

RIDGEFIELD PARK JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE – 2021-2022

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COMMUNITY OF RIDGEFIELD PARK:

The Village of Ridgefield Park is located in Bergen County, only three miles west of the George Washington Bridge and New York City. The population of this small historic town is ethnically diverse. A distinctive feature of this population is that our language survey annually shows that nearly 30 different languages are spoken in the homes of our students with 47% of our students speaking a language other than English. This is a community of single and multi-family dwellings and apartment building residents.

RIDGEFIELD PARK JUNIOR- SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

The high school is a public school comprised of grades 7 – 12. Our approximately 1300 students are afforded a comprehensive educational curriculum. Several of our students attend programs offered by our county vocational and technical schools. There is one sending district, Little Ferry, with approximately 290 students enrolled in grades 9-12. Note that 20% of our population is Caucasian; 64% Hispanic; 10% Asian/Pacific Islander; 5% African-American and 1% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders.

We are accredited by the New Jersey State Department of Education. We are also recognized as a Governor's School of Excellence.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Students must earn 125 credits, as mandated by the Ridgefield Park Board of Education, to receive a high school diploma. District requirements include 30 hours of community service.

English	4 years	20 credits
History	3 years	15 credits
Mathematics	3 years	15 credits
Science	3 years	15 credits
World Language	2 years	10 credits
Physical Education/Health	4 years	20 credits
Fine/Practical/Performing Arts	1 year	5 credits
Technology	1 year	5 credits
Career	1 year	5 credits
Personal Finance Literacy	½ year	2.5 credits

GPA CALCULATIONS:

The high school uses an A+ through F letter grading system. Our school's transcript will indicate all letter grades. The GPA is based on a simple scale of 4.0. The class rank is determined by an adjusted GPA. The adjusted GPAs are calculated by multiplying the weighted quality points to each course level and letter grade by the number of credits for the course. The total of the quality points is then calculated. Finally, the total quality point number is divided by the credits attempted. The weight of a subject is determined by the following criteria:

Level I Courses are considered all required courses, all electives that do not require a prerequisite, and all cooperative extension courses. These courses carry no weight.

Level II Courses are all Scholars courses and courses that require a prerequisite. These courses carry a weight of 0.25.

Level III Courses are all Honors courses. These courses carry a weight of .5.

Level IV Courses are all Advanced Placement courses. These courses carry a weight of 1.0.

CURRICULUM: Placement into Scholars/Honors courses is based on the student's final grade and the teacher's recommendation. These courses are offered in English, History, Science, and Math. Advanced Placement courses are offered during junior and senior year with the exception of AP World History which can be taken during freshman year, and AP Spanish which could be taken during sophomore year. Placement into these classes is based solely on the teacher's recommendation. They are offered in Calculus,

Chemistry, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, European History, Spanish Language, Physics, Psychology, US History, World History, and Art. There is no limit to the number of Advanced Placement courses a student can take.