



**Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy
9th Grade Parent Meeting
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

AGENDA :

- Introductions
- General Information
- Rules and Regulations
- Graduation Requirements
- What can my child do now to begin to prepare for college?
- Academic Support
- Contact Information
- **Questions- Please hold all questions until the end**

IMPORTANT PEOPLE

- **Ms. O'Mara- Principal**
- **Ms. Lustig – HS AP for all organizational issues**
- **Mr. Scholz and Mr. Sullivan – Subject Supervisors**
- **Ms. Orozco – 9th and 10th Grade Dean**
- **Ms. Lewis – 11th and 12th Grade Dean**
- **Ms. Prado- COSA All activities**
- **Ms. Byrd -School Counselor (Last Names A-K)**
- **Ms. Lockhart– School Counselor (Last Names L-Z)**
 - **Ms. Payne- College Counselor and all students with IEPs**
- **Ms. Prince – Parent Coordinator**



ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES



Arrival Procedures:

- **High School- Independence btwn 236/ 237- “E”**
- Doors open at 8:13am
- Students MAY NOT bring FOOD or OPEN DRINKS to school. All food must be consumed before the start of the day
- PD 1 begins at 8:20 You must be **in your seat** by that time or you are considered late!
- 3 Latenesses will result in lunch detention and parent contact
- Excessive lateness will result in loss of privileges
- Breakfast is available at 7:50 in the cafeteria

Dismissal Procedures:

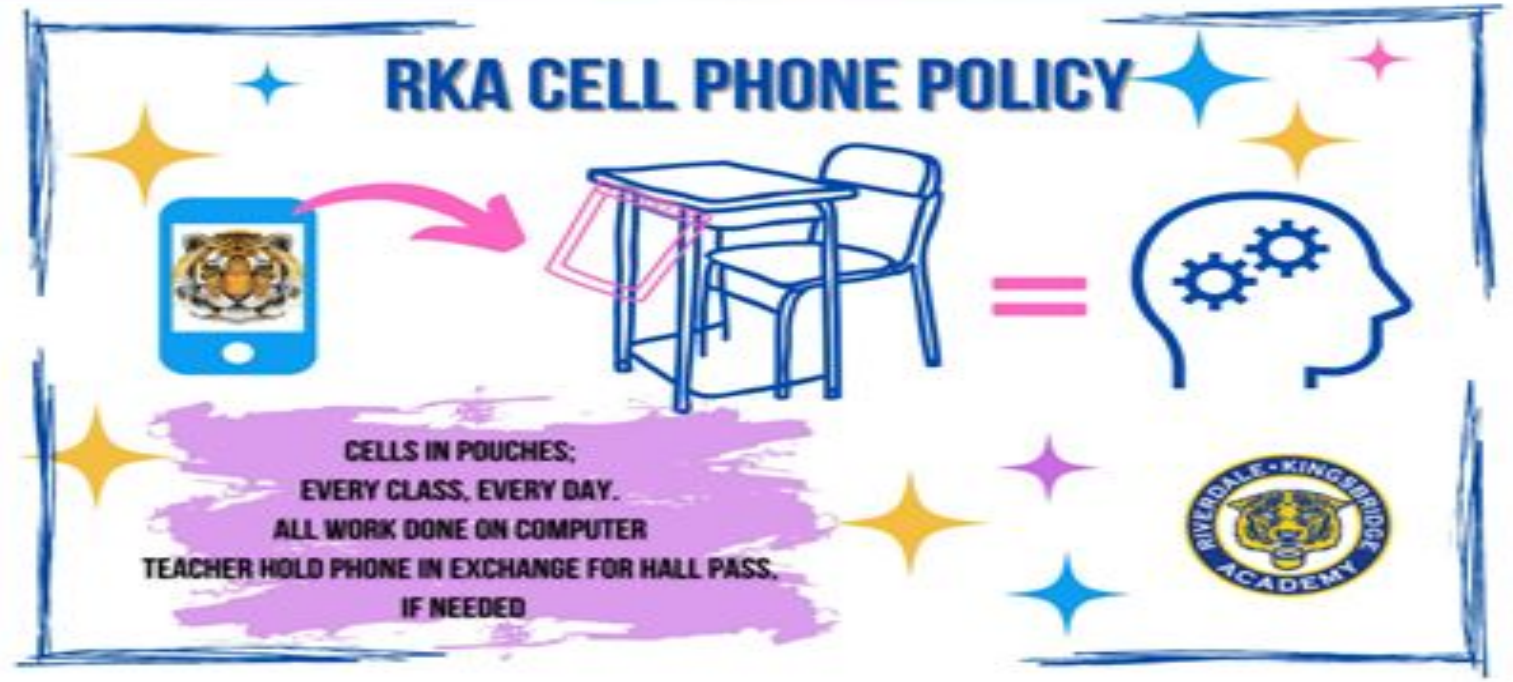
- Students are dismissed at 2:40 pm
- Leave from the nearest exit to their pd 8 class

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING:

- Hats & Hoodies OFF!
 - Ear buds and headphones OFF!
 - Phones IN POUCHES!
 - Bathroom- ONE PASS - One student at a time leaves the room for the bathroom
 - Students use bathrooms on the floor they are on
- No outside food will be brought up and/or eaten in classrooms!
- Although we are not a uniform school, we have a dress code policy which must be adhered to. Clothing should be “APPROPRIATE” for a school setting

CELL PHONE POLICY





WAYS TO COMMUNICATE:

It is important to utilize different avenues of communication with the school.

The school counselors will communicate with your child via email. It is important and your child's responsibility to read and respond (when necessary).

The "*Remind app*" will provide you and your child with immediate updates regarding school closures etc.

Grade Level Google classroom will be used to post information about upcoming events and other important items

Students have been advised to communicate with their teachers often;
and to NOT wait until the last minute.



Tools your child can use to help with time management.

- Utilize a planner or actively use your google calendar
- Always input important dates, class schedule time, deadlines on your planner/calendar
- Create a To-Do List to figure out what's the most important and due the soonest
- Create and set up a daily schedule that may include; study time, homework time, personal time and break time (Yes, we all need a little break (10-15 minutes) to practice Self-Care)
- Set alarms and reminders (you don't want to be late) for school and/or deadlines.



ATTENDANCE

As per DOE Policy, your child is expected to have at least **90% attendance overall**. Attendance is taken in every class. 1st period is where the daily attendance is taken. You will be notified each day your child is marked absent for the day or from individual classes.

MISSING
(SCHOOL)=
MISSING
OUT

Students are responsible for completing all missed assignments/homework when they return to school.

INSTRUCTION

- × All using @NYCStudents.net for classes, GC
- × 9th Grade Level GC code -ZDVOLMF
- × Mix of traditional and computer based schoolwork
- × Need supplies and device- A phone is not a device!
- × Student Help Desk/Device request in Grade level GC and Link on RKA website

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

High school counselors will work with your child for 4 years which helps them to get to know your child and write the recommendation letters senior year for college.

Credits are earned each term. Any failed class is a class that needs to be made up, either in PM school, Summer School or, if possible, in the regular day school schedule.

Starting in 9th grade students are building their transcripts for post high school plans. Colleges will be looking at 9th, 10th and 11th grade academics when they apply senior year,

HIGH SCHOOL PROMOTIONAL STANDARDS

- 8 Credits:
 - Promotion from 9th to 10th Grade
- 20 Credits:
 - Promotion from 10th to 11th Grade but must earn min. 4 credits in English and 4 credits in Social Studies
- 30 Credits:
 - Promotion from 11th to 12th Grade
- 44 Credits Plus NYS Regents exam requirements
 - Graduate from High School

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

- **English** **8 credits = 4 years**
- **Math** **6 credits = 3 years**
 - **Including 2 credits of Algebra and at least 2 credits of advanced math (e.g. Geometry or Algebra II)**
- **Social Studies** **8 credits = 4 years**
 - **Including Global Studies 1-4, US History 1 and 2, Participation in Government, and Economics**
- **Science** **6 credits = 3 years**
 - **Including 4 credits in lab science**
- **Foreign Lang** **2-6 credits (min.2 credits required for graduation)**
- **Art/Music** **2 credits**
- **Physical Ed.** **8 Terms**
- **Health** **1 credit**
- **Electives** **3-7 credits**

REGENTS DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Pass 5 Regents exams with a 65+ or a waiver (4 + 1)

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| 1. English (ELA) | <u>PLUS + 1</u> |
| 2. Math | 1 Additional Math Regents |
| 3. 1 Social Studies Regents | <u>OR</u> |
| 4. 1 Science Regents | 1 Additional Science Regents <u>OR</u> |
| | 1 Additional Social Studies Regents |
| | <u>OR</u> LOTE Exam |

In all courses that terminate in a Regents exam, the Regents grade will count as the final exam and 10% of the final semester grade.

ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Must Pass 9 exams with a 65+

1. ELA Common Core
2. Algebra 1
3. US History Regents
4. Global Studies Regents
5. Geometry
6. Algebra II Regents
7. Science Regents
8. 1 additional science Regents
9. Foreign Language (LOTE)

- **In all courses that terminate in a Regents exam, the Regents grade will count as the final exam and 10% of the final grade.**

STUDENTS WHO HAVE AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATIONAL PLAN (IEP):

- Students are required to earn the same 44 credits.
- Local Diploma 55+ on one or more of the 5 required Regents exams.
- Regents diploma 65+ on the 5 required Regents exams.
- Students who attend high school for 4 years and meet the goals of their IEP, but do not pass the required exams may be transitioned to Acces-VR (NYSED) for educational / vocational training services OR choose to remain in school.

Recommended College Timeline from College Board

CollegeBoard

Access



9th Grade
10th Grade

College Planning: 9th/10th Grade

There are some steps you can take as a ninth- and a 10th-grader to make sure you're on the right track for college. This list will help you navigate the college planning process.

9TH GRADE

- ☐ **Create a four-year high school plan.** Think about what you'd like to accomplish in the next four years.
 - Make sure you know which high school courses are required by colleges, and that you're taking the right classes as early as the ninth grade. You can ask your counselor about what those "right" classes are.
 - Get to know the levels of courses offered by your school.
- ☐ **Start thinking about your life after school,** including the types of jobs that might interest you. Of course, these will change — often — but it's good to start thinking about the possibilities.
 - Identify your interests — likes and dislikes — not just in classes but also in every area. This will help you focus on your goals.
 - Talk to other people, such as your school counselor, teachers, recent college graduates who are working, professionals in the community, etc., about careers you might find interesting.
- ☐ **Meet with your high school counselor.** Your counselor knows how to help you get the most out of high school. Be sure to take some time during the school year to discuss post-high-school plans with him or her.


- ☐ **Participate in extracurricular activities.** Academics aren't everything. Explore your interest in a sport, school club, music or drama group, or community volunteer activity.
 - Remember that colleges would rather see real involvement in one activity instead of a loose connection to several.
 - If you're interested in playing sports in college, research the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) eligibility requirements. The NCAA requires completion of certain core courses; you can find the specifics at ncaaclearinghouse.net.
- ☐ **Save for college.** It's not too late to put money aside for college. Every little bit helps! Learning about financial aid early on can also help you down the road.
- ☐ **Explore summer opportunities.** Look for a job, internship, or volunteer position that will help you learn about a field of interest.
- ☐ **Get familiar with the PSAT-related assessments and SAT.** Most four-year colleges consider applicants' scores on college admission test. Download the free Daily Practice for the New SAT app to get a feel for the kinds of questions you might face on test day.
- ☐ **Take the PSAT™ 8/9.** If your school offers it, sign up to take the first of the College Board assessments to set a baseline. This test will help you build up your skills to take the SAT in 11th or 12th grade.

10TH GRADE

- ☐ **Meet with your high school counselor — again.**

Be sure to meet with your school counselor to ensure that your course schedule is challenging enough to prepare you for college.

 - Check into any prerequisites for advanced-level junior- and senior-year courses.
- ☐ **Take the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT™ 10.** Depending on your school, you might have the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT in October or the PSAT 10 in February or March. It provides valuable feedback on your college readiness and a free, personalized plan to help you start getting ready for the SAT — and for college.
- ☐ **Ask if the PSAT/NMSQT is offered to 10th-graders.** Although this test is usually given in the 11th grade, it is also often offered in the 10th grade. That's because it provides valuable feedback through the Student Score Report. You can then work on any of your academic weaknesses while there is still plenty of time to make improvements.
- ☐ **Are you interested in attending a U.S. military academy?** If so, you should request a precandidate questionnaire.
- ☐ **Along with your family, do some research about how to obtain financial aid.** Many students use financial aid to cover college costs. Find out what financial aid is, where it comes from, and how you can apply for it. Read the U.S. Department of Education's *Funding Your Education* (about federal aid programs).
- ☐ **Attend college and career fairs.** The fairs often take place in the fall at your school or in your area.
- ☐ **Participate in school activities or volunteer efforts.** Extracurricular activities can help you develop time-management skills and enrich your high school experience.
- ☐ **Talk to your counselor** about your plans for life after high school. He or she can help you plan your schedule, search for colleges, and navigate the financial aid process. The more your counselor knows about you, the more he or she can help you along the way.
- ☐ **Tour college campuses.** If possible, take advantage of vacation or other family travel time to visit colleges and see what they're like. Even if you have no interest in attending the college you are visiting, it will help you learn what to look for in a college.



Links will
be
provided
at the end!

COMMUNITY SERVICE & HONOR SOCIETY:

- ❖ **Community Service Hours Requirements for Graduation:**
 - ❖ Class of 2027= 40 hours
 - ❖ If you need a service log to keep track of your hours, you can pick one up outside of room 306
- ❖ **Honor Society:**
 - ❖ Guidelines have changed significantly this year for honor society to incorporate more student-led related activities and meetings
 - ❖ 9th grade students must maintain their academics within the 85% or above cumulative GPA for both terms this year, to work towards their invitation to join Honor Society in their Sophomore year

PSAL SPORTS

- Girls

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Softball
- Cross Country
- Track & Field

- Boys

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Cross Country
- Track & Field

- Co-Ed

- Wrestling
- Golf
- Cheerleading

ELECTIVES- UPPER CLASS STUDENTS HAVE MORE CHOICES;
OPTIONS VARY YEAR TO YEAR

- **Statistics**
- **Africana Studies**
- **Journalism**
- **Mythology**
- **Business & Finance**
- **Pre College Math**
- **Marketing & Media**
- **Weather and Climate**
- **Bioethics**
- **Business & Finance**
- **Anatomy & Physiology**
- **Ceramics**
- **Painting Through History**
- **Drama**
- **College Writing**
- **Global Conflict & Resolution**
- **Criminal Law/Civil Law**
- **Pre-Calculus**
- **Anthropology**
- **Forensics**

AP COURSES

- Art- 2D, 3D and Drawing
- English Literature
- English Language
- US History
- Calculus
- Biology
- Psychology
- Spanish Language
- Environmental Science
- AP African American Studies

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have many clubs that will be starting soon. These clubs include: Science Olympiad, Museum Club, Girls Inc., Book Club, Social Justice Club, Write to Roar, Key Club, Debate Club and much more!

Encourage your child to join and get involved!



PICTURE DAY IS ALMOST HERE!



**Save
~~T.W.E~~
DATE**

GRADES 9-11 : SEPTEMBER 27TH

GRADES 6-8: SEPTEMBER 29TH

Activities

9th Grade

We have fun
events planned
throughout
the year!
First one will
be our annual

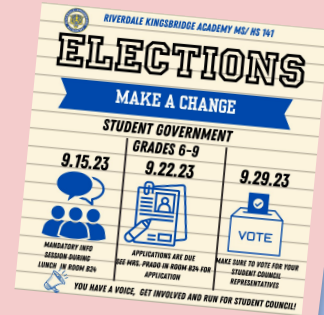
**HALLOWEEN
DANCE!**

**Run for Student
Government!**

Your contact person:
Mrs. Prado in Rm. B24



@rkaactivities



President
Treasurer

Vice President
Secretary

TIGER TOKENS

Earn tiger tokens for positive behavior!



PBISREWARDS.com

You can track your progress on
the APP!

Redeem your points for prizes
during LUNCH on Tuesdays!

Field Trips! tickets to events!
Snack
Tiger token parties!

school supplies!
gift cards!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

- **YOUR CHILD SHOULD CHECK THEIR GRADE LEVEL GOOGLE CLASSROOM DAILY FOR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS.**
- **YOUR CHILD SHOULD READ ALL EMAILS SENT TO THEM.**
- **YOUR CHILD SHOULD SCHEDULE TO MEET WITH THEIR TEACHERS TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC SUPPORT.**
- **STUDENTS AND PARENTS CAN RESET EMAIL PASSWORDS THEMSELVES**
- **PLEASE CHECK THE RKA WEBSITE OFTEN FOR UPDATES: WWW.RKA141.ORG**
- **STUDENTS AND PARENTS SHOULD CHECK WWW.JUPITERED.COM FOR CLASS LEVEL INFORMATION**
- **PARENTS AND STUDENTS CAN UTILIZE THE NYS CA WEBSITE TO ACCESS INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD [HTTPS://WWW.SCHOOLSACCOUNT.NYC/](https://WWW.SCHOOLSACCOUNT.NYC/)**

Parents/Guardians Have YOU?

- – Checked our website regularly (www.RKA141.org) for updates?
- – Registered and checked [NYCSA](#)
- – Filled out and submitted your Emergency Contact Card (available in Spanish as well). This is how we can communicate with you. It's very important to have your updated telephone number and email, this can be updated in NYCSA
- – Filled out the Family Income Inquiry form: (even if your child does not eat school lunch, please complete)
- <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>
- – Received Ms. Prince's emails (Parent Coordinator)?
 - If not, please email her with your child's name and grade jprince4@schools.nyc.gov so you can receive emails with important and updated information. Transitioning over to DOE GAMA (Grades, Attendance, Messaging App soon. Stay tuned!)

Administration/Support Team

Ms. O'Mara - Principal

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Ms. Lewis (11th & 12th Grade Dean)

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Ms. Orozco (9th & 10th Grade Dean)

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Ms. Prince (Parent Coordinator)

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Student Support Team

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Ms. Lockhart

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Ms. Payne

9th-12th Grades, Last Names A-Z, Students with IEPs

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Ms. Riverapen and Ms. Gordian

Counseling In Schools

Links & Resources:

(click on each to open to the page)

☐ How to Read my Child's Transcript:

☐ By Semester

☐ By Subject

☐ Graduation Requirements

☐ RKA Website

☐ CollegeBoard College Timeline for Sophmores

☐ CollegeBoard College Timeline for Juniors

☐ NACAC Virtual College Fair Registration

☐ Career Exploration

☐ Big Future Scholarships



*Any
Questions?*