

Welcome RRHS Class of 2027

8th Grade Family Information Night



Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that North Thurston Public Schools resides on the traditional lands of the Nisqually People. The Nisqually have lived on and cared for this land and these waterways since time immemorial. We make this acknowledgement to open a space of recognition, inclusion, and respect for our sovereign tribal partners and all indigenous students, families and staff in our community.

Introductions - Administration

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- Pre-registration contact

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Purpose of Tonight -

1. Introduce the RRHS Graduation Requirements
2. Guide the High School Pre-Registration Process
3. Share opportunities for students to get involved at RRHS
4. Provide important Back to School dates for the fall

Construction

- Please excuse our mess...
- River Ridge is in the process of a major modernization
- The process is a phased approach
- Currently we are in Phase 1 of 4 total



Construction

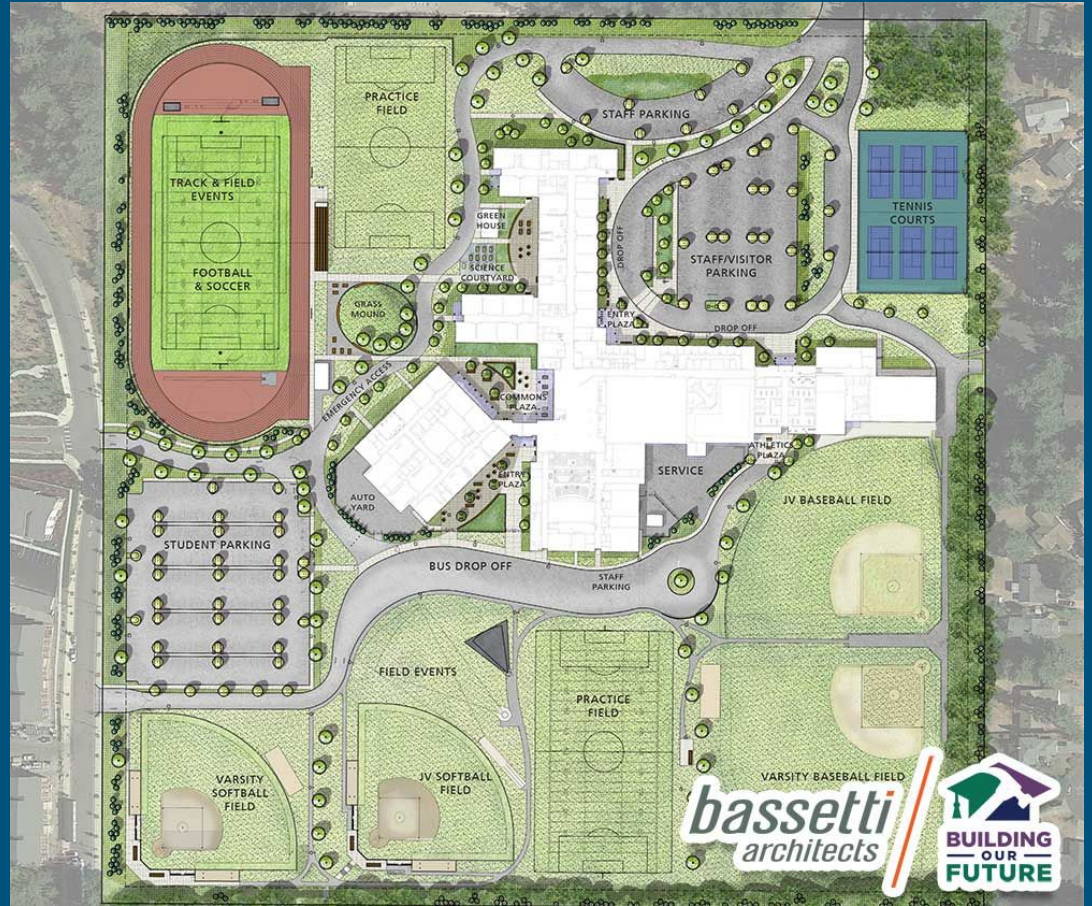
- This summer the campus will be closed but all activities will continue at another location
- Buildings A and C will be relocating to portables and the Main Office will be moved to Building C
- By early Fall the new athletic facility will be complete
- Next year the new classroom spaces will begin construction
- We will move into the classroom spaces in 2026
- The STEAM Building and Music classrooms will be remodeled next
- Finally the new football and soccer fields will be completed

Construction

FRONT ENTRY PERSPECTIVE/



Construction





The High School Diploma



Washington students complete three components to achieve the high school diploma of their design.

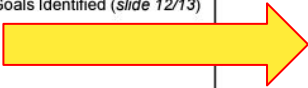




Class of 2023

Name: _____ High School: River Ridge H.S. Check box if HSBP Plan requirements were met at South Puget Sound CC

High School & Beyond Checklist Requirements - 12th Grade	Advisor Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational Goals (<i>slide 3</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Year Course Plan (<i>transcripts, slide 10</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Career Interest Inventory Results with Career Pathway/Goals Identified (<i>slide 12/13</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Resume (<i>slide 14</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Hours (<i>20 Hours total</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Student completed Student-Led Conference	
Additional Components Strategic Plan Goal 5 Outcome C: Preparedness for Post-Secondary Success Select pathway that best describes after high school plan (<i>slide 12/13</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Industry Certification/Apprenticeship (pathway: Technical/trade) <input type="checkbox"/> Military Enlistment (pathway: Military) <input type="checkbox"/> Employment (pathway: Workforce) <input type="checkbox"/> Trade/Technical Training (pathway: 2-Year College) <input type="checkbox"/> College (pathway: 2-Year College) <input type="checkbox"/> College (pathway: 4-Year College/University) 	



Survey:
 This summer NTPS is starting a pilot project to reach out to students to offer help with the final steps in the college-going process, and to help you work through any challenges that come up in making postsecondary plans happen. So we can get in touch with you, please provide the following:
 Your cell phone: _____
 Your email address (not school email) _____
 If you are planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college in the coming fall, please indicate which one: _____
 Have you completed a FAFSA? Yes No I don't know

Student has completed all portions of the High School & Beyond Plan:

High School and Beyond Plan

- Educational Goals
- 4-Year Course Plan
- Career Interest Inventory Results with Career Pathway/ Goals Identified
- Resume
- Community Service Hours
- Student Completed Student-Led Conference

New Graduation Pathway Options

AP / IB / Cambridge Courses

CTE Sequence of Courses

Dual Credit Course

Transition Course


ACT or SAT Scores

AP / IB Exam Scores

ASVAB Scores

Statewide Assessments (Smarter Balanced / WA-AIM)

Career /
Apprenticeship 

Military 

College /
Postsecondary
Education 

Graduation Pathways



CTE Sequence

Complete a sequence of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses.*



Dual Credit

Earn at least one high school credit in ELA and at least one high school credit in math in dual credit courses (Running Start, College in the High School, and/or Career and Technical Education dual credit courses).



AP/IB/Cambridge

For both ELA and math, earn a 3 or higher on certain Advanced Placement (AP) exams or a 4 or higher on certain International Baccalaureate (IB) exams or an E on certain Cambridge International exams, or pass the course with at least a C+.



SAT/ACT

Meet or exceed the graduation scores set by SBE in the math and ELA portions of the SAT or ACT.



ASVAB

Meet standard on the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) by scoring at least the minimum established by the military for eligibility to serve in a branch of the armed services.*



Combination

Meet any combination of at least one ELA and one math option of those pathway options listed previously.



Transition Course

Pass a transition course in ELA and math (for example, a Bridge to College course) which allows a student to place directly into a credit-bearing college level course.



State Assessment

Meet or exceed the graduation scores in the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics or in WA-AIM (Washington Access to Instruction & Measurement).

**Note: Students who pursue these pathways (ASVAB or CTE) do not need to meet English and math requirements separately. English and math content are embedded in both pathways—and a student who meets either the ASVAB standard or the CTE pathway requirements has met the graduation pathway requirement.*



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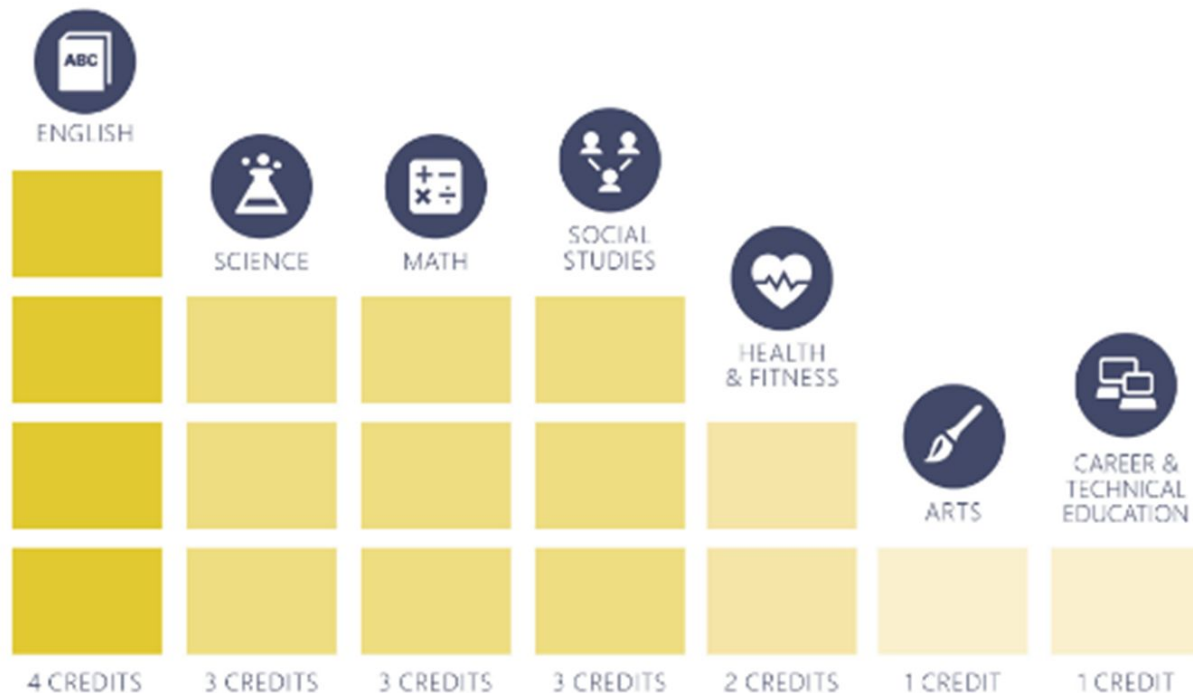
Credit Requirements

Content Course	Number of Credits Required
English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits (2 lab science)
Social Studies	3 credits
Arts	2 credit (1 Personalized Pathway)
Health & Fitness	2 credits
Occupational Education/CTE	1 credit
Electives	4 credits
World Language	2 credits (2 Personalized Pathway)
Total Required Credits	24 credits

24 TOTAL CREDITS

17 FOUNDATIONAL

7 ELECTIVES



Pre-Registration Process

Counselors will host a webinar with each feeder middle school to provide an overview of the pre-registration process.

- This will be done during the student's Advisory period.

Counselors will come to the feeder schools and meet with students during their English classes.

- Counselors will assist students with entering their course requests into skyward.
- Counselors will answer any questions.
- Speak with your student regarding their class selection prior to their registration day.
- Courses can be changed by notifying your students assigned high school counselor.

Pre-Registration Dates

Salish Middle School

- Registration in English classes – March 20th

Nisqually Middle School

- Registration in English classes – March 21st

Aspire, Chinook and Komachin Middle School

- Registration April 12th

How can families help with Pre-Registration

- Review Course Catalog with your student.
- Assist your student with their 4-year plan.
- Review the pre-registration documents with your student. They are posted on our website.

–<https://www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/Domain/319>

–RRHS – Academics –Registration for 2023-2024

Class selection

1. We will go through each academic area and help you pick the best course for your student
2. Please take out the green course selection form
3. Please take out something to write with

English

English 9



Honors English 9



Social Studies

Contemporary World Issues (CWI)

- 1 semester long
- This is a regular-level class (aka college-prep)
- In this class, you will talk about a variety of current events and issues, including:
 - media literacy
 - climate change
 - world hunger
 - world conflicts
- You will practice analyzing sources and writing CER paragraphs

AP Human Geography (AP HuGe)

- 2 semesters long
- This is a college-level class: you will receive college credit if you pass the test at the end of the year.
- Topics include:
 - Population and Migration
 - World Cultures
 - Politics and Government
 - Agriculture
 - Urban Planning
 - Economics
- We learn these topics through analyzing maps and graphs.

As you make your decision between CWI (the regular class) and AP HuGe (the honors-level class), here are some final thoughts from Mrs. Orozco, the AP HuGe teacher:

AP HuGe is for you if...

- You enjoy social studies (at least a little)
- You are committed to doing SOME homework (about 2 hours a week, or 30 minutes/4 days per week)
- You generally keep your grades up (As, Bs, maybe the occasional C)
- You mostly have good attendance.
- You are thinking about going to college after high school. ***(If you pass the AP test at the end of the year, you get college credit!)***

AP HuGe is maybe NOT for you if...

- You don't really like social studies
- You are unwilling or unable to do homework.
- You have a hard time keeping your grades up.
- You tend to have a lot of absences. (This class moves fast, and it's hard to keep up if you are absent a lot.)

Students should take **a full year of science from each domain** (designated by the three colors blue, red, and green) by the end of their junior year. This ensures they will experience all Next Generation Science Standards and be prepared for the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS).

* denotes a course that may count as a Science **or** CTE credit

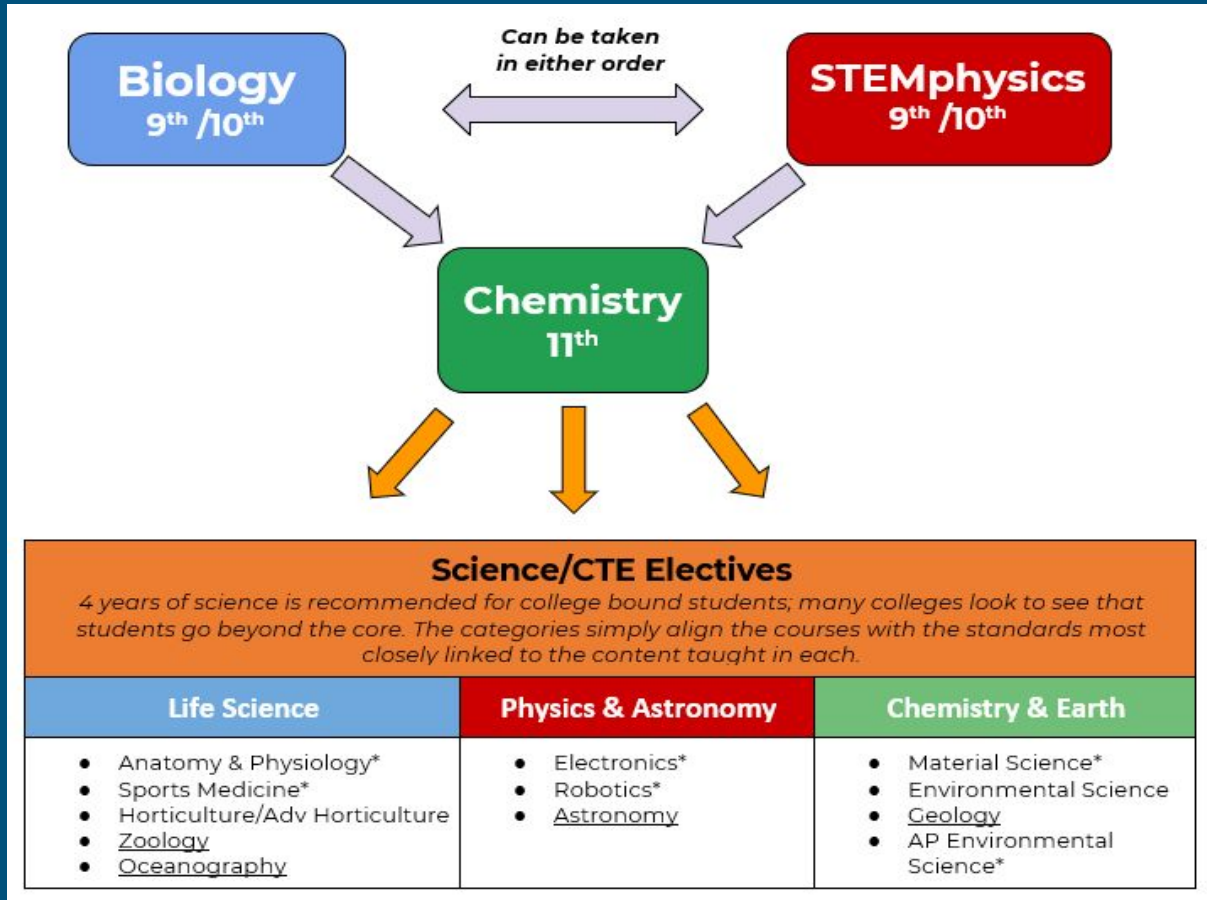
^denotes a course that **may** also be offered for College in the High School credit

An underlined course name indicates a semester only course (0.5 credit)

Life Science	Physics & Astronomy	Chemistry & Earth
<p>Core Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • AP Biology[^] <p>Electives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horticulture* • Animal Science* • Anatomy & Physiology* • Biology of Survival • Sports Medicine* • <u>Zoology</u> • <u>Oceanography</u> 	<p>Core Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEMphysics* • AP Physics[^] <p>Electives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronics* • Robotics* • <u>Astronomy</u> 	<p>Core Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry[^] • Environmental Chemistry* • Environmental Science* • AP Environmental Science[^] • AP Chemistry <p>Electives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material Science* • <u>Geology</u>

“CORE” Pathway shown below; *Can be modified to meet the needs of students seeking a CTE pathway, need a transitional year, or are advanced or highly capable students.*

Course requirements and/ or prerequisites are described in the course catalogue.



Possible Science Pathways for Advanced Students

Chemistry - AP Biology - AP Physics - AP Chemistry

Must be concurrently enrolled in Algebra 2 or Advanced Algebra 2 or have completed Algebra 2

Need to get this pathway recommended by current science teacher

Math

<u>Current Class</u>	<u>Recommended Class</u>
7th grade Math	Pre-Algebra
8th Grade Math	Algebra 1
8th Grade Math - but need more support	Algebra 1 and Algebra Support
Algebra 1	Geometry or Advanced Geometry
Geometry	Algebra 2 or Advanced Algebra 2

Typical Math Sequence



Algebra and Geometry are graduation requirements

Other considerations:

Algebra support as an elective

Repeat 8th grade course as needed

World Language

We have four languages to choose from:

Spanish (Levels 1-4)

French (Levels 1-4)

Japanese (Levels 1-4) *Only at Ridge!*

ASL (American Sign Language)
(Levels 1-3) *Only at Ridge!*

Spanish for Heritage Speakers: Para los estudiantes que ya hablan español en casa o que pueden entender bastante bien.

◆ ***¡Es posible ganar 4 créditos!***

- **Students who take Level 3 are eligible to take an exam and earn the Seal of Biliteracy on their diploma.** This may mean you want to take a WL class as a Freshman (allows you more flexibility your senior year).
- **Freshman can be successful in language classes!** A foundation of strong study skills is useful. If you are nervous about the transition to high school, you may want to wait until your sophomore year to begin.
- **2 years of the same world language is required for admission to most universities.**

Electives

- Most freshmen take 9th grade PE and Health
- On the back of the green sheet is a list of all the electives available to Freshmen

WIAA:

WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION



MISSION STATEMENT:

**STRENGTHENING ALL STUDENTS FOR LIFE
THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN EXCELLENT, FAIR,
SAFE, AND ACCESSIBLE ACTIVITIES.**

Fall Sports (Register Starting Aug 1st on FinalForms)

- **Girls Volleyball, Cross County (Boys & Girls), Girls Swimming, Girls Soccer, Boys Tennis (Starts August 21st)**
- **Football (Starts August 16th)**
- **Cheer (Tryouts NEXT WEEK)**
- **Dance (Tryouts May 8th)**
- **Unified Sports/Activities (Robotics, Basketball, and Soccer)**

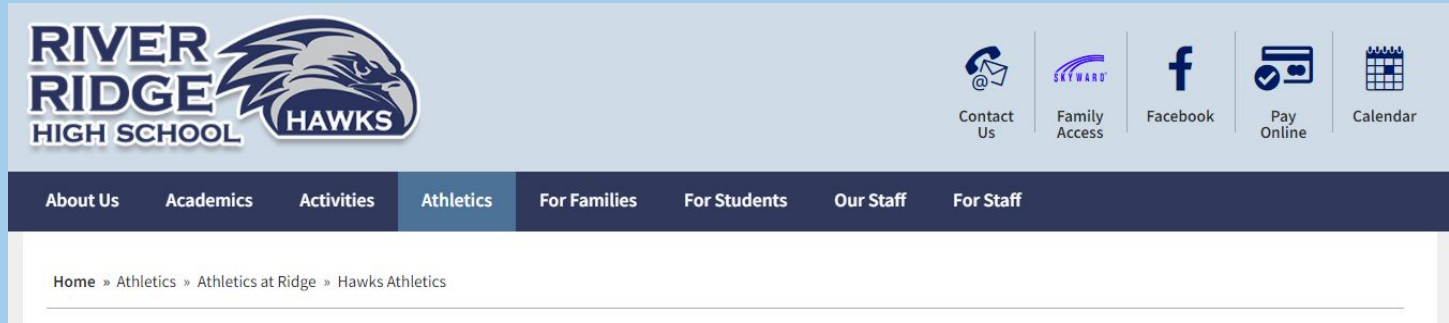
Winter Sports (Register Starting Oct 1st)

- **Basketball (Boys and Girls), Wrestling (Boys and Girls), Boys Swimming, & Girls Gymnastics (Starts Nov 13th)**
- **Girls Bowling (Starts Oct 30th)**

Spring Sports (Register Starting Feb 1st)

- **Baseball, Fastpitch, Golf (Boys and Girls), Boys Soccer, Girls Tennis, Track & Field (Boys and Girls) (Starts Feb 26th)**

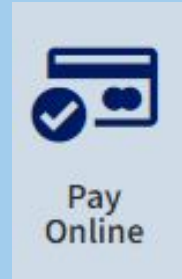
REGISTRATION RRHS WEBSITE



MAKE SURE YOUR EMAIL IS ACCURATE ON SKYWARD AND CHECK YOUR EMAIL OFTEN

Required for Athletic Participation

- Athletics registration completed in Final Forms
- Sports Physical (completed & signed by a Registered Physician) uploaded in Final Forms or hard copy to the office. Physicals are good for 2 years.
- ASB Card fee - \$30 for the entire school year, non-refundable
- Sports Fee - \$100 per sport (\$125 for football)
- All fines must be cleared before the sports fee can be paid.
- Students will be cleared for participation the day **after** all required items are complete.



EXTRACURRICULARS AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS

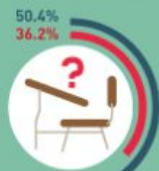
HIGH SCHOOL

It all starts at a young age. Studies show that high school students who engage in extracurricular activities have higher indicators of school success and SAT test scores.

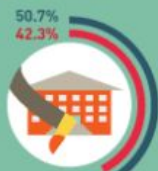
Indicators of School Success

Research conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics found that participation in extracurricular activities **have a positive correlation to the students' attendance, GPA, test scores, and expected educational goals.**

■ ECA Participants ■ Non-participants



No Unexcused Absences*



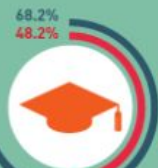
Never Skipped Classes*



have a GPA of 3.0 or Higher



Highest Quartile On A Composite Math And Reading Assessment



Expect To Earn a Bachelor's Degree or Higher

* During first semester of their senior year

Path Model Effects

In a separate study by the College Board, researchers **found high school participation is correlated with higher SAT scores.** The study found that participation in ECAs increased SAT math scores by 45 points and SAT verbal scores by 53 points.

■ SAT-Math ■ SAT-Verbal



Extracurricular Activities



High School Achievement



Skills That Will Improve Based on Participation

SKILL IMPROVEMENT

ECA	Managing Human Capital	Managing Decision-Making Process	Knowledge of Human Behavior	Knowledge of General Business Functions	Interpersonal Skills	Foundation Skills
Internships				✓	✓	✓
Student Career/Professional Clubs	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Work Projects	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Volunteer Activities		✓	✓	✓		✓
Diversity/Multi-cultural Events	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Academic Competitions	✓	✓		✓		✓
Leadership Programs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Study-Abroad Programs						
Community Service Organizations	✓		✓			
Student Government						

Activities

Community Service & Academic	Career & Technical Education	Culture & Identity Clubs	Arts Based	Student Interest
Key Club National Honor Society	Computer Science DECA FBLA FCCLA Robotics Skills USA Sports Medicine Student Store FFA	Black Student Union Christian Gay Straight Alliance LatinX Multicultural Native Steam Native American Asian American Pacific Islander School Ambassadors	Band Choir Dance Drama Orchestra	Anime Archery Book Chess Gaming E-Sports



Contact Us



Family Access



Athletics



Pay Online



Calendar

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A

- Anime Club
- Archery
- Asian American Pacific Islander Club

B

- Band
- Bible Study Club
- Black Student Union
- Book Club

C

- Chess Club
- Choir
- Computer Science

F

- FBLA
- FCCLA
- FFA

G

- Gaming Club
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Girls Who Code

K

- Key Club
- K-Pop Club

L

- LatinX Club

- Native American Club

O

- Orchestra

R

- Robotics Club

S

- School Ambassadors
- SkillsUSA
- Sports Medicine
- Student Store

U

- Unified Club
- Unified Sports (Soccer & Basketball)

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America



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River Ridge FCCLA is a place where all are welcome to complete community service projects, travel to conferences, learn leadership skills, and meet new people from locally to all around the nation! FCCLA stands for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. We always meet in room 311. Meetings take place during ACT Wednesdays and on Thursdays at 2pm (on weeks when there is not an ACT Wednesday).

All are welcome to attend our meetings and there will always be snacks!

Communication

- ★ Skyward Family Access – grades, attendance, test scores
- ★ Family Bulletin – emailed every Friday
- ★ School messenger
- ★ Website
- ★ Like us on Facebook – River Ridge High School Home of the Hawks
- ★ Follow RRHS Leadership on Instagram @rrhsleadership

Important Dates

August 21 - Fall Sports (Football begins August 16)

August 25 - Freshmen Back to School Day

- Get school photos taken and get student ID cards
- Swap old Chromebook for a new one
- Turn in important back to school paperwork
- Pick up student schedule
- Meet with a counselor if needed

September 5 - Freshmen Orientation - times TBD

Club/Activity Fair

In the commons following the presentation

Need Help? Have Questions?

Give me a call!

Mrs. Malloy 360-412-4825