Welcome

River Hill High School



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Graduation Requirements

High School Assessments

Service Learning

Career Preparation

Credit Requirements



High School Assessments

Students must pass each assessment to graduate.

ENGLISH	Algebra	Biology	Government
≻PARCC	≽PARCC	➤ Maryland Integrated Science Assessment	➤ High School Assessment



Credit Requirements

English	4 credits	Health	1/2 credit
Social Studies	3 credits	Fine Arts	1 credit
Mathematics*	4 years	Technology Ed.	1 credit
Science	3 credits	Program Choice	2 - 4 credits
Lifetime Fitness	1/2 credit	Electives	1 - 3 credits



Typical 9th Grade Schedule

English 9

United States History

Mathematics

Science

Health/Lifetime Fitness

World Language

Fine Arts/Tech Ed Course

Not many choices for these classes except for ability level (Regular, Honors, GT)

Students should challenge themselves in their stronger subjects!



The Next Four Years

9th	10th	11th	12th
English	English	English	English
Math	Math	Math	Math
Science	Science	Science	Elective
Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Elective
PE/Health	Elective	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
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Career Academies

20 Academies

All academies meet the requirement for a graduation pathway

Prepares students for college and careers

Two locations:

Applications and Research Lab or your high school



Scheduling Timeline

- Course selection sheets due to RHHS (February 17, 2017)
- High School counselors input requests into system (February)
- Master schedule is built based on student requests and staffing (March – May, 2017)
- If there are conflicts (usually not many for freshmen) counselors contact students to resolve (March – May, 2017)
- Students receive a copy of 7 confirmed classes at orientation (August, 2017)
- Student schedules are mailed home (August, 2017)



The Course Selection Process

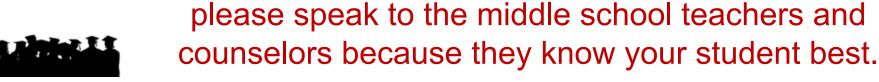
Teacher makes course recommendation

Student takes course request form home

Parent reviews, signs and returns course request form

School counselor reviews request form and forwards form to high school

If you currently have questions about placements,





Parents Role in The Process

- 1. Talk with your child about goals for the next four years.
- 2. Review course recommendations with your child and make the best decision for your child.
- 3. Encourage them to take the most rigorous courses possible while enjoying other aspects of high school.



Ready for Rigor

- All students will have ample opportunity to reach honors and GT/AP levels over the 4-year high school experience.
- Colleges like to see that students successfully achieve more challenging coursework as the 4-year experience progresses.
- GPA and Class Rank apply for extracurricular activities, National Honor Society, honor roll, and the college application process.



Weighted Grading Scale

Grade	Standard	Honors	GT/AP
A	4.0	4.5	5.0
В	3.0	3.5	4.0
C	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	1.0	1.0	1.0
Ε	0	0	0



Advanced Placement Opportunities for Freshmen

- AP Human Geography
 - Serves as an elective class
 - May be in addition to US History (or an alternate pathway to include AP US History)
- AP Computer Science Principles
 - Serves as an elective class
 - Fulfills technology education credit



Trust Teacher Recommendations

Articulation between middle and high school teachers

- Course selection changes
- Performance data



Placement Considerations

- Balanced course loads (range of levels)
- Summer Enrichment Activities
 - Camps
 - Academic programs
- Electives
 - Graduation Requirements
 - Strong Interests
 - A student's 4-year plan



Science

- Biology GT level changes will require students to be placed in Biology (standard level) with the understanding that students will be required to take Earth Science (standard level) during their sophomore year.
- The Maryland Integrated Science
 Assessment will be administered in 11th grade. It includes content from Earth Science.



Typical School Schedule

	Start	End	Class Time
Period 1	* 7:20(5)	8:15	50 minutes
Period 2	8:20	9:10	50 minutes
Period 3	9:15	10:05	50 minutes
Period 4A and 4B	10:10	12:25	Includes a 30 minute lunch
Period 5	12:25	1:15	50 minutes
Period 6	1:20	2:10	50 minutes

Students must be in the building by 7:20 to get to class by 7:25!

Attendance Policy

 All students are expected to attend school regularly in accordance with public school laws.

 Any student with unlawful absences of more than 5% for any class may be considered for denial of credit.



Academic Eligibility

- Many students choose to participate in athletics, clubs, and activities at RHHS.
- Students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average and earning no more than 1 failing grade for the marking period prior to the start of the activity.
- All incoming 9th graders are academically eligible for fall extracurricular activities.



Cheerleading/ Dance/ Poms

School Clubs

School Plays/ Musicals

Extracurricular Activities

Class Boards

Athletic Teams

Service Clubs



Mark your Calendars

June 7
 8th Grade Visit to RHHS

August 9th Grade Orientation

August Fall Sports Try-Outs

September Back-To-School Night



Focus for 9th Grade Team

- Participate in regular meetings, ongoing communication and collaborative planning to support student success
- Create a support network for all 9th graders to promote student achievement
- Ensure a positive transition from middle to high school



Have Specific Questions?

Core Content Classes
 (Math, Science, History, English) Cafeteria

Fine Arts, Health & PE Electives Front Lobby

- Career Technology Education
- World Languages
- Independent Research Media Center
- Student Services & Career Academies
 Student Lobby

(outside of Student Services & Cafeteria)



Hawk Pride...



We look forward to expanding our RHHS family with the Class of 2021!

