

2025-2026 School Profile

Our School

Raisbeck Aviation High School is a top Washington College Preparatory high school in the Highline Public School District. Founded in 2003 as the premier public high school of choice for students in the Greater Seattle area, we serve 406 students from over 25 school districts in the Puget Sound Region who wish to pursue their passion for aviation and aerospace in a learning environment that prepares them for higher education, citizenship, and careers. With 44 different courses taught by 20 professionally certified staff members, RAHS offers a project-based learning environment that prepares students for their STEM future.

Our Mission

To prepare all students for college, career, and citizenship through a personalized, rigorous, and relevant learning experience that is facilitated in the context of aviation and aerospace.

Academic Programs

All students at Raisbeck Aviation High School are expected to complete a demanding course of studies over their four years, including at least one Advanced Placement course. Staff members hold students to high academic standards, preparing them for the rigors of college life and STEM careers.

Highlights of our Academic Program:

- Teachers and students engage in authentic, in-depth learning experiences in the context of real-world aviation and aerospace. Learning occurs in a coherent manner through challenging inquiry and project-based curriculum and opportunities such as working with the Port of Seattle on the Environmental Challenge and partnering with industry mentors on the Heat Shield Project.
- Throughout their four years at RAHS, students become immersed in valuable Foundational Skills for Success that support their bright and viable future – including time and self-management, problem solving, teamwork, critical thinking, organization, and effective communication.
- Students, teachers and other stakeholders spend time together in a joint intellectual effort. Teachers plan and learn together through professional development. Students and teachers exercise choice and make decisions in all elements of school life.
- Learning takes place inside the school and out, in cooperation with community, business and higher education partners. Partnerships provide human talent, facilities, technology, and other resources necessary to prepare students for the ever-changing world of work and education. Partners include the Museum of Flight, The Boeing Company, Alaska Air Group, Raisbeck Engineering, Blue Origin, The Port of Seattle, the FAA, Delta Air Lines, and many others.
- Students have the opportunity to take college level courses through UW in the High School as well as Advanced Placement courses.
- The mentoring program at RAHS is a hallmark of our success. Students are matched with an industry mentor during their sophomore year; this mentor provides valuable advice, experience, and opportunities to assist students in their future endeavors.
- Students may apply for internships during their junior and/or senior year. Upon completion, students have gained valuable industry skills that are applicable to their future.
- All students in 11th grade are expected to complete the PSAT in the fall and to complete the SAT Assessment in the spring, on campus.
- RAHS is a member of the National Consortium of Secondary STEM Schools as well as the Center for Applied Professional Studies.

The Sky is NOT the Limit

Therese Tipton
Principal

Jeff Black
School Dean

Katie Carper and Mary Nackos
Counselors

Grades: 9-12

Student Count: 406

Median Class GPA: 3.67

Accreditation:
Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD) State of Washington

Grading and Ranking:
4.0 out of 4.0 Unweighted GPA

- A = 4.0
- B = 3.0
- C = 2.0
- D = 1.0
- F = 0.0
- W = Withdrawal
- P = Pass

Grades are based on a traditional 60 - 100% scale

Advanced Courses Offered:

- Advanced Aerospace
- Advanced Physics
- AP Env. Science
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Language
- AP US History
- AP Spanish Lang
- AP Statistics
- AP Computer Science
- UW in the HS English
- UW in the HS Astronomy

Graduation Requirements

All students must earn a minimum of 24 credits to graduate. All students are required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of community service. 9th grade students are required to take Aviation Careers and Aerospace Engineering along with their core courses. In addition, all students commit to taking at least one AP class during their time at RAHS.

A range of elective courses are available to students including 4 years of World Language, Aviation Photography, Leadership, Yearbook, Robotics, College Astronomy, Advanced Aerospace Engineering, CAD Engineering, Graphic Arts & Multi-Media, Fine Arts, Computer Programming, and Aviation Business Entrepreneurship.

College Planning and Preparation

Ensuring all students are well prepared to attend the college of their choice is a trademark of Raisbeck Aviation High School. The college-planning program at RAHS is student-centered, comprehensive, and embedded in the design and daily operations of the school. Requirements align with Washington State College Admissions.

Weekly Advisory time provides all students the opportunity to participate in college and career planning activities. During the student's four years at RAHS, they will finalize their personal High School and Beyond Plan, use individual interest surveys to consider options for their future, and complete research on apprenticeships, technical programs, and two and four-year colleges.

- Junior and Senior students attend college admissions panels and a "college admissions basics" presentation
- Junior students participate each year in the college admission seminar on such topics as essays, college selection, financial aid, and SAT/ACT/Subject tests
- Students attend yearly field trips to destinations such as the University of Washington, Port of Seattle, and King County Airport
- All Freshmen complete the Aviation Careers and Aerospace Engineering courses and explore the Museum of Flight
- All students attend an annual College Fair
- Annual Financial Aid events are publicized for all families
- College Admissions personnel from all over the US are frequent visitors to campus to present to students and families

Extra-Curricular Activities

All students at RAHS have the opportunity to participate in a variety of "Sports of the Minds" teams and other extra-curricular clubs.

- Award winning Science Olympiad Team
- Phoenix Force Robotics Team
- State and National level Speech and Debate Team
- Nationally competitive Technical Student Association
- The Aviation Career Experience (ACE) /GAMA Challenge
- American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)
- Women in Aviation International
- Key Club
- Environmental Club
- National Honor Society
- Culture clubs: Black Student Union, Latinx Club and AAPI
- Gender Sexuality Alliance Club

School Recognitions and Honors

US News and World 2024 Report Gold Status #4 High School in Washington; #172 out of more than 24,000 schools in the US. In 2025, 184 RAHS students took 388 Advanced Placement exams. The Class of 2025 graduated 99% of our 97 students, 92% of whom met College Readiness standards. 25 Graduates in the Class of 2025 are Washington Honor Recipients, placing them in the top 10% of all graduates in the state. 16 graduates earned the Seal of Bi-Literacy. 2025 Graduates earned over \$4.0 million in scholarships and performed over 8,460 hours of community service in their four years of high school.

PSAT Mean Score: 1111

SAT Mean Score: 1182

Smarter Balanced State Assessment (2025):

ELA 92% Pass
Math 68% Pass
Science 92% Pass

AP Avg. Test Scores:

AP Lang 2.9
AP US History 3.2
AP Calc AB/Subs 4.8
AP Calc AB 3.2
AP Spanish Lang 4.1
AP CS A 3.0
AP Env. Sci 3.3
AP Stats 3.3

National Merit Scholars:

National Scholars: 2
Semifinalists: 1
Commended: 3

Students Attending:

Four-Year College: 87%
Two- Year College: 9%
Military/Other: 4%

Demographics:

American Indian or Alaska Native	0%
Asian	26%
Black or African American	14.5%
Hispanic	12.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1%
Two or More Races	11%
White	35%

Free & Reduced Lunch:

32.3%