

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for graduation, students must have received a passing grade in the following units of credit: **36 Credits Required**

List of Requirements:

**English 4 total credits**

English 1 (9<sup>th</sup>) 1 credit

English 2 (10<sup>th</sup>) 1 credit

English 3 (11<sup>th</sup>) 1 credit

English 4 or College English (12<sup>th</sup>) 1 credit

**Social Science 3 total credits**

World History (10<sup>th</sup>) 1 credit

American History (11<sup>th</sup>) 1 credit

American Government (12<sup>th</sup>) 1 credit

**Science 3 total credits**

Biology 1 1 credit

Physical Science or Advanced Physical Science 1 credit

Additional Science Class 1 credit

**Mathematics 3 total credits**

Algebra 1 (9<sup>th</sup>) 1 credit

Geometry (9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>) 1 credit

Algebra 2 or Financial Algebra(10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>) 1 credit

**Physical Education & Health 1 credit**

Freshmen P.E. & Health (9<sup>th</sup>) 1 credit

**Computer Applications 1 credit**

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**Fine Arts 1 credit**

Electives Additional to reach total above

**To be classified in the following classes a student must have completed: (12) 27 credits, (11) 18 credits, (10) 9 credits.**

Seniors who fail to pass the required courses in order to graduate may participate in graduation ceremonies only if they are one credit or less short of graduation.

### **Graduation Tiers**

Effective with the Class of 2017, eligible students are those who attend RHS for their full senior year.

### **Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors)**

4.0 – above weighted GPA, 3 weighted courses

Wear light blue cords at graduation

**Magna Cum Laude (High Honors)**

3.95-3.99 weighted GPA, 2 weighted courses

Wear silver cords at graduation

**Cum Laude (Honors)**

3.85-3.94 weighted GPA

Wear white cords at graduation

The 2016-2017 school year will be a transition year from the concept of valedictorian and salutatorian to the graduation tiers honor system. During the 2016-2017 school year both systems will be honored with the valedictorian and salutatorian awards presented to the two students whose cumulative GPA percentages are the highest and second highest, respectively. The valedictorian and salutatorian must have completed a minimum of three weighted classes. The cumulative percentages will be computed on semester percentages for all courses taken for high school credit over eight semesters. The semester percentages will be checked following the posting of final senior grades at the conclusion of the senior second semester. They will be computed to three places and not rounded. In the event of a tie for Valedictorian, there will not be a student or students honored as salutatorian. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year the valedictorian/salutatorian system will be dropped and the graduation tiers system will be the only system to honor seniors at graduation. This provides all students with two years notice of the change.

The rationale for this change was to adopt a system that motivates and encourages more students to work toward and achieve these honors. This will allow our school to honor more seniors for outstanding academic performance than the current valedictorian/salutatorian system allows.