Saddle River Day School
School Profile 2024 - 2025

QUICK FACTS

- **Enrollment**
  Lower School – 146
  Middle School – 146
  Upper School – 247
  Class of 2024 – 52 seniors
- **Families from 100 communities in Bergen, Essex and Passaic counties in New Jersey and Manhattan, Orange, Rockland and Westchester counties in New York**
- **7:1 student-to-teacher ratio**
- **85 percent of faculty hold advanced degrees**
- **36 percent of our students identify as non-Caucasian**

ADMINISTRATION

Jalaj Desai	Head of School
Geoffrey Bowman	Director of Admissions
Deirdre Angrick	Academic Dean
Shai Zacaraev	Head of Upper School
Anastasia Kelly	Head of Middle School
Dana Stern	Head of Lower School
PJ Petrow	Athletic Director
Christine Lebovits	Director of Student Experiences
Joe McMenamin	Dean of Faculty
Karen Ferretti	Director of College Counseling
Gretchen Lee	Director of Communications
Lynn McCormack	Director of Development
Christopher Mathisen	Director of Finance
Tim Gerity	Facilities/Security Manager

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COMMUNITY

Saddle River Day School, located in the hills of Saddle River, New Jersey, was founded in 1957 as an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school and resides thirty miles northwest of New York City. Our student body of 540 students is drawn from 100 communities in Bergen, Essex and Passaic Counties in New Jersey and Rockland County in New York. Saddle River Day School is composed of three divisions: the Lower Division (Grades Pre K-4), the Middle Division (Grades 5-8) and the Upper Division (Grades 9-12).

Saddle River Day School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools (NJAIS), and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

We inspire each child to achieve personal and academic excellence and to become a caring and ethical contributor to society. Our students, faculty and staff live by our three core values.

- **Everyone Counts** – At Saddle River Day School, all children and adults matter; their talents and contributions are prized.
- **Love of Learning** – We engender a lifelong love of learning in our students with a caring and committed faculty, staff and administration.
- **Intellectual Risk Taking** – Intellectual risk taking is encouraged and celebrated through a nurturing, intimate environment that ensures the physical and emotional security of each child.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, Saddle River Day School moved from a trimester calendar to a semester calendar. As a mission-centered institution, it is our priority to encourage intellectual risk taking and instill a love of learning. By moving to a semester system, we are able to offer a wider array of coursework in each discipline as well as encourage students to challenge themselves in new areas of study. First-semester grades will be considered mid-year grades, and third-quarter grades will be furnished upon request to college admissions representatives.

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate, a student must have completed a minimum of: four years of English, three years of mathematics, three years of laboratory science, three years of history/social science, level three in a world language, and one year of visual and/or performing arts.

Advanced Placement courses are offered according to demand in major disciplines and may not be offered every year.

English	Required grades 9 – 12
Mathematics	Three-year requirement (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II required)
World Languages	Level III requirement in the same language
Science	Three-year lab science requirement (Biology & Chemistry must be two of the three)
Social Science	Required grades 9 – 11
Arts	Three credits
Physical Education	Required grade 9 plus 2 semesters grades 10-12
Health	Required grades 9 & 10
College Counseling Workshop	Required grades 10, 11 & 12

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

In May of 2024, 141 students in grades 9-12 took a total of 321 Advanced Placement Exams in 20 subject areas. Students must have departmental approval and fulfill the course prerequisites in order to be placed in an AP course. Over the past five years, we have routinely offered AP study in: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, Government and Politics, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Precalculus, Physics C: E & M, Physics C: M, Physics 1, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, U.S. History and World History.

GATEWAY HONORS DIPLOMA

The Gateway Honors Diploma Program at Saddle River Day School is an opportunity for students to dive deeply into their academic interests by connecting together fieldwork outside of school with a rigorous sequence of courses at SRDS. Students who enroll in this program work with professionals in their chosen field during the summer after sophomore and junior years to complete a self-designed project answering an essential question. This could be a research paper, an app they've coded and developed, a piece of art they created, or any other of a myriad of options – because it's based on their own interests, the possibilities are limitless. By their senior year they will have completed this project, which represents a culmination of their summer work, and showcase it to parents, teachers, other students, and members of the community at large during a school-sponsored defense night, in which a panel will ask questions regarding their research.

Along with taking rigorous classes beyond our standard graduation requirements (including many AP level courses), Gateway candidates complete summer fieldwork, write a summative research paper, develop a portfolio of their work in the Gateway Program and join specific SRDS sponsored clubs relevant to their interest.

Students who complete all requirements earn an Honors Diploma at graduation. To tailor the coursework and club requirements to individual student interests, we offer three different diploma tracks, each of which are further broken into three individualized pathways. These tracks are: Arts Emphasis (which includes pathways for music, theater, or visual arts), Humanities and International Engagement (which includes pathways for Humanities, Civic Engagement, or Global Citizenship), and Innovation and Entrepreneurship (which includes pathways for STEAM, Medical, and Entrepreneurship).

GPA AND CLASS RANK AND ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

As a small high school with 100 percent of our graduates attending four-year colleges, Saddle River Day School does not compute a class rank nor grade-point-average. Students are awarded grades A+ through F with a final grade for year-long courses and a semester grade for semester-long courses. Students are limited to 15 colleges to which they can apply and usually average 11 applications per senior.

Our grading scale is:
A+ (97-100), A (93-96), A- (90-92),
B+(87-89), B (83-86), B- (80-82),
C+ (77-79), C (73-76), C- (70-72),
D (65-69), F (below 65).

Grade Distribution By Department for the Class of 2025, School Year 2023-2024

Course	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
ENGLISH											
English 11	3	10	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
English 11 Honors	24	11	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
AP English Literature	13	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MATH											
Algebra II	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Algebra II Honors	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Precalculus	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Precalculus Honors	0	2	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statistics Honors	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calculus Honors	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Precalculus	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Calculus AB	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
AP Calculus BC	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Linear Algebra Honors	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCIENCE											
Biology Honors	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Biology	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chemistry	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Chemistry	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Applied Physics	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Physics	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Physics Honors	2	9	5	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
HISTORY											
US History	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP US History	5	18	15	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Government & Politics	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Psychology	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Business and Entrepreneurship	7	8	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
WORLD LANGUAGE											
Spanish II	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish III	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish III Honors	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish IV Honors	3	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French II	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
French III	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French IV	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French IV Honors	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Spanish Language	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COMPUTER SCIENCE											
Computer Science I	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
AP Computer Science Principles	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Computer Science A	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Natural Language Honors	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MATRICULATION FOR SRDS CLASSES OF 2019-2024

Agnes Scott College
Alvernia University
American University (2)
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Babson College
Barnard College (3)
Bates College (2)
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University Honors (2)
Boston College (2)
Boston University (9)
Bryn Mawr College (2)
Bucknell University (3)
Central Connecticut State University
Clark University
Clemson University
Colgate University (2)
College of Charleston (2)
College of New Jersey (2)
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Colorado School of the Mines
Colorado State University
Connecticut College
DeSales University
Denison University
Dickinson College (2)
Drew University (3)
Drexel University (3)
Duke University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle University
Emerson College (2)
Emory University
Fairfield University (2)
Fordham University (3)
George Washington University (6)
Georgetown University (2)
Gettysburg College
Hamilton College (2)
Hartwick College
Haverford College
High Point University
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Howard University
Indiana University – Bloomington (7)
Ithaca College
Lafayette College (4)
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University – Maryland
Manhattan University
Marist College (3)
Middlebury College
Montclair State University (3)
Muhlenberg College (4)
New York University (13)
Northeastern University (6)
Northwestern University (4)
Norwich University
Pace University (3)
Parsons College of Design (5)
Pennsylvania State University (5)
Princeton University
Providence College
Quinnipiac University (5)
Radford University
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (3)
Rochester Institute of Technology (4)
Rollins College
Rutgers University (7)
Sacred Heart University (2)
Salve Regina University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design (2)
Seton Hall University
Siena College
Southern Methodist University
Stanford University
Stetson University
Stevens Institute of Technology (7)
Syracuse University (5)
Tufts University (3)
Tulane University
Union College (2)
United States Military Academy at West Point
United States Naval Academy
University of Arizona
University of California – Berkeley
University of California – Irvine (2)
University of California – San Diego (2)
University of California – Santa Barbara
University of Connecticut (2)
University of Delaware (4)
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign (2)
University of Maryland (2)
University of Miami (5)
University of Michigan (2)
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill (2)
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Ottawa (2)
University of Pennsylvania (2)
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of Rochester (2)
University of San Diego
University of Scranton
University of Southern California (3)
University of Tampa
University of Toronto
University of Virginia – Jefferson Scholar
Villanova University (5)
Wake Forest University (3)
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis (3)
Wesleyan University (2)
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