

# High School Information Handout

## Ridgefield Park High School

The receiving school for high school Little Ferry students is Ridgefield Park High School (RPHS), located at 1 Ozzie Nelson Drive in Ridgefield Park, NJ. The transitioning process to RPHS includes presentations, a shadowing program, high school events, academic counseling, scheduling, placement tests, and orientation in 8th grade. Contact Ms. Anderson, share-time school counselor, should you have any questions.

If a student plans to apply to a private school, technical school, or academy, he or she must apply independently and notify Ms. Anderson to send academic records.

### Administration

- Mr. Koenig, *Principal*
- Mr. Kilmurray, *Assistant Principal*
- Mr. Raimondi, *Athletic Director*
- Dr. Stephen Ferraro, *Dean of Students*
- Ms. Susana Rodriguez, *Dean of Students*

### Department Supervisors

- Mrs. Alicia Armental: *Mathematics/Science*
- Mr. Gonzalez, *Physical Education/World Language/ESL/Home Economics/Industrial Arts/Security*
- Mrs. Gonzalez, *Special Education*
- Mrs. Harraka, *History/Business/Art/Music*
- Mrs. Hasselberger, *Guidance/English*

### Guidance Department

- School counselors play a critical role in your educational journey!
- Your guidance counselor, and Ms. Jerome, the Student Assistance Counselor, will provide support for you in a variety of academic, social and emotional areas:
  - Academic achievement: credits, required courses
  - Post high school planning: college, trade school, military, work
  - Career exploration
  - Social and emotional growth
  - Peer relationships

### AP Courses

The College Board's Advanced Placement program enables students to pursue college-level studies with the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. RPHS offers AP English, AP US History, AP European History, AP Psychology, AP Calculus, AP Computer Science, AP Italian, AP Spanish, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics I, AP Studio 2-D Design, AP Studio 3-D Design, and AP Studio Art Drawing Portfolio.

### Dual Enrollment Courses

RPHS has a partnership with Bergen Community College and Fairleigh Dickinson University to offer an opportunity for students to receive college credits while completing courses here at RPHS. Enrollment in these programs are done at the beginning of the school year. Courses through Bergen Community College include Honors US History 2, Honors English 4, Psychology, Child Development, Intro. to Business, Marketing, Italian 3, and Italian 4. Courses through Fairleigh Dickinson University include Sociology, Accounting, Teachers' Assistant Program, and History of Intolerance & Prejudice.

### Career Connections

RPHS provides an enriching environment for career connections, which include guest speakers, college visits, a college fair, a college night, a financial aid night, scholarships, holding the PSAT and SATs, SAT prep classes, career assessments, counselor post-high school planning, ASVAB, and Naviance.

## Daily Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, and Fridays consists of seeing each class (periods 2-9) for 42 minutes. Wednesday and Thursday are modified block days seeing half the classes each day, but for 87 minutes. Wednesday is even periods. Thursday is odd periods.

## Extracurricular Activities

RPHS offers a number of clubs and sports. If there is a club the school doesn't have, a student can initiate the process of creating one! You can even create your own events. Some past student-sponsored events were ping-pong tournaments, basketball tournaments, eating challenges, a bonfire, and blood drive. Some clubs include Book Club, Chess Club, Courtyard Club, Debate Team, DECA, Drama Club, Feminist Club, Interact Club, International Culture Club, Latin American Student Organization, Model United Nations Club, Navigator Bible Club, Peer Mediation, Robotics Club, Scarlet Letter, Scarlet Quill, Scarlet Society, School Musical, START II Animal Club, Student Government and You've Got A Friend Club. Sports include Football, Cheerleading, Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Cross Country, Tennis, Wrestling, Basketball, Winter Track, Bowling, Golf, Softball, Baseball, and Spring Track.

## Genesis

RPHS has Genesis, which is a web-based student information system in which students and parents can see schedules, attendance, live grades, assignments, teacher pages, and email contacts.

## Google Accounts

RPHS sets up all students with a Google account that can be used for email, MS Office like products, and Google Classroom.

## Prepared for the Future?

- According to the latest research, here are some of the best careers to enter, and RPHS has classes related to them.
  - **Engineering-** Engineering, accounting, AP physics, technical fabrication, and woodshop classes
  - **Finance-** Business, marketing, finance, investing and financial algebra classes
  - **Statistics-** Statistics and AP calculus classes
  - **Nursing-** Anatomy, AP science classes, and Nursing Club
  - **Psychiatry-** Psychology, child development, sociology, forensics, AP science classes, and Peer Mediation
  - **Computer Science-** Computer programming, web design, and robotics classes

## Why RPHS?

- RPHS knows Little Ferry well
- Guidance connection
- Easy transition, especially with friends
- Supportive and caring staff
- Close to home
- Easy transportation
- Our programs match other high schools
- Sports, clubs, AP courses, dual enrollment, technology
- We are "student idea friendly"
- Just ask our students

## What to Expect Later in the School Year?

- Shadowing program
- Presentations to students
- RPHS Holiday Concert
- Placement tests
- Scheduling
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation
- High School event notices

## Questions?

- [eanderson@littleferry.k12.nj.us](mailto:eanderson@littleferry.k12.nj.us)

# RPHS 4-Year Plan and Courses

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<b>English</b>	English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4
<b>Social Studies</b>	World History 2	U.S. History 1	U.S. History 2	
<b>Math</b>	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	<i>(Advanced math options)</i>
<b>Science</b>	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	<i>(Advanced science options)</i>
<b>Foreign Language</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	<i>Optional language</i>	<i>Optional language</i>
	Foreign language	Foreign language		
<b>Physical Education &amp; Health</b>	Phys. Ed. 9 /	Phys Ed 10/	Phys. Ed. 11/	Phys. Ed. 12/
	Health	Driver's Ed.	Health	First Aid
<b>Other</b>	2 Electives	2 Electives	2 Electives Personal Finance	6 Electives

Students must complete 125 credits. Additional requirements include 1 course in the arts, 1 course in 21<sup>st</sup> century life and career, 1 course in 21<sup>st</sup> century technology, and 30 hours of community service

Arts	Technology	Career
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art 1</li> <li>• Art 2</li> <li>• Art 3</li> <li>• Honors Art</li> <li>• Sculpture</li> <li>• Fashion 1</li> <li>• Fashion 2</li> <li>• Graphic Design 1</li> <li>• Graphic Design 2</li> <li>• Graphic Design 3</li> <li>• Digital Photography</li> <li>• Chorus (full or ½ year)</li> <li>• Band (full or ½ year)</li> <li>• Intro to Woodworking</li> <li>• Advanced Woodworking</li> <li>• Technical Fabrication &amp; Problem Solving</li> <li>• Home Improvement (1/2 year)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intro to Business</li> <li>• College Prep Accounting</li> <li>• Marketing</li> <li>• Computer Tech &amp; Literacy</li> <li>• Intro to Engineering</li> <li>• Intro to Architectural Design</li> <li>• Graphic Design 1</li> <li>• Graphic Design 2</li> <li>• Graphic Design 3</li> <li>• Digital Photography</li> <li>• Computer Programming 1</li> <li>• Computer Programming 2</li> <li>• Media Workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intro to Business</li> <li>• College Prep Accounting</li> <li>• Marketing</li> <li>• Fashion 1</li> <li>• Fashion 2</li> <li>• Intro to Engineering</li> <li>• Intro to Architectural Design</li> <li>• Graphic Design 1</li> <li>• Graphic Design 2</li> <li>• Graphic Design 3</li> <li>• Digital Photography</li> <li>• Teachers' Assistant Program</li> <li>• Cooking 1</li> <li>• Media Workshop</li> </ul>

## Additional Electives

Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies	Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative Writing</li> <li>• Journalism</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> Century Cinema</li> <li>• SAT LA (1/2 year)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-Calculus</li> <li>• Calculus</li> <li>• Statistics</li> <li>• Financial Algebra</li> <li>• SAT Math (1/2 year)</li> <li>• Robotics/Web Design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anatomy &amp; Physiology</li> <li>• Forensic Science (1/2 year)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History of Intolerance &amp; Prejudice</li> <li>• Sociology</li> <li>• Psychology</li> <li>• Child Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Finance (½ year)</li> <li>• Law &amp; Citizen (½ year)</li> <li>• Young Entrepreneur (½ year)</li> <li>• Investing for Tomorrow (½ year)</li> </ul>