SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Accreditation: Connecticut State Board of Education and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges

Ridgefield High School is located in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a scenic suburban community of 25,000 residents located 55 miles from New York City in Fairfield County. Ridgefield is home to many executives, professionals, writers, artists and entrepreneurs.

RHS is a comprehensive, public, four-year high school offering sequential courses in all college preparatory subjects, plus a broad range of electives in art, theater, music, business, technology education and family and consumer science.

RHS has just over 1500 students and 158 faculty members.

RHS has two 18-week semesters with nine-week reporting periods and offers a summer session for academic enrichment; and schedules classes within the “block” framework.

RHS students compete as Ridgefield Tigers in the Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Conference (FCIAC) on 64 men’s and women’s teams. Over 50% of RHS students participate in interscholastic athletics during the year. Our programs are very competitive and have achieved high levels of success at both the league and state level. In the 2021-22 school year, RHS teams earned titles in Boys’ Cross Country (FCIAC, CIAC Open), Girls’ Cross Country (FCIAC), Boys’ Basketball (FCIAC), Boys’ Ice Hockey (FCIAC), and Dance (CIAC and New England Champions).

A majority of RHS students participate in at least one of the more than 50 special interest clubs, including: art, theater, student government, debate, publications, broadcast media and service. Students are recognized for outstanding work in service, special interests and national contests.

INTERPRETING the ACADEMIC RECORD

All courses taken at RHS are included in a weighted GPA according to the following scale

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Selected core courses receive bonus weight:
- Honors Courses (H) in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Languages (+0.5)
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses (+1.0)
- UCONN ECE (UCONN) courses (+1.0)

Advanced Placement courses are offered in the following subjects: Biology, Calculus AB & BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Macro and Micro Economics, Music Theory, Physics, Psychology, Statistics, Studio Art, United States Government & Politics, United States History, World History and World Languages (French and Spanish).

UCONN ECE courses are offered in: Economics, English, Environmental Science, Geoscience, Family and Consumer Science and World Languages (Chinese, French, Latin and Spanish).

A weighted GPA is calculated at the end of the sixth semester and includes only those courses taken at Ridgefield High School.

525 students in grades 10-12 took over 1200 AP exams in May 2022.
- 90% of these 2022 graduates went to four-year colleges
- 3% went to technical or two-year colleges

Ridgefield High School does not rank students.

Members of the Ridgefield High School Chapter of the National Honor Society have a special distinction as part of the only honor society affiliated with RHS.
MISSION STATEMENT
Our educational community strives to cultivate a highly engaging and personalized learning environment that encourages individual growth, resilience, citizenship and empathy.

CORE VALUES
To achieve our mission, Ridgefield High School commits to developing individuals who demonstrate the following skills and/or attributes:

Collaboration, Innovation, Mindfulness, Communication, Knowledge, Resilience

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
To graduate from RHS, students must accumulate a minimum of 25 credits in grade 9 -12.

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<th>Cluster</th>
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| HUM Humanities   | English (4.0)  
Modern World History (1.0)  
US History (1.0)  
Government & Politics (0.5)  
World Language (1.0)  
Humanities (1.5)  
*English, Social Studies, Visual & Performing Arts, World Language* | 9.0     |
| STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics | Mathematics (3.0)  
Science with Lab  
*Biology/Life Science (1.0)  
Chemistry/Physical Science (1.0)  
Physics (1.0)*  
STEM (3.0)  
| OPEN             | Courses from any department (4.0) | 4.0     |
| PE/HEALTH        | Health (0.5)  
Physical Education (1.0)  
Wellness (0.5) | 2.0     |
| MAS              | Mastery Based Diploma Credit  
*Culminating Internship Activity (1.0)* | 1.0     |

RHS students are encouraged to take seven credits during grades 9 and 10, along with six credits during grades 11 and 12.

During grades 11 and 12, students are permitted to take up to two pre-approved classes per year, online. These do not count towards GPA.

In the spring of 2020, during the COVID-19 emergency closure, RHS changed its grading practice to allow students to take a passing (P) grade as a final, year end grade. This P grade is not factored into a student’s GPA.
WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE RHS CLASS OF 2023

HONORS and ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

SCIENCE
- Biology Honors
- Chemistry Honors
- Physics Honors
- Biology AP
- Chemistry AP
- Geoscience/UCONN
- Environmental Science AP/UCONN
- Physics I AP
- Physics II AP

ENGLISH
- English I Honors
- English II Honors
- English III Honors
- American Studies Honors (English)
- Bib & Myth in Contemporary Literature Honors
- Moral Issues in World Literature Honors
- English Language AP
- English Literature AP
- UCONN English

WORLD LANGUAGE
- French IV Honors
- French V Honors/UCONN
- French AP
- Italian IV Honors
- Latin III Honors/UCONN
- Latin IV Honors/UCONN
- Mandarin IV Honors/UCONN
- Spanish IV Honors
- Spanish V Honors
- Spanish AP/UCONN

MATHEMATICS
- Geometry Honors
- Algebra II Honors
- Algebra II Honors (Fall)
- Precalculus Honors
- Precalculus Honors (Spring)
- Calculus Honors
- Calculus AP AB
- Calculus AP BC
- Computer Science AP (A)
- Statistics AP
- Multivariable Calculus Honors

SOCIAL STUDIES
- Modern History Honors
- United States History Honors
- American Studies Honors (History)
- World History AP
- United States History AP
- US Government & Politics AP
- Economics AP/UCONN
- Human Geography AP
- Psychology AP

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS
- Music Theory AP
- Studio Art AP

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE
- UCONN Ind/Family Development
RHS GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

- The University of Alabama
- Allegheny College
- American University
- Amherst College
- The University of Arizona
- Arizona State University - Tempe
- Assumption University
- Auburn University
- Barnard College
- Bates College
- Baylor University
- Bentley University
- Berklee College of Music
- Binghamton University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bowling Green State University
- Brooklyn College of the CUNY
- Brigham Young University
- University of British Columbia
- Brown University
- Bryant University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Bucknell University
- University at Buffalo (SUNY)
- California Polytechnic State University
- University of San Luis Obispo
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Central Connecticut State University
- Clark University
- Clemson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- Colby College
- Colgate University
- College of Charleston
- Columbia University
- Connecticut College
- The University of California
- University of Chicago
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Colorado - Boulder
- University of Connecticut
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- University of Delaware
- University of Denver
- DePaul University
- Dickinson College
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Eastern Connecticut State University
- University of Edinburgh
- Elon University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- Endicott College
- Fairfield University
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- University of Florida
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Full Sail University
- Furman University
- University of Georgia
- George Mason University
- The George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gettysburg College
- Hamilton College
- Haverford College
- Harvard College
- High Point University
- Hobart & William Smith Colleges
- Hofstra University
- College of the Holy Cross
- Howard University
- Indiana University at Bloomington
- Iona University
- Ithaca College
- James Madison University
- Johnson & Wales University
- The Juilliard School
- Keene State College
- Kenyon College
- King's College
- Lafayette College
- Lehigh University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Loyola University Maryland
- Lynn University
- Macalester College
- University of Maine
- Manhattan College
- Manhattanville College
- Marist College
- University of Mary Washington
- University of Maryland
- Mass Institute of Technology
- University of Massachusetts
- McGill University
- Merrimack College
- Miami University, Oxford
- University of Miami
- Michigan State University
- University of Michigan
- Middlebury College
- University of Missouri
- Mitchell College
- Montana State University
- Montclair State University
- Moravian College
- Muhlenberg College
- Naugatuck Valley Community College
- University of Nevada - Las Vegas
- New England College
- University of New England
- University of New Hampshire
- University of New Haven
- New York University
- Niagara University
- University of North Carolina
- University of North Texas
- Northeastern University
- Norwalk Community College
- Norwich University
- University of Notre Dame
- Oberlin College
- The Ohio State University
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Pace University, New York
- University of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pepperdine University
- University of Pittsburgh
- Plymouth State University
- Pomona College
- Princeton University
- Providence College
- Purdue University
- Queen's University
- Quinnipiac University
- Radford University
- Regis University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhode Island College
- University of Rhode Island
- Rhodes College
- Rice University
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester
- Roanoke College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Roger Williams University
- Sacred Heart University
- Saint Joseph's University
- Saint Louis University
- Saint Michael's College
- Salve Regina University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Santa Clara University
- University of Scranton
- Siena College
- Skidmore College
- University of South Carolina
- University of Southern California
- Southern Connecticut State University
- Southern Methodist University
- Stanford University
- State University of New York
- Stony Brook University
- Syracuse University
- The University of Tampa
- Temple University
- Texas A&M University
- Towson University
- Trinity College
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- Union College (New York)
- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Naval Academy
- Valley Forge Military College
- Vanderbilt University
- University of Vermont
- Villanova University
- Virginia Tech
- University of Virginia
- Wake Forest University
- Western Connecticut State University
- College of William and Mary
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Xavier University
- Yale University