



Ridgewood High School

Class of 2023 Profile

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442

students
in the class of 2023

95.1%

college bound

Ridgewood High School at a Glance

Ridgewood High School was founded in 1892 and is a comprehensive high school for grades 9-12, with a present school population of 1750. The high school is one of the largest in Bergen County and is consistently ranked among the top public high schools in New Jersey. The academic environment is rigorous with a robust, multidimensional curriculum offering.

Outside of the classroom, Ridgewood High School features a vibrant and comprehensive extracurricular program. Our music, arts, and dance programs are all exceptional and have received accolades and recognition at the state and national level. In 2023, our Athletic Programs won a record breaking 29 state championships, the most in New Jersey.

Ridgewood, New Jersey, is an incorporated village with a population of approximately 26,000 and is located in Bergen County, 16 miles from New York City. The citizens maintain a high level of interest in the education system, often moving to Ridgewood for the quality of the education system. The expenditure per pupil for the 2022-2023 school year was \$16,563. Presently, 85% of the school's certified staff have earned Master's Degrees or higher.

45.1%

attending
Public/State college

49.4%

attending
Private college

18.8%

attending college
in New Jersey

1.4%

attending a
2-year college

1303

average SAT score

26

average ACT score

116

co-curricular
activities and clubs

33

Top Ranked
Sports Teams

Class of 2024 GPA Distribution (As of June 2023)

4.5671-4.0001	20.5%
4.0000-3.5001	31.4%
3.5000-3.0001	25.4%
3.0000-2.5001	10.9%
2.5000-2.0001	7.5%
2.0000 & below	4.4%

Freshman Year Philosophy

At Ridgewood High School, an intentional focus is placed on student well-being, mental health, and balance. For incoming 9th grade students, all students take college preparatory level courses with the exception of students who double accelerate in mathematics. Course level options are purposely limited to college prep level courses to allow our 9th grade students to transition to high school. Our Freshman F.O.C.U.S. Program is a one-of-a-kind peer model orientation program that lasts until April and offers students additional support and mentorship.

Grade	Scale	AP	Honors	CP
A	93-100	5.00	4.50	4.00
A-	90-92	4.67	4.17	3.67
B+	87-89	4.33	3.83	3.30
B	83-86	4.00	3.50	3.00
B-	80-82	3.67	3.17	2.67
C+	77-79	3.33	2.83	2.33
C	73-76	3.00	2.50	2.00
C-	70-72	2.67	2.17	1.67
D+	67-69	2.33	1.83	1.33
D	63-66	2.00	1.50	1.00
D-	60-62	1.67	1.17	0.67
E	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00

Administration

Superintendent

Mark Schwarz

Interim Assistant Superintendent

**Curriculum,
Instruction
& Assessment**

Rich Freedman

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NJ Minimum Requirements

- ✓ 4 years English & Wellness
- ✓ 3 years Mathematics, History (2 U.S.), Lab Science
- ✓ 2 years World Language
- ✓ 1 year Visual or Performing Arts or Career Education (Consumer, Family, & Life Skills)
- ✓ 1/2 year Financial Literacy

Scheduling Constraints

At Ridgewood High School, students are able to select six classes in addition to Wellness/Health annually. We are fortunate to be able to offer an extensive program of study with diverse course offerings. Students are encouraged to take a rich and eclectic schedule, giving them the opportunity to challenge themselves and expand their areas of knowledge. Additionally, we value all disciplines and believe that students should explore subjects that inspire passion and creativity, even if that results in one less academic elective.

Accolades

- ➡ Ranked #9 public high school in NJ - Niche, 2023*
- ➡ Ranked #15 public high school in NJ - U.S. News & World Report, 2022*
- ➡ College Board's 2020 AP Computer Science Principles Female Diversity Award
- ➡ 4 National Merit finalists
- ➡ 116 co-curricular activities and clubs
- ➡ 86 Seal of Biliteracy Awards were given in 2023

*not including academies/charter schools

AP by the Numbers

- ➡ 1254 AP Exams
- ➡ 35 AP Exams
- ➡ 31% - Score of 5
- ➡ 31% - Score of 4 or better
- ➡ 25% - Score of 3 or better
- ➡ 222 Total AP Scholars
- ➡ 87 AP Scholars with Distinction
- ➡ 55 AP Scholars with Honor
- ➡ 80 AP Scholars

**Grades 11-12: max
5 AP classes**

**AP data based on 2022
administration**

AP Course Load at RHS

Students in 11th and 12th grade are permitted to take a maximum of five AP classes. Students in 9th grade are not eligible to enroll in an AP class. Students in 10th grade have the potential to take up to two AP classes, but this is rare. As a result of our freshman year philosophy, 68% of the Class of 2023 took four or fewer AP classes during their high school career.

Ridgewood High School Course Offerings

Course descriptions can be found in our Program of Studies

English

AP
Capstone Seminar American Studies
Language & Composition
Literature & Composition
Senior Seminar

Honors

English 10, 11, 12
US History & Literature w/Integrated Study
in the Arts 1 & 2
Beat Generation
Creative Writing
Crime & Mystery Fiction
Female Protagonist
Journalism & Media
Literature, Identity & Media
Myth, Legend & the Bible
Non-Fiction Creative Writing
Philosophy & Literature
Philosophy of Race
Ridgewood Academy of Health Professionals
Senior Seminar
Studies in Shakespeare

CP

English 9, 10, 11, 12
American Experience
American Humanities
Literary World Views
Non- Fiction Creative Writing

English as a Second Language

ESL
Advanced ESL
High-Intensity ESL
ESLIP - ESL Integration Program

World Languages

AP

French
Latin
Spanish

HONORS

Chinese
French
German
Latin
Spanish
Classical Cinema

CP

American Sign Language I & II
Chinese
French
German
Latin
Spanish

Business & Marketing

Honors

Business Management
Accounting 1 & 2
Adv. Marketing and Merchandising 1 & 2
Managerial Accounting

CP

Finance
Entrepreneurship
Intro to Business
Merchandising
Intro to Marketing
Sports & Entertainment Marketing

Alternative Programs

School to Careers
Structured Learning Experience
Satellite AM/PM

Math/Computer Science

AP
Calculus AB
Calculus CD
Statistics
Computer Science
Principles of Computer Science

Honors

Algebra 2
Math Analysis
Calculus
Computer Programming
Adv. Topics in Computer Science

CP

Algebra 1
Algebra 1 Advanced
Algebra 2
Algebra 2 Enriched
Advanced Algebra w/Trig.
Computer Applications
Geometry
Precalculus 1
Precalculus 1 Enriched
Precalculus 2 with Statistics
Probability & Statistics
Statistics with Finance

Social Studies/Social Sciences

AP

US History 1 & 2
European History
Government & Politics
Human Geography
Microeconomics/Macroeconomics
Psychology
Social Studies Seminar

Honors

US History 1 & 2
US History 1 American Studies
US History & Lit. w/Integrated Study
in the Arts 1 & 2
Classical Foundations of America
Constitutional Law
Contemporary Issues in Social Science
Criminal Law
Global Economics
Human Geography
Modern European History
Psychology
Revenge, Justice & Social Mores
in Greek Tragedy
Ridgewood in History
Ridgewood Leaders
Social Studies Seminar
Sociology
Stock Market and the Economy
Global Citizenship
The Power of One
Trojan War
Western/Non Western Philosophy

CP

US History 1 & 2
US History American Experience 1 & 2
US History I & II American Humanities
Film as History in the 20th Century
History of American Society and Culture
History of the Modern World
Human Geography
Psychology
Ridgewood Leaders
Global Citizenship H
The Power of One
World History

Science

AP

Physics 1 & 2
Physics C
Seminar RAHP
Research RAHP
Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science

Honors

Anatomy and Physiology
Chemistry
Chemistry RAHP
Forensic Science
Genetics and Biotechnology
Human Anatomy RAHP
Nature-Inspired Engineering
Physics
Physics, Engineering & Art
RAHP Internship
CP
Environmental Science
Adv. Topics in Environmental Science
Biology
Biology Advanced
Chemistry
Physics
Forensic Science
Career Pathways in Medicine 1 & 2

Music

AP

Music Theory

Honors

Music Mentors

CP

Intro to 21st Century Music Production
Adv. 21st Century Music Production
Symphonic Band
Concert Band
Wind Ensemble
Symphonic Orchestra
Concert Orchestra
Chorale
Concert Choir
Treble Choir
Music Rewind

Technology/Applied Arts

Honors

Yearbook 2
Yearbook Management 1 & 2

CP

Graphic Arts 1, 2, 3, and 4
Intro to Media Tech
Innovation Through Design Thinking
Design Think Studio
Building & Design 1, 2, and 3
Interactive Design 1 & 2
Robotics 1 & 2
Real World Engineering
Yearbook Production 1 & 2
Journalism Production 1 & 2

Dance & Theater

Dance 1 & 2
Advanced Dance
Acting 1
Advanced Acting
Stagecraft

Transition Programs

Academic Enrichment
21st Century Work Skills

Visual Arts

AP

Studio Art 1 & 2
Art History

CP

Advertising Art
Advanced Advertising Art
Architectural Design 1 & 2
Artist Mentors
Ceramics 1 & 2
Digital Arts
Ceramics 2
Digital Photography 1 & 2
Advanced Digital Photography
Fashion Design
Fundamental Drawing
Introduction to Studio Art
Intermediate Studio Art
Interior Design
Jewelry & Metal Design 1 & 2
Painting 1 & 2
TV Production
Video Production
Advanced Video Production
Advanced Portfolio Development

Family & Consumer Sciences

Honors

Tomorrow Teachers

CP

Child Development
Consumerism
Introduction to Foods & Nutrition
Foods of the World

Wellness

Driver Education
First Aid & Safety
Freshman Fitness
Health
Project Adventure
Senior Wellness
Strength & Conditioning
Unified PE
Yoga & Stress Management

Dual Enrollment Courses

English 12 CP/H
U.S. History 1 CP/H
U.S. History 2 CP/H
Chemistry CP/H
Physics CP/H
Anatomy & Physiology 1 H
Anatomy & Physiology 2 H
Forensic Science CP/H
The Power of ONE

Academic Academy Programs

The American Experience
American Humanities
American History & Literature
w/Integrated Study in the Arts
AP Capstone Research & Seminar
Career Pathways in Medicine
Ridgewood Academy for Health
Professions

Select class name above for description of Academy Programs

Class of 2023 - College Enrollment

American University (3)	Michigan State University (2)	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville (1)
Arizona State University-Tempe (2)	Monmouth University (3)	Trinity College Dublin (4)
Babson College (1)	Montclair State University (7)	Tufts University (1)
Bard College (3)	Mount Holyoke College (1)	Tulane University of Louisiana (5)
Belmont University (1)	Muhlenberg College (1)	University of Arizona (2)
Bergen Community College (7)	National Taiwan University (1)	University of Birmingham (1)
Binghamton University (4)	New Jersey Institute of Technology (1)	University of California-Berkeley (1)
Boston University (6)	New York University (9)	University of California-Irvine (1)
Bowdoin College (1)	Northeastern University (9)	University of California-Santa Cruz (1)
Brown University (1)	Northwestern University (1)	University of Colorado Boulder (4)
Bucknell University (9)	Nova Southeastern University (3)	University of Connecticut (1)
Cal Poly (1)	Ohio State University-Main Campus (1)	University of Delaware (5)
Case Western Reserve University (2)	Pace University, New York City Campus (2)	University of Florida (1)
Clemson University (2)	Pennsylvania State University-Berks (1)	University of Georgia (1)
Coastal Carolina University (1)	Penn. State University-Harrisburg (1)	University of Hartford (1)
Colby College (1)	Penn. State University-Main Campus (9)	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1)
Colgate University (3)	Plymouth State University (1)	University of Iowa (1)
College of Charleston (5)	Pratt Institute-Main (1)	University of Maryland-College Park (3)
College of the Holy Cross (1)	Princeton University (1)	University of Massachusetts-Amherst (3)
Columbia University in the City of NY (1)	Providence College (8)	University of Miami (1)
Cornell University (5)	Purdue University-Main Campus (9)	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (3)
CUNY-Manhattan Community College (1)	Quinnipiac University (2)	University of Mississippi (2)
Dickinson College (1)	Ramapo College of New Jersey (2)	University of New Hampshire-Main Campus (3)
Drew University (2)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1)	University of Notre Dame (1)
Duke University (1)	Rhode Island School of Design (1)	University of Oregon (2)
Duquesne University (1)	Rider University (1)	University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus (5)
Elon University (3)	Roger Williams University (1)	University of Rhode Island (1)
Emerson College (2)	Rollins College (1)	University of Richmond (2)
ESSEC Business School (1)	Rowan University (4)	University of Rochester (2)
Fairfield University (6)	Rutgers University-New Brunswick (27)	University of Scranton (5)
Fairleigh Dickinson University-Met Campus (1)	Rutgers University-Newark (5)	University of South Carolina-Columbia (4)
Fashion Institute of Technology (1)	Sacred Heart University (8)	University of Southern California (1)
Florida Atlantic University (2)	Saint Joseph's University (1)	University of Surrey (1)
Florida Institute of Technology (1)	San Diego State University (3)	University of Toronto (3)
Fordham University (5)	Savannah College of Art & Design-SCAD (2)	University of Vermont (4)
Franklin and Marshall College (1)	School of Visual Arts (1)	University of Washington-Seattle Campus (2)
Front Range Comm College-Boulder Cty (1)	Scripps College (1)	University of Westminster (1)
Georgetown University (2)	Seton Hall University (4)	University of Wisconsin-Madison (6)
Gettysburg College (3)	Skidmore College (3)	Vanderbilt University - Blair School of Music (1)
Haverford College (1)	Southern Methodist University (1)	Villanova University (3)
Immaculata University (1)	St. Lawrence University (1)	Virginia Tech (1)
Indiana University-Bloomington (7)	Stanford University (1)	Wake Forest University (3)
Ithaca College (5)	State University of New York -New Paltz (1)	Washington University in St Louis (1)
James Madison University (2)	Stevens Institute of Technology (6)	Wesleyan University (1)
Kennesaw State University (1)	SUNY Cortland (1)	Western New England University (1)
La Salle University (1)	Syracuse University (17)	William & Mary (1)
Lafayette College (4)	Temple University (1)	William Paterson University of New Jersey (2)
Landmark College (1)	Texas A & M University-College Station (1)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1)
Lehigh University (2)	The Catholic University of America (1)	York College of Pennsylvania (1)
Lipscomb University (1)	The College of New Jersey (6)	
Loyola University Chicago (1)	The George Washington University (3)	
Loyola University Maryland (2)	The University of Alabama (1)	
Manhattan College (1)	The University of Tampa (2)	
Marist College (1)		
McGill University (3)		
Miami University, Oxford (1)		