#### Ridgefield Park Jr. Sr. High School, in partnership with Bergen Community College,

presents



### The Early College Academy



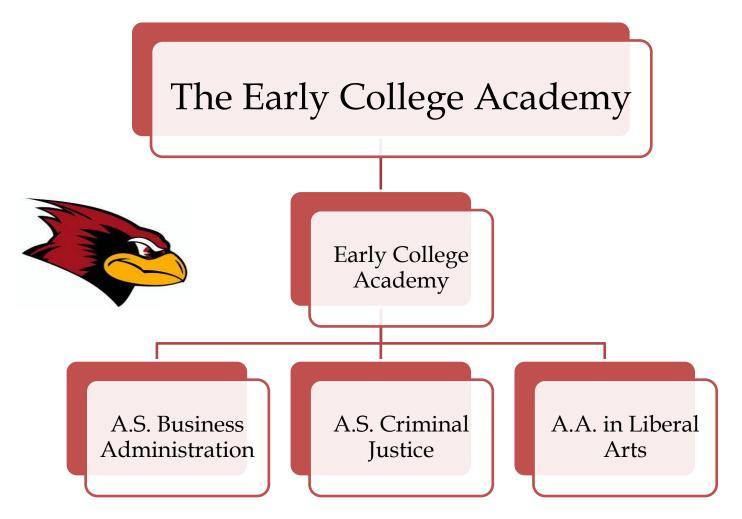
The Early College Academy

- Created in partnership with Bergen Community College
- One-of-a-kind program open to all Ridgefield Park Jr. Sr. High School students who meet the academic criteria
- Courses will be taken at BCC Paramus Campus or BCC
   Hackensack Campus (this will be determined in the Spring)
  - Minimal cost to families

The Early College Academy
Benefits

- Support and guidance from RPHS and BCC staff
- Graduate high school with an associate degree from Bergen Community College
- Accepted under Junior status at most universities
- Significant savings in the cost of obtaining a college degree

### Creating More Opportunities for Students



# The Early College Academy **Design**

### • Accepted students choose 1 of 3 tracks

- Business Administration
- Criminal Justice
- Liberal Arts
  - (these are subject to change depending on student interest and program availability)

### • Mornings at RPJSHS

- English
- Physical Education
- Math, History, Language, Science
- Elective
- Lunch

### The Early College Academy **Requirement Criteria**

- Participate and receive valid scores on PARCC every year, beginning 2017-2018 school year
- Fulfill BCC Testing Requirement
  - Minimum passing score on SAT <u>or</u> Accuplacer set by BCC
- Complete Algebra II before 11<sup>th</sup> grade year
- Maintain an overall, G.P.A. of B or better with no less than a C in any course at BCC
- Maintain a clean disciplinary record
- Adhere to RPJSHS attendance policy

#### Early College Academy Sample Schedule 8-12

Sample 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule					
1.	Language Arts				
2.	Math 8 or Algebra I (*students who did not take and/or pass Algebra I in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade must double up their math courses in either 9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> grade. Algebra II must be completed in 10 <sup>th</sup> grade).				
3.	Science				
4.	Social Studies				
5.	Foreign Language				
6.	Physical Education/Health				
7.	Elective				
8.	Cycle or Art				

## Early College Academy Sample Schedule continued...

#### Sample 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

- 1. Algebra I, Honors Algebra I, Geometry, Honors Geometry
- 2. English I
- 3. World History II
- 4. Biology
- 5. Computer Tech & Literacy
- 6. Foreign Language
- 7. Physical Education/Health
- 8. Elective

#### Sample 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

- 1. Algebra II, Honors Algebra II, Geometry, Honors Geometry
- 2. English II
- 3. US History I
- 4. Chemistry
- 5. Foreign Language
- 6. Physical Education/Health
- 7. Elective
- 8. Elective

### Sample 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at RPJSHS (Block periods 2&4 on Wednesdays/Block periods 3&5 on Thursday)			
8:07-8:49				
8:53-9:35				
9:38-10:21				
10:25-11:07				
	Lunch			
	Monday/Wednesday Fall Semester at BCC	Tuesday/Thursday Fall Semester at BCC	Friday Fall Semester at BCC	
11:30-1:04				
1:15-2:49				
	Monday/Wednesday Spring Semester at BCC	Tuesday/Thursday Spring Semester at BCC	Friday Spring Semester at BCC	
11:30-1:04				
1:15-2:49				

### Sample 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at RPJSHS (Block periods 2&4 on Wednesdays/Block periods 3&5 on Thursday)			
8:07-8:49				
8:53-9:35				
9:38-10:21				
10:25-11:07				
	Lunch			
	Monday/Wednesday Fall Semester at BCC	Tuesday/Thursday Fall Semester at BCC	Friday Fall Semester at BCC	
11:30-1:04				
1:15-2:49				
	Monday/Wednesday Spring Semester at BCC	Tuesday/Thursday Spring Semester at BCC	Friday Spring Semester at BCC	
11:30-1:04				
1:15-2:49				

### What does the research say?



# Students who participate in Early College Programs...

- Are more likely to attain a college degree
- Have greater access to college and greater enrollment
- Have greater academic achievement in high school

U.S. Department of Education, Institution of Education Sciences, What Works Clearinghouse (2017, February). Transition to college intervention report: Dual Enrollment programs. Retrieved from <u>https://whatworks.ed.gov</u>

### Common Questions...

- Will transportation be provided?
- If RP schools are closed but BCC is open, does the student still attend class at BCC?
- Can students still be involved in extra-curricular activities and sports at RP?
- Can students still receive dual enrollment credits in course like Honors US 2 or Honors English IV?
- Who pays for the books needed for the BCC courses?
- Can a student drop from the ECA and resume a normal schedule at RPHS?

**AN INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION ALWAYS PAYS THE HIGHEST RETURNS.** -Benjamin Franklin





### Thank You.

Please contact Eric Koenig, Principal Jamie Hasselberger, Supervisor of Guidance with any questions.