B-	2.7	D-	0.7
C+	2.3	F	0.0

Community Engagement

To encourage broader civic and communal engagement, all students are required to complete 90 hours of community service, with a special award reserved for those students who exceed 200 hours. Participation in service projects helps our students discover the diversity in their communities while teaching the value of working toward a common goal.

Field Studies

All students complete week-long experiential learning opportunities each spring. Opportunities have included studying geology in Southern Oregon, theatre at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and biology while sailing in the San Juan Islands. Freshmen attend a weeklong experience to learn compassion for others and to embrace being authentic.

Graduation Requirements

Riverdale students take five courses each trimester. Classes are 70 minutes long and are taken five days a week for twelve weeks.

Subject	Years/Credits
English	4
History/Social Science	4
Math	4
Science	4
Art	4
Electives	3.5
World Languages	2
Physical Education	1
Health	1
Senior Exhibition	.5
Total	28

Senior Year

Senior Schedule

Seniors who qualify have the opportunity to take our most demanding dual enrollment courses, each done in conjunction with Portland State University's Honors College and Challenge Program:

The Global City	15 credits
Writing 121	4 credits
Honors Geology	4 credits

Math Progression

Individualized

As many students come from outside of the district, Riverdale places an emphasis on math placement and constantly monitors progression. The majority of our students proceed along the standard or advanced routes after freshman year.

Freshman Year

Geometry	2 trimesters
Probability and Stats	1 trimester

Standard Progression

Algebra 2	2 trimesters
Precalculus	2 trimesters
Calculus	2 trimesters

Advanced Progression

Algebra 2 Advanced	2 trimesters
Advanced Precalculus	2 trimesters
Calculus Advanced	3 trimesters

Students not ready for Geometry are placed in Algebra 1. Students who finish Calculus Advanced before senior year progress to Advanced Statistics. In many such cases, students also begin taking college math courses through Lewis & Clark College or Portland Community College, among others.

Senior Exhibition

Students write on a subject of their choosing and are required to initiate contact with as many as five outside experts in the respective field. Requirements for the mandatory course involve a lengthy paper and a 50-minute presentation to an audience of students, faculty, parents, and community members. *The average paper length for the Class of 2021 was 22 pages.*

Extracurriculars

Sports

Riverdale fields OSAA 3A-level teams in cross country, soccer, golf, volleyball, basketball, track and field, swimming, and tennis. Students also participate in club sports, including snowboarding and skiing.

Clubs

Riverdale has 25 active clubs and will work to establish new ones wherever there is interest. Our current clubs include, among other things, ones devoted to academic interests, sociopolitical causes, and community service.

COVID-19

When Riverdale went to a distance education model in March 2020, we made the decision to go "Pass/No Pass" for trimester 3 of the 2020 school year, out of concern for access and equity. During the 2020–2021 school year, we continued with distance education per Oregon requirements. In the spring we moved to a hybrid model, with virtual in the morning and in-person opportunities in the afternoon. Riverdale has returned to 100% in-person for the 2021–2022 school year.

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Selected List of College Acceptances 2019–2021

(Colleges/Universities the class of 2020 attend are in **bold**.)

American University	Gonzaga University	Purdue University (Engineering)
University of Arizona	Haverford College	Quest University Canada
Arizona State University	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Reed College
Bard College	High Point University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Bates College	Howard University	Rice University
Baylor University	University of Idaho	University of Richmond
Bentley University	Johns Hopkins University	University of Rochester
Boston College	Kenyon College	University of San Diego
Boston University	Lewis & Clark College	University of San Francisco
University of British Columbia	Linfield University	Santa Clara University
Brown University	Loyola Marymount University (2)	Sarah Lawrence College
Cal Poly, SLO (Engineering) (2)	Macalester College	School of Visual Arts
University of California, Davis	Marquette University	Seattle University
University of California, Irvine (2)	McGill University	Skidmore College
University of California, San Diego	Miami University, Oxford	St. John's College
University of California, Santa Barbara	University of Miami	St. Olaf College
University of California, Santa Cruz	University of Michigan	Stanford University
Carleton College (2)	Middlebury College	Syracuse University
Carnegie Mellon University	Montana State University	University of Toronto
Case Western University	University of New Mexico	New School, Parsons School of Design
Chapman University	New York University	Ohio State University
Claremont McKenna College	Northeastern University (2)	United States Air Force Academy
Clark University	Northwestern University	University of Southern California
Colgate University	University of Notre Dame	Vanderbilt University
University of Colorado, Boulder	Oberlin College (2)	Vassar College
Colorado School of Mines	Occidental College	Villanova University
Connecticut College	University of Oregon (8)	University of Washington
Cornell University	U. of Oregon, Clark Honors College	Western Washington University (2)
University of Denver	Oregon State University (3)	Whitman College
Dickinson College	OSU Honors College	Willamette University
Fordham University	Pitzer College	College of William and Mary
George Fox University	Portland State University	Yale University
George Washington University	Princeton University	
Georgia Tech	University of Puget Sound	