



RIDGEFIELD
SCHOOL DISTRICT

unlimited possibilities



2022-2023

PARENT GUIDE
and **CALENDAR**



WELCOME

Cover photo: Sisters Hensley (1st grade, left) and Corayln Hulegaard (2nd grade) enjoying some time together at recess during the Summer Learning Academy program.

Dear Ridgefield Students, Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! As always, we are excited to welcome students back from summer break and hope everyone returns feeling refreshed and eager to learn. It's going to be a great year!

We are pleased to provide you with our 2022-23 Parent Guide & Calendar. This issue highlights the many ways school returned to a more traditional experience for students and families. We look forward to building on that positive momentum this school year.

You may recognize some photos from our social media posts and our weekly parent and family newsletter, the Week in Review. From the excitement of the first day of school to the full return of extracurricular activities like sports and theater productions, these uplifting images showcase many activities that create a holistic, well-rounded educational experience for our students.

As always, this calendar provides essential information about school events, community activities, and Annual Notifications required by law. Before the start of school, you will receive an email with the necessary forms and detailed information for your child(ren), which includes the National School Lunch Program application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals; the Family Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) information and related forms; and the Automated Communications notification. All of this information is also available on the district website at www.ridgefieldsd.org.

Throughout the year, we will continue to provide you with important updates and stay in close communication via our district website at www.ridgefieldsd.org, on social media via Facebook (fb.com/RidgefieldSchools), Twitter (twitter.com/RidgefieldSD), and Instagram (@ridgefieldsd). Additionally, our communications department sends a weekly newsletter highlighting all the latest news and events happening around our district.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nathan McCann
Superintendent

*Superintendent McCann
delivers remarks congratulating
the Class of 2022 at graduation.*



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Ridgefield School District Board of Directors consists of five school board members, elected by ballot by the registered voters of the district. The school board acts as the policy-making body of the district and is responsible and accountable for planning, policy, advocacy, and evaluation. Guided by state and federal laws, the board provides direction for the district by approving policies, making financial decisions, determining building needs, and approving the budget.



District 1
Emily Enquist



District 2
Joseph Vance



District 3
Brett Jones



District 4
Donna Farnsworth



District 5
Zenia Bringham

BOARD *meetings*

Regular board meetings are held at 5:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Columbia Assembly Room at the Ridgefield Administrative & Civic Center (RACC), 510 Pioneer Street in downtown Ridgefield. All regular and special board meetings are open to the public, and all actions authorized or required by law are taken at these meetings. All formal actions are taken in public sessions. When physical distancing guidelines are in effect, meetings will be held via Zoom webinar. Please refer to the meeting agenda for specific Zoom link information.

Board meetings are open to the public, and all discussions are held during an open meeting with the exception of “executive sessions.” Comments from the public are invited relating to agenda items and non-agenda items. A “Citizen’s Request to Speak” form must be filled out and submitted to the board president before speaking during the public comment section. We encourage you to attend meetings and share your thoughts, ideas or concerns. When meetings are held via Zoom webinar, public comment will be accepted electronically. A link will be provided on the agenda.

EQUAL *opportunities*

Ridgefield School District No. 122 complies with all state and federal rules and regulations and provides equal opportunity in programs and employment and does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin/language, marital status, HIV/Hepatitis C status, sex, sexual orientation—including gender expression or identity, creed, religion, age, veteran or military status, disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. Ridgefield School District will also take steps to assure that national origin persons who lack English language skills can participate in all education programs, services and activities. For information regarding translation services, bilingual education or inquiries regarding compliance procedures, contact Chris Griffith, Title IX/Section 504/ADA Coordinator, 510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield WA 98642, (360) 619-1304, or by email at chris.griffith@ridgefieldsd.org.



DISTRICT GOALS

- 1 Achieve high outcomes through quality instruction, personalized learning, and continuous improvement resulting in success for every student.
- 2 Provide safe, inclusive, and supportive environments that nurture the well-being of the whole child.
- 3 Provide collaboration and communication opportunities with families, staff, and the community resulting in strong partnerships.
- 4 Close the disparity gaps by ensuring high expectations, removing barriers, and providing opportunities for all students.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Ridgefield School District aspires to be the state's premier district, leveraging strong community partnerships to provide each student personalized learning experiences, opportunities, and skills that ensure success and unlimited possibilities.



QUALITY INSTRUCTION

We ensure research-based instructional practices are implemented in every classroom utilizing access to professional growth and collaboration opportunities to reflect on and improve our practices.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

We deliver a premier educational program dedicated to developing the whole child. We provide students with personalized academic and extracurricular opportunities while increasing student learning.



LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

We strive to provide safe, well-maintained facilities with 21st century learning environments in which all students can succeed. We will maximize the availability of our facilities to support community use.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We create educational partnerships to promote collaboration, improve communication and provide programs for greater learning opportunities.

2022-2023

IMPORTANT DATES

August 23, 24, 25, 30	Teacher In-Service
August 31	First Day of Classes
September 5	Labor Day Holiday
October 7	Make-up Day
November 11	Veterans Day Holiday
November 22	End of First Trimester
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Break
December 22-31	Winter Break
January 3	School Resumes
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 26	End of Semester
January 27	Make-up Day
February 20	Presidents' Day Holiday
March 2	End of 2nd Trimester
March 3	Teacher In-Service
April 3-7	Spring Break
May 29	Memorial Day Holiday
June 9	RHS Graduation Day
June 15	Final Day of Classes

SCHOOL CLOSURE MAKE-UP DAYS

The first makeup day would be June 16.
Any additional makeup days will be
added to the week of June 19.

Common Religious Holidays

August

30 Janmashtami - Hindu

September

26-27 Rosh Hashanah - Jewish
26-4 Navaratri/Dassehra - Hindu

October

5 Yom Kippur - Jewish
8 Mawlid-al-Nabi - Islamic
10-16 Sukkot - Jewish
17 Shmini Atzeret - Jewish
18 Simchat Torah - Jewish

November

24-28 Diwali - Hindu

December

19-26 Hanukkah - Jewish
25 Christmas Day - Christian

January

7 Orthodox Christmas - Christian Orthodox
22 Lunar New Year

February

18 Maha Shivaratri - Hindu
22 Ash Wednesday - Christian
22 Beginning of Lent - Christian

March

7 Holi - Hindu
7 Purim - Jewish
30 Ramanavami - Hindu

April

7 Good Friday - Christian
9 Easter - Christian
6-13 Passover - Jewish
14 Orthodox Good Friday - Christian Orthodox
16 Orthodox Easter - Christian Orthodox
18 Lailat Ul Qadr - Islamic
22 Eid al-Fitr - Islamic
23 Beginning of Ramadan - Islamic

May

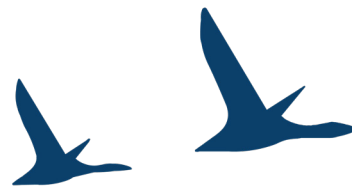
26-27 Shavuot - Jewish

June

29 Eid al-Adha - Islamic
29 Janmashtami - Hindu

July

30 Muharram - Islamic



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- School Holiday or Non-Attendance Day
- First and Last Days of School
- ◇ Teacher In-Service - No School
- ◆ Teacher In-Service 1/2 day - No School
- L One-Hour Late Start - All Schools *except Early Learning Center*

EARLY RELEASE KEY AND TIMES

E Elementary UR/SR 12:35 SRIS 11:30

M Middle SRIS/VRMS 11:30 and **E**lementary UR/SR 12:35 SRIS 11:30

H High School RHS 11:40

Union Ridge Elementary School

WELCOME BACK
WE MISSED YOU



*Sisters Eliah
(2nd grade, left) and
Eevah Fitzgibbons
(incoming kindergartner)
are all smiles on the first
day of the 2021-22 school
year at Union Ridge.*



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Experience
RIDGEFIELD
past, present, and future



*Experience Ridgefield
is a community carnival
held each September.
Come join us for family
fun, food, and festivities!*



 **JONES**
Landscape, Inc.

SEPTEMBER

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First Saturday:
Multicultural Festival
Farmers Market
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Labor Day
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School Board
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Farmers Market
9am-2pm
Oktoberfest 3pm-10pm

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School Board
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RHS students performed "Radium Girls" for the theatre program's fall play. It was the first live, in-person theatre production in over two years.



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*First Saturday:
BirdFest and Bluegrass*

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Early Release K-6

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*School Board
Meeting 5:00 pm*



Kindergartner Nova Englund shows off the Thanksgiving turkey hat she made in teacher Aubrey Scott's Union Ridge Elementary School class.



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First Saturday:
Make a Difference
Month Kickoff

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School Board
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Veterans' Day
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Early Release K-6

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School Board
Meeting 5:00 pm
End of 1st Trimester

Thanksgiving Day

Native American
Heritage Day

Early Release K-8

Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

Small Business
Saturday

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Union Ridge teacher Peggy Horne's first graders performed "Jingle Bells" in downtown Ridgefield.



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*First Saturday:
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Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

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*Christmas Day
holiday observed*

Winter Break - NO SCHOOL



*Union Ridge
Elementary 4th grader
Jacob Butler celebrating
MLK Jr. day.*



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*New Year's Day
holiday observed*

School Resumes

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*School Board
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*MLK Jr Holiday
NO SCHOOL*

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*School Board
Meeting 5:00 pm*

*Early Release
High School*

End of Semester

Make-up Day

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The girls volleyball team placed 2nd at the WIAA State tournament.



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*Presidents' Day
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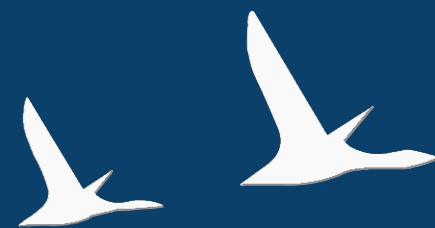
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School Board Meeting 5:00 pm



View Ridge Middle School art teacher Michelle Hankins gives some helpful advice to student Casey Lenhertz.



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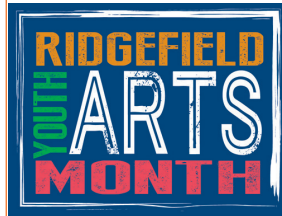
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encouraging a lifetime of creativity!

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Early Release K-6
End of 2nd Trimester

Teacher In-Service
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School Board
Meeting 5:00 pm



Kindergartner Hadley Potter gets some help with vocabulary words from South Ridge Elementary School teacher Lauren Lanham.



APRIL



R&C
MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC

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Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

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School Board Meeting 5:00 pm

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School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Board Meeting 5:00 pm

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RHS State 22 Bound!

The 2021-2022 school year marked the return for many student activities and sports, and RHS' teams enjoyed another successful year!



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*National Teacher
Appreciation Week*

School Lunch Hero Day

*First Saturday:
Spring Festival*

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*School Board
Meeting 5:00 pm*

*National School
Nurse Day*

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Mother's Day

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**Memorial Day
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*RHS' senior cheerleaders
being recognized on
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*First Saturday:
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Early Release K-6

RHS Graduation

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Final Day of Classes

Teacher In-Service

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Father's Day

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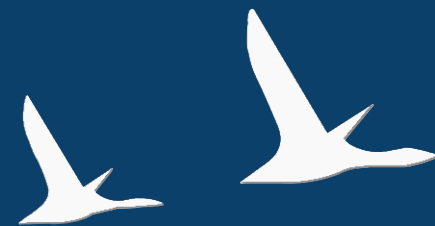
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RHS Theatre's spring play, "The Music Man" was a big hit with audiences! This was the first live musical theatre performance at RHS since 2019.



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*Independence Day
Ridgefield 4th of July
Celebration*

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ASBESTOS PLAN

The Ridgefield School District engages in a continuous asbestos surveillance program to ensure that there are no asbestos problems or danger to students and employees. A copy of the district's asbestos management plan is available for review at the Maintenance & Operations Office at 304 Pioneer Street.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

The Ridgefield School District works with state agencies (including OSPI) to establish a coordinated primary prevention program for child abuse and neglect. Parents may refuse to have their children participate in the program.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES

The district conducts ChildFind activities for the purpose of locating, evaluating, and identifying students with a suspected disability who are residing within district boundaries. ChildFind activities apply to children who are not currently receiving special education and related services. Parents having concerns about their child's health, hearing, intellectual functioning, language, learning, movement, serious behavioral needs, speech or vision can call their child's school.

COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM

Each senior high school shall have information available annually concerning the entrance requirements and the availability of programs in the local area that lead to college credit, including classes such as Advanced

Placement, Running Start, tech-prep, skill centers, college in the high school, and International Baccalaureate programs. In addition, each senior high school shall have available information of the names and contact information of other public or private entities offering such programs, including online Advanced Placement programs, to its students if the school has knowledge of such entities. For information on programs available to Ridgefield students, contact the counseling department at the high school.

DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

The Ridgefield School District supports and enforces drug-free schools.

Use and/or possession of alcohol and illicit drugs is unlawful, wrong, and harmful. A student shall not knowingly possess, use, transmit, be under the influence of, or show evidence of having used any alcohol or any controlled illegal, addictive, or harmful substances of any kind (including anabolic steroids) while on school grounds or at a school activity, function, or event.

Violation of this policy shall result in the following:

- The parent(s) will be notified to discuss appropriate treatment
- The school administration may request the assistance of a law enforcement official investigating the source of the substance
- Appropriate school disciplinary action will be taken

To ensure the safety, health and well-being of all students, the district is committed to a program that emphasizes drug and

alcohol abuse prevention, intervention, aftercare support and necessary corrective actions. While the primary obligation to seek assistance rests with the student and his/her parent(s), school staff shall work with the home and community to develop and implement a comprehensive prevention and intervention program. The district shall seek the support and cooperation of public and private agencies as necessary.

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)

In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act, the Ridgefield School District provides notices to parents and the public including annual reports and progress reviews; school improvements; teacher qualifications; student achievement information; and a variety of information about the status of English Learners. The U.S. Department of Education provides a guidance document on Parental Involvement Title I, Part A on their website at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/parentinvguid.doc>.

FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT - CONFIDENTIALITY

Parents in the Ridgefield School District have rights to confidentiality under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The parent or eligible student has a right to inspect and review the student's education records; amend education records; consent to disclose personally identifiable information contained in education records; and file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education. Parents wishing to review

their children's records should contact the registrar at their child's school.

Additional information about the district's policies and procedures for maintenance and disclosure of student records is available in Board of Directors Policy 3231 and Policy 3231P, which are available on the district's website at www.ridgefieldsd.org.

IMMUNIZATIONS

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases and in recognition that prevention is a means of combating the spread of disease, the board requires a student to present evidence of immunization against diseases as required by the Washington State Board of Health. Students must get vaccine doses at the correct time frames to be in compliance with school requirements.

Talk to your healthcare provider or school staff if you have questions about school immunization requirements. There are additional important vaccines for children that are not required for school entry. Find information on these vaccines at www.immunize.org/cdc/schedules/.

LIFE-THREATENING HEALTH CONDITIONS

Each year, the Ridgefield School District is required to make information available to parents of students in Grades 6-12 regarding meningococcal disease and its vaccine and human papillomavirus disease and its virus. Information regarding both of these diseases can be found at the following websites for the Washington State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

Meningococcal Disease

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/Meningitis>

<https://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/>

Human Papillomavirus

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/HumanPapillomavirusHPV>

<https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/>

If you do not have internet access, please contact the Washington State Department of Health at 360-236-4501 or 800-525-0127.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. It also spreads through close contact with others, including handshakes and sharing food or drinks.

Symptoms: Symptoms can range from mild to severe and include coughing, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, fever, chills, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. They may appear 2-14 days after exposure. If you have COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home except to get medical care.

Prevention: Simple actions can help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often
- Avoid close contact
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect
- Call before you go to the doctor
- Monitor your health daily

Call 911 if you experience the following emergency warning signs of COVID-19:

- Trouble breathing
- Ongoing pain or pressure in the chest
- Sudden confusion
- Being unable to respond to others
- Blue lips or face

Official sources of information are the best way to stay grounded in fact. Online resources such as <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>, the Washington State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control are great resources. ESD 112 provides an excellent online resource with current information for school districts in our area.

VACCINES REQUIRED FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	DTaP/Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	Hepatitis B	Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B)	MMR (Measles, mumps rubella)	PCV (Pneumococcal Conjugate)	Polio	Varicella (Chickenpox)
PRESCHOOL Age 19 months to <4 years on 09/01/2022	4 doses DTaP	3 doses	3 or 4 doses* (depending on vaccine)	1 dose	4 doses*	3 doses	1 dose**
PRESCHOOL/ TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN Age >4 years on 09/01/2022	5 doses DTaP*	3 doses	3 or 4 doses* (depending on vaccine) Not required age >5	2 doses	4 doses* Not required at age >5	4 doses*	2 doses**
KINDERGARTEN through 6th	5 doses DTaP*	3 doses	Not Required	2 doses	Not Required	4 doses*	2 doses**
7th through 9th	5 doses DTaP* Plus Tdap at ≥10	3 doses	Not Required	2 doses	Not Required	4 doses*	2 doses**
10th through 12th	5 doses DTaP* Plus Tdap at >10	3 doses	Not Required	2 doses	Not Required	4 doses*	2 doses**

*Vaccine doses may be acceptable with fewer than listed depending on when they were given. **Health care provider verification of history of chickenpox disease is also acceptable. Students must get vaccine doses at the correct timeframes to be in compliance with school requirements.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)

Under IDEA, the Ridgefield School District provides a copy of procedural disability safeguards upon request.

MILITARY RECRUITERS LEGISLATION

Section 8528 of the Every Student Succeeds Act, also known as Armed Forces Recruiter Access to Students and Student Recruiting Information, requires schools to provide student contact information to military recruiters and institutes of higher education unless a parent has opted out of providing such information.

McKINNEY-VENTO ACT

The Ridgefield School District is required to provide notice of the education rights of homeless students and conducts an annual housing survey. If you believe your child may be eligible, contact your child's school counselor or the district's Homeless Liaison at 360-619-1349 to find out what services are available. Additional information is available on the district's website at www.ridgefieldsd.org on the Federal Programs page under "Families In Transition".

Visit  *for additional support.*

MEAL PRICING AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Ridgefield School District provides parents and the public with information about Free and Reduced price meals. For more information, contact the district's Lunch Program Liaison at (360) 619-1309, view our website www.ridgefieldsd.org, or view the National School Lunch Program at the USDA's website www.fns.usda.gov/nslp

Food Service Meal Charges

It is the district's intent to ensure all students have access to healthy and nutritious food regardless of income levels. The district acknowledges that at times, there may be financial barriers which prevent families from being able to pay for meals in a timely manner. As a result, the district has established the following framework to outline its procedures for management of food service meal charges.

Obtaining Financial Assistance

Families in financial need will be provided an application to determine eligibility for the Free and Reduced Meal program. Applications are available by contacting the student's school building, on the district's website (www.ridgefieldsd.org), or through Skyward Family Access.

Families can request to use building lunch buddy program funds to assist in paying for reimbursable lunches/breakfasts, subject to funding availability. Due to limited funding, the district will limit the use of these funds for each student to five meals per year.

Families can also contact the Ridgefield School District Family Resource Center to request other financial assistance, or receive additional services.

Lunch Charges

Students will be allowed to charge food service costs to their student account for reimbursable breakfast and lunch meals only. The district does not permit students to charge any amounts for a la carte items (snacks, beverages, etc.). Parents wishing to not allow charged meals can request so by contacting the district's Food Services Director or cafeteria lead at their respective school building.

Employees/contracted staff are not permitted under any circumstances to

charge meals or other items on account.

Communication

The district will provide written notification to all parents at the beginning of each school year of these procedures through the annual notification to all parents. In addition, the district will send weekly notifications through Skyward to all families via email when their balances become negative, or for outstanding fines and fees owed. The district will also send an automated call out to families on a weekly basis informing them of negative balances.

Alternatively, families can opt in to receive low balance alert notifications through their Family Access account. This low balance alert sends an email to the main family contact when the student balance falls below \$3.00. Families also have the ability to pay their food service charges online through the same Family Access portal.

Collections Process

Returned payments will be removed from the available food service balances for affected students. Families with more than \$25.00 in total outstanding fines and fees will be subject to the district's collections process. The district will send written notices at 30 days, 60 days and 90 days past due. The final notice will include a communication that the charges will be sent to the district's collections agency (Columbia Collectors) if payment arrangements are not made prior to 120 days past due.

Families can contact the individual school buildings or the Business Services Department to make payment arrangements for outstanding student fees, or the Food Services Department for outstanding food service charges. When setting up payment plans, the district will

consider families' available resources and the amount of the outstanding debt to determine the payment levels and time period for which payments are to be due.

Remaining Food Service Balance

Upon withdrawal from the district, amounts remaining on account for students over \$5.00 will be automatically refunded to the family by the district Accounting Department. Prior to refunding any credit balances owed, the Accounting Department will check to ensure no other household family member has any negative balances within food service. The Accounting Department will also check to ensure no outstanding student fees are owed by the student. If fees are still owing, the food service refund will be applied to outstanding fines and fees and any remaining balance will be refunded to the primary guardian on record.

For any amounts remaining under \$5.00, the district will remit funds directly to the Department of Revenue Unclaimed Property Division after 3 years, unless a parent specifically requests to receive a refund.

All families leaving the district will have an option to donate residual food service balances to a building lunch buddy fund. This fund will be administered by the Food Services Director and Building Administrator (or approved designee) at each location.



NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Ridgefield School District complies with all state and federal rules and regulations and provides equal opportunity in programs and employment and does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin/language, marital status, HIV/Hepatitis C status, sex, sexual orientation—including gender expression or identity—creed, religion, age, veteran or military status, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

Ridgefield School District will also take steps to assure that national origin persons who lack English language skills can participate in all education programs, services and activities. For information regarding translation services, bilingual education or inquiries regarding compliance procedures, contact Chris Griffith, Title IX/Section 504/ADA Coordinator, 510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642 (360) 619-1304 or by email at chris.griffith@ridgefieldsd.org.

You can report discrimination and discriminatory harassment to any school staff member or to the district's Civil Rights Coordinator Chris Griffith, 510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642 (360) 619-1304 or by email at chris.griffith@ridgefieldsd.org. You also have the right to file a complaint.

For a copy of your district's Nondiscrimination Policy and Procedure, contact your school or district office or view Board Policy 3210 and Procedure 3210P at <https://www.ridgefieldsd.org/o/district/browse/4811>.

PESTICIDES

Washington State law requires all school districts to adopt a pesticide policy and related procedures for implementing the policy. It is Ridgefield School District's intent to take steps that will promote a safe and healthy environment for children, staff, parents, and others who visit the schools. A copy of the district's management book is available upon request.

RELEASING INFORMATION (FERPA, HIPAA, PPRA)

Ridgefield School District is permitted by state and federal law to disclose student information without consent in the following cases: if a school official needs to review an education record to fulfill his or her professional responsibility; if information is requested by another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll; and if the information requested is directory information including the student's name, photograph (for use in public information), date and place of birth, address, phone number, grade, dates of attendance, most recent previous school attended, diplomas and awards received, and participation in recognized activities and sports.

Though schools may release directory information without obtaining the prior consent of parents, school officials use their discretion as to whether they release such information to third parties.

Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), parents have the right to request nondisclosures of any or all of the above information by completing and submitting the Request to Opt Out of

FERPA Directory Information form to their child's school.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND BULLYING

The district and school board recognize their responsibility to provide a working environment for employees and a learning environment for students that is free from all types of discrimination, including sexual harassment and bullying. Students and staff are protected against sexual harassment by anyone in any program or activity, including on the school campus, on the school bus, or off-campus during a school sponsored activity. Sexual harassment is unwelcomed behavior or communication that is sexual in nature when:

- A student or employee is led to believe that he/she must submit to unwelcome sexual conduct or communications in order to gain something in return, such as a grade, a promotion, a place on a sports team, or any educational or employment decisions; or
- The conduct substantially interferes with a student's educational performance or creates an intimidating or hostile educational or employment environment

Examples of sexual harassment:

- Pressuring a person for sexual favors
- Unwelcome touching of a sexual nature
- Writing graffiti of a sexual nature
- Distributing sexually explicit texts, email or pictures
- Making sexual jokes, rumors or suggestive remarks
- Physical violence, including rape or sexual assault

Complaint Options: Discrimination and Sexual Harassment

If you believe that you or your child have experienced unlawful discrimination, discriminatory harassment, or sexual harassment at school, you have the right to file a complaint.

Before filing a complaint, you can discuss your concerns with your principal or with the school district's Section 504 Coordinator, Title IX Officer, and Civil Rights Coordinator: Chris Griffith, 510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642 (360) 619-1304 or by email at griffith@ridgefieldsd.org. This is often the fastest way to resolve your concerns.

For more information, please refer to Board Policy 3205 and Procedure 3205P.



For information regarding bullying prevention, the district-wide PBIS program, and mental health resources, please visit the district's Social Emotional Learning website at www.ridgefieldsd.org or scan the QR code to the right.



Social Emotional Learning

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Federal law permits parents of children in Title I schools to request information on the professional qualifications of their child's teachers. Specifically, parents have the right to ask for the following information:

- Whether OSPI has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches;
- Whether OSPI has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances;
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and if so, the subject of the degrees; and
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and if they do, their qualifications. If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact your child's school.

If you would like to know if your child's school is a Title I School and/or receive any of this information, please call the district office at 360-619-1301.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To receive a diploma from the Ridgefield School District, students must successfully complete the following requirements:

HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLAN

The High School and Beyond Plan is required for graduation. It is developed throughout high school with extensive focus on the senior year. Counselors provide guidance and technical assistance to students, parents, teachers, and administrators in this process.

STATE TESTING

Successful completion of state testing requirements in the areas of English Language Arts, Science and Math.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

The Class of 2022 and beyond are required to earn 24 credits. Each semester course is worth 0.5 credits. Students take six classes for a total of 3 credits each semester. Students may be required to take additional classes based on their state assessment scores.

ENGLISH - 4 credits

9th Grade English (1 year)
10th Grade English (1 year)
11th Grade English (1 year)
12th Grade English (1 year)

MATHEMATICS - 3 credits

SCIENCE - 3 credits

Physical Science (1 year)
Biology (1 year)
Elective Science (1 year)

HEALTH AND FITNESS - 2 credits

Health (1 semester)
Physical Education (3 semesters)

SOCIAL STUDIES - 3 credits

10th Grade: World History/AP Human Geography/AP World History (1 year)
11th Grade: U.S. History/AP U.S. History (1 year)
12th Grade: Contemporary World Issues (1 year)
Washington State History required

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION - 1 credit

FINE ARTS - 2 credits required*

WORLD LANGUAGE - 2 credits required*

ELECTIVES - 4 credits

*Credit requirements can be adjusted per the student's Personalized Pathway and High School and Beyond Plan. Students should see their counselor for more information.



Looking for more information?

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has it all!



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



FACILITY RENTALS



COMMUNITY UPDATES
FROM
SUPERINTENDENT
NATHAN McCANN

EVENTS



INCLEMENT WEATHER

If the need arises for the school(s) to be closed, start late, or end early due to inclement weather or other emergency, the following communication vehicles will be utilized:

- Alert local media via FLASHALERT
- Email and voicemail broadcasts
- District website news feed update at www.ridgefieldsd.org

School closure and length of closures are determined by the School District Superintendent. Decisions will be broadcast beginning at approximately 6:00 a.m. Early dismissals will be communicated as early as possible.

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SCHOOL CONTACT INFO AND HOURS



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(360) 619-1333
(360) 619-1397
 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Director Brittany Goff



K-12 5645 South 11th Street
(360) 619-1300
Director of Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) and Business Partnerships
 Allen Andringa



K-4 502 NW 199 Street
(360) 619-1500
(360) 619-1559
 9:05am – 3:35pm
 8:45am – 4:00pm
Principal Jill Neyenhouse
Assistant Principal Tawny Malone
Head Secretary Krista Harris
Attendance Kathy Groat



K-4 330 N. Fifth Avenue
(360) 750-7600
(360) 750-7659
 9:05am – 3:35pm
 8:45am – 4:00pm
Principal Angie Gaub
Assistant Principal Brian Heim
Head Secretary Crystal Harris
Attendance Holly Andrews
Fee Management Katrina Tullis



5-6 3215 S. Hillhurst Road
(360) 619-1420
(360) 619-1458
 8:05am – 2:35pm
 7:30am – 3:00pm

Principal Todd Graves
Assistant Principal Stephanie Goad
Head Secretary Kim Babien
Attendance Kirthie Bryant



7-8 3215 S. Hillhurst Road
(360) 619-1400
(360) 619-1459
 8:05am – 2:35pm
 7:30am – 3:00pm

Principal Ian Mansfield
Assistant Principal Stephanie Goad
Head Secretary Sharon Bisila
Attendance Kirthie Bryant
Athletic Secretary Susan Arndt



RIDGEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

9-12 2630 S. Hillhurst Road
(360) 619-1320
(360) 619-1395
 8:00 am – 2:45 pm
 7:00 am – 3:30 pm

Principal Christen Palmer
Assistant Principal Lindsay McQuiston
Assistant Principal Jeremy Tortora
Head Secretary Christine Petersen
Attendance Moniqua Chard
Registrar Roz Andersen
Athletic Secretary Suzanne Tudor
ASB/Athletics Secretary Hillary Wheeler



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