



Rockbridge County High School

Profile: 2026-2027

CEEB CODE: 471970

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Principal
Shaun Sparks
Grades

9 - 12

Enrollment

Fall 2027: 860

Size of Senior class: 217

Professional Staff

3 Assistant Principals

4 School Counselors

71 Faculty Members

1 Athletic Director

CLASS OF 2026

POST-SECONDARY
EDUCATION PLANS

4 Year College **43%**

2 Year College **16%**

Trade School/
Other Education **12%**

Military **<1%**

Employment **28%**

SAT SCORES (mean)

Total: 1199

EBRW: 607

Math: 592

ACT SCORES (mean)

Composite 25.1

English 24.0

Science 29.7

Reading 26.1

Mathematics 25.0

AP TESTS IN 2026

114 students took at least one AP Exam. A total of 274 exams were taken. Average AP score for all tests was 4.3 and 87% of all scores were 3 or higher.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Located in Lexington, Virginia, Rockbridge County High School is a comprehensive public high school that serves all students in Rockbridge County and in the City of Lexington. Rockbridge County, in the rural Shenandoah Valley, is home to Washington and Lee University and the Virginia Military Institute. Southern Virginia University is located in the neighboring city of Buena Vista. The school prides itself on its diverse and challenging curriculum, its highly qualified teachers, and on its state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. The RCHS campus also houses the Floyd S. Kay Technical center, which provides a diverse curriculum of Career and Technical Education Courses.

CURRICULUM

Rockbridge County High School is proud to offer a curriculum of over 100 different courses that are designed to prepare students for the finest colleges and universities, for the highly technical workplace of the 21st century, or for post-secondary technical training. RCHS is organized on a seven period school day. A maximum load (excluding marching band) is seven credits per year.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS IN VIRGINIA

Discipline Area	Advanced Studies Diploma Credit Requirements	Standard Diploma Credit Requirements
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	3
Laboratory Science	4	3
History & Social Sciences	4	3
Health & Physical Education	2	2
Foreign Language	3 credits of 1 language or 2 credits in 2 languages (4)	Not Required
Economics and Personal Finance	1	1
Fine Art, CTE, Electives	4*	6**
Total Number of Credits Needed:	26 Standard Credits	22 Standard Credits
Total Number of Verified Credits: (can vary for transfer students)	5 Verified Credits (2 English, 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 History)	5 Verified Credits (2 English, 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 History)

Students pursuing a standard diploma must also pass a VDOE approved CTE / Industry Credentialing Exam.

*1 must be a fine art or CTE. ** 2 must be fine art, CTE, or foreign language courses and 2 must be sequential in nature.

GRADING SCALE, GPA, & CLASS RANK

Grade	QPA	Grade	QPA	Grade	QPA	Grade	QPA	Grade	QPA
100	4.0	91	3.7	82	2.8	73	1.9	64	1.0
99	4.0	90	3.6	81	2.7	72	1.8	63	0.9
98	4.0	89	3.5	80	2.6	71	1.7	62	0.8
97	4.0	88	3.4	79	2.5	70	1.6	61	0.7
96	4.0	87	3.3	78	2.4	69	1.5	60	0.6
95	4.0	86	3.2	77	2.3	68	1.4	59	0.0
94	4.0	85	3.1	76	2.2	67	1.3		
93	3.9	84	3.0	75	2.1	66	1.2		
92	3.8	83	2.9	74	2.0	65	1.1		

Rockbridge County High School utilizes a weighted grading scale and class rank. Advanced Placement (AP) courses and Dual Enrollment (DE) courses receive an additional 1.0 quality point.

Honors (H) courses receive an additional 0.5 quality point.

GPA is calculated on the basis of all final grades for courses taken in grades 9- 12, for high school credit-bearing classes taken in middle school, and summer school.

Class Rank is calculated only for Juniors and Seniors.

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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

(past five years)

Alabama, Alaska, Amherst, Appalachian State, Arizona State, Asbury, Ashland, Auburn, Averett, Bard, Belmont, Berry, Bluefield, Blue Ridge, Boise State, Boston, Bowdoin, Brevard, Bridgewater, Brigham Young, Broward, Brown, Bryant, Bucknell, Butler, California Institute of Technology, Carnegie-Mellon, Case Western, Centre, Charleston Southern, Christopher Newport, Cincinnati, The Citadel, Claremont McKenna, Clemson, Coastal Carolina, Colby, Colgate, College of Charleston, College of William and Mary, College of Wooster, Colorado State University Columbia, Concord, Converse, Cornell, Dartmouth, Davidson, Denison, Dickinson, Duke, Earlham, East Carolina, East Tennessee State, East Tennessee State, Elon, Embry-Riddle, Emory and Henry, Ferrum, Florida, Florida State, Fordham, Furman, Gardner-Webb, George Mason, Georgetown, George Washington, Gettysburg, Greensboro, Grinnell, Grove City, Guilford, Hamilton, Hampshire, Hampden-Sydney, Harvard, Haverford, High Point, Hobart & William Smith, Hollins, Howard, Idaho, Ithaca, James Madison, Jefferson College of Health Sciences, Johnson and Wales, Kentucky, Kenyon, Kings, Lafayette, Lees-McRae, Lehigh, Liberty, Longwood, Louisiana State, Louisiana Tech, Loyola, Lynchburg, Mary Baldwin, Mary Washington, Marshall, McDaniel, Meredith, Michigan State, Mississippi, Montana State, Mount St. Mary's, Mount Holyoke, New York, NC State, Norfolk State, North Carolina, Northwest Ohio, Northwestern, Oberlin, Occidental, Oklahoma State, Old Dominion, Penn State, Pennsylvania, Pepperdine, Pittsburgh, Point Park, Presbyterian, Princeton, Purdue, Radford, Radford Carilion, Randolph, Randolph Macon, Reed, Regent, Rhodes, Rice, Richmond, Roanoke, Rollins, Savannah College of Art and Design, Sewanee, Shenandoah, Skidmore, Smith, Southern Methodist, Southern Virginia, Bonaventure, St. Olaf, Stanford, SUNY, Swarthmore, Sweet Briar, Syracuse, Texas A&M, Trinity, Tulane, Tennessee, University of Chicago, University of Miami, Virginia, University of San Francisco, US Air Force Academy, US Military Academy, US Naval Academy, Utah, Vanderbilt, Vassar, Vermont, Virginia, Virginia @ Wise, Virginia, Commonwealth, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Tech, Virginia Wesleyan, Wake Forest, Warren Wilson, Washington and Lee, Wellesley, Wesleyan, West Virginia, Wheaton, Whitman, William and Mary, Wingate, Wofford, Worcester Polytechnic, Wyoming, Yale, York College of PA.

COURSE TITLE DESIGNATIONS

Advanced Placement (AP): Highly accelerated college-level courses that can lead to the accumulation of college credits through passing scores on AP tests.

Dual Enrollment (DE): On-site college-level courses that allow students the opportunity to earn both high school and college credit. Please note that not all students elect to receive the college credits associated with the DE course.

Honors (H): Courses taught at an accelerated pace.

AP/DE: Students take and receive Dual Enrollment Credit as well as AP credit, if applicable.

AP, DE, and HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS

Advanced Placement	Dual Enrollment	Honors
	Calculus AB/BC DE	
AP Biology	Chemistry DE	Algebra II H
AP Calculus AB/BC	Chemistry 101 DE	Biology H
AP Chemistry	Computer Information Systems DE	Chemistry H
AP Comparative Gov & Politics	Culinary Arts I/II DE	English 9 H
AP Computer Science Principles	Cyber Security DE	English 10 H
AP Language & Composition	Economics and Personal Finance DE	Geometry H
AP Literature & Composition	EMT I/II DE	Latin III/IV/V/VI H
AP Modern World History	English 11 DE	Photography III/IV H
AP Physics C: Mechanics	English 12 DE	Photojournalism III/IV H
AP Precalculus	HVAC I/II DE	Sociology H
AP Spanish Language & Culture	Nurse Aide I/II DE	Spanish III and VI H
AP US Government & Politics	Precalculus DE	Studio Art & Design IV H
AP United States History	Spanish IV/V DE	World History II H
	Statistics DE	
	Teachers for Tomorrow I/II DE	
	United States Government DE	
	United States History DE	
	Welding I/II/III DE	

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

College Courses at Area Colleges: Many students take advantage of the unique opportunity to take college courses at local colleges, primarily at Washington and Lee University and Mountain Gateway Community College.

Independent Study: An independent study program enables students to pursue, for pass/fail credit, projects above and beyond the regular curriculum offered under the guidance and supervision of a faculty member or other mentor. All projects are approved and evaluated by a committee, and a colloquium presentation is required at the end of the semester.

Special Education Services: Special Education services are provided to identified students, based on the student's need. Services can range from full inclusion, which provides access to the general education curriculum, to more restrictive options as determined by need.

High Quality Work-Based Learning: provides students the opportunity to experience a structured work based experience in one of the following categories: job shadowing, service learning, mentorship, externship, school-based enterprise, internship, entrepreneurship, clinical experience, and cooperative education.

Declaration of Non-Discrimination: Rockbridge County Schools offer all programs and activities free from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability or gender. Grievance procedures for any forms of discrimination are published in the Rockbridge County Policy Manual located in the public library, in each school and the school board office, as well as online at http://www.rockbridge.k12.va.us/RCS_Policy/. Specific complaints under Title IX should be sent to the Assistant Superintendent; Section 504 complaints regarding discrimination should be sent to the Director of Special Education; all other discrimination complaints should be sent to the Superintendent. These persons may be reached at the Rockbridge County Schools Administrative Offices, 2893 Collierstown Road, Lexington, VA 24450, or by calling (540) 463-7386.