

# Ridgefield Park High School 9th Grade Scheduling

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we reach the midway point in the school year it is time to start planning high school schedules. Over the next few weeks I will be meeting with each 8th grade student to review their 9th grade courses.

Freshmen students take the following courses each day:

- English I
- Biology
- World History II
- Algebra I or Geometry (if they are currently taking Algebra I)
- Spanish or Italian
- Physical Education
- Elective I
- Elective II

The four core classes (English, Biology, World History II and Algebra I/Geometry) are offered in three different levels, Honors, Scholars and Regular. Each student's level is determined by their current subject area teacher. Students will be informed of their levels during their scheduling meeting.

During the scheduling meeting students will choose their language course and elective courses. For their language course, they can choose from Spanish or Italian. Students take two elective courses each day, where they have 15 elective options to choose from as freshmen, with additional electives becoming available each year.

To prepare students for this important selection I presented to them on the topic of Career Development. The students learned about the importance of considering how their current interests may relate to a future career. They took a career assessment through ONET Online, which they can retake any time at <https://www.onetonline.org/>. To assist with the language choice, Ridgefield Park High School Spanish and Italian teachers will be visiting Memorial Middle School to review the different language programs. A list of elective options and additional information about the scheduling process can be found on my google site <https://sites.google.com/lfboc.org/anderson/home>.

If you have any questions please contact me via phone or email.

Sincerely,

*Ms. Anderson*

8th Grade School Counselor