

Welcome parents of the Class of 2029

Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy
MS/HS 141



Today

Students

Tour the building with a student guide

Meet ELA teachers, deans, activities and athletics staff

Meet Guidance Counselors

Families

Participate in Family Orientation

Ask questions

Student Groups



Student Name



Group



Counselor Name





Introduction

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Lori O'Mara, Principal
Sheilagh Lustig, Assistant Principal
Julie Prince, Parent Coordinator

Deans/ Guidance/ Activities

Michelle Baum, Parent Association



Guidance

Joslie Byrd

Last names A-Gn

Melissa Payne

Last names Go- Pa

Soremi Lockhart-Lee

Last Names Pb-Z

Deans

Nyafa McCloggan

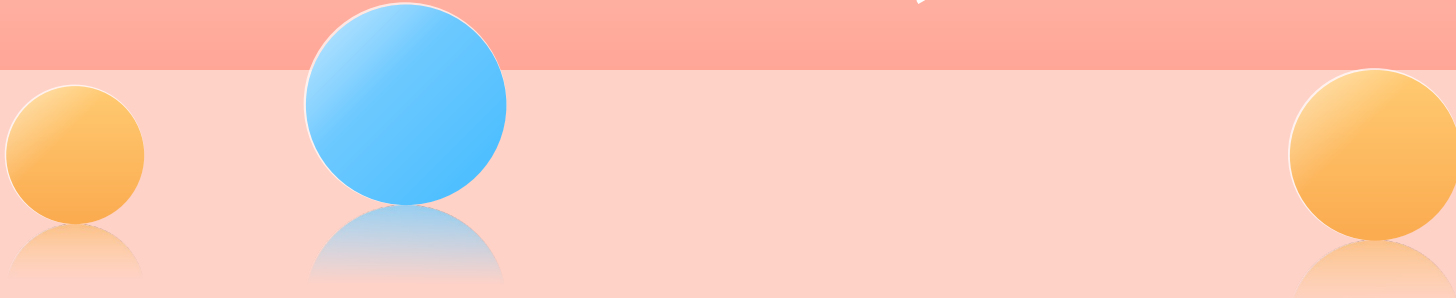
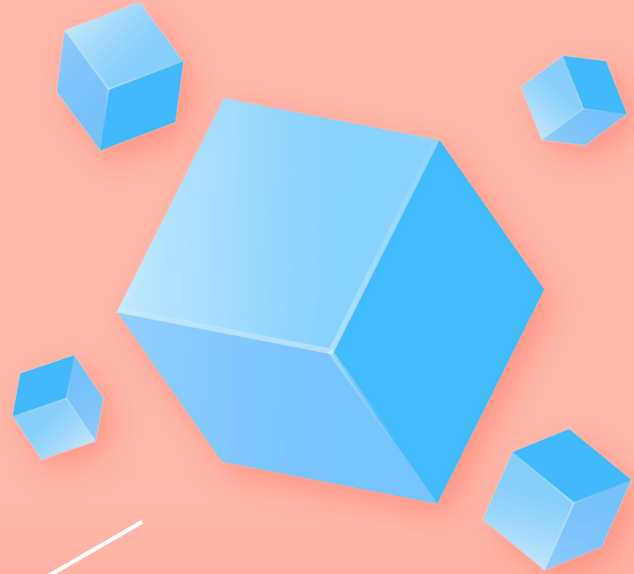
Grades 9 & 10

Robert DiCanio

Grades 11 & 12

Parents Association

Mini Grant Presentation



About RKA

Mascot Tiger

Colors Blue & Gold



Mission Statement

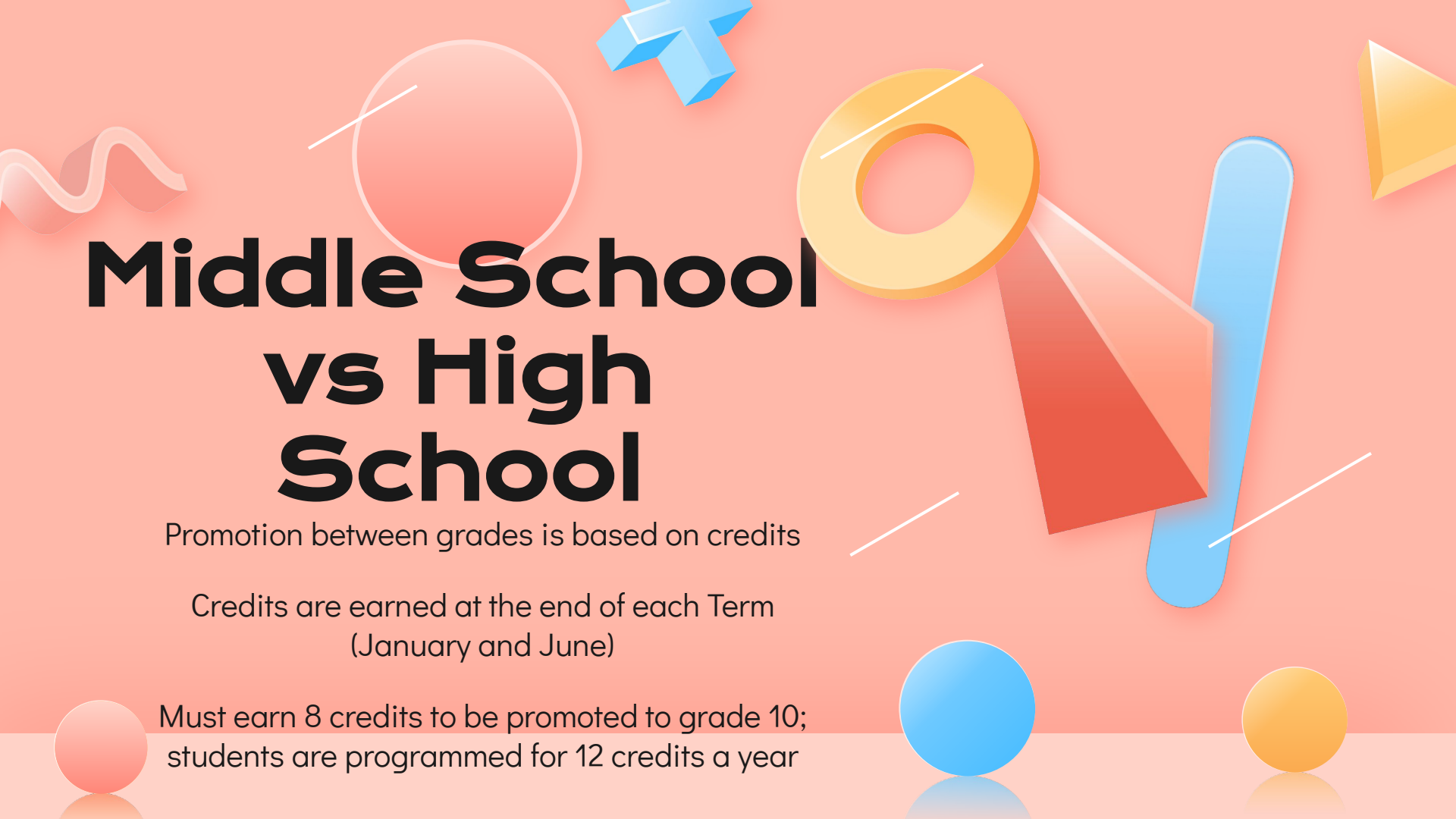
The Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy is a **community of learners embracing diversity** and **educating young minds to meet the challenges of their world** today and tomorrow. We create **an environment** of academics, arts, athletics and activities that **engages all students to learn and collaborate together** so they can become **creative, independent, critical thinkers** who embody a life-long love of learning.

Vision Statement

We at the Riverdale/ Kingsbridge Academy envision...

Rigorous Instruction that challenges, supports and inspires a diversity of students; **Supportive Environment** that instills in our diverse students, staff and families a sense of pride, belonging and accountability one another; **Collaborative Teachers** who communicate and elevate one another to benefit the students, the school and the profession; **Effective School Leadership** which is responsive to the trends, needs, and data of our students' successes and challenges; **Strong Family and Community Ties** which create opportunities for and enhance our students, school and community.

...a school community that students, staff, families and alumni are proud to call "home."



Middle School vs High School

Promotion between grades is based on credits

Credits are earned at the end of each Term
(January and June)

Must earn 8 credits to be promoted to grade 10;
students are programmed for 12 credits a year

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Graduation Minimums

44 Credits
5 Regents





9th Grade Courses

ELA-English 1

Social Studies - Global 1

Math- Algebra I or Geometry 1

Science- Biology 1 or Earth Science 1 or
Chem

Physical Education 1

Health or Arts

World Language I or II

LUNCH



Graduation Requirements

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

As of February 2022

Earning a Diploma in NYC

In New York City public schools, students can earn three types of diplomas: a local diploma, a Regents diploma, or an advanced Regents diploma. Each is a valid high school diploma and can be used to demonstrate graduation or enroll in programs after high school, like college and the military. To earn a diploma, students must earn specific course credits (see table to the right) and pass specific Regents exams (see table on the reserve side).

Minimum Credit Requirements

All students must earn **44 total credits** across specific subject areas in order to graduate. Subject-area requirements vary by the type of diploma and may also vary if a student earns an endorsement. Ask your school counselor for more information about credit requirements.

Diploma Endorsements

Students may also earn endorsements to their diplomas. Endorsements recognize the successful completion of additional courses and exams in particular subject areas. Ask your school about the requirements for the following endorsements: Arts, Seal of Biliteracy, Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS), Career and Technical Education (CTE), Honors Designation, Mastery in Math, Mastery in Science, and the Service Seal.

Commencement Credentials

Students can earn two types of commencement credentials: the CDOS commencement credential and the Skills and Achievement commencement credential. These credentials recognize specific achievements, but they are not diplomas. Students who receive commencement credentials may continue to attend school until they earn a high school diploma or until the end of the school year in which they turn 21 (whichever occurs first). Due to COVID-19, students who turned 21 within the 2020-21 school year may remain enrolled for 2021-22 in pursuit of a high school diploma, credential, or endorsement. Ask your school counselor for more information about commencement credentials.

Career Development & Occupational Studies (CDOS) Credential	Skills & Achievement Commencement Credential
This credential recognizes students' preparation for entry-level work aligned to the CDOS learning standards. Students complete a career plan, employability profile, and 216 hours of career preparation experiences, including at least 54 hours of work-based learning. The CDOS may be awarded as a sole exiting credential, an endorsement to a diploma, or used to fulfill an exam requirement.	This credential recognizes students' skills and achievements in academic, career development, and other foundations needed for post-school living, learning, and working. This credential may only be awarded to students with severe cognitive disabilities who participate in the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSEAA).

Subject Area	Minimum Credit Requirements
English Language Arts (ELA)	8
Social Studies	
Global History	4
U.S. History	2
Participation in Government	1
Economics	1
Math	
Including at least 2 credits of math aligned to standards above Algebra I, such as Geometry or Algebra II	6
Science (including labs)	
Life Science	2
Physical Science	2
Additional Life or Physical Science	2
World Languages (formerly LOTE) ¹	2 for local and Regents diplomas 6 for advanced Regents diploma ²
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	2
Physical Education	4
Consistently throughout high school	1
Health	
Electives	7 for local and Regents diplomas 3 for advanced Regents diploma
Total Credits	44

¹ Students with disabilities exempted from the world languages requirement must still earn 44 course credits required for a diploma through elective credits earned in other subject areas.

² Students completing an Arts or CTE endorsement with the advanced Regents diploma are required to complete only 2 credits of World Languages.

Minimum Exam Requirements

All students must pass at least **five Regents exams** or State-approved alternatives to Regents exams in order to graduate. Subject-area requirements for exams vary by diploma type and endorsement as described to the right. All students can earn a Regents or advanced Regents diploma. Some students, including students with disabilities, can graduate with a local diploma by earning different exam scores. Contact your school counselor to learn more about Regents exams, State-approved alternatives, and these other exam flexibilities for students who meet specific eligibility requirements:

- Appeals to graduate with low scores on Regents exams
- Safety Net flexibilities for students with disabilities
- Exam waivers for transfer students
- Performance-Based Assessment Tasks (PBATs) for students at State-approved schools

Regents Waivers

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) cancelled multiple Regents administrations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, students in grades who intended to take Regents exams during these administration periods and met NYSED's eligibility criteria, waived that assessment requirement for the associated diploma, endorsement, or credential. A waived Regents exam counts as a score of 65 toward exam requirements.

Toward College & Career Readiness

Coursework, exam scores, and activities outside the classroom can support students in working towards their goals for after high school.

Coursework: Students can prepare for college-level work by taking higher-level courses in high school. These courses may include:

- 8-credit course sequence in math, including Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II
- 8-credit course sequence in science, including Living Environment, Chemistry, and Physics
- Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Honors courses
- Courses for college credit, such as College Now or CUNY Early College

Exams: High exam scores can help students avoid taking remedial classes in college. For CUNY, students may meet the college readiness requirement based on certain test scores. See the CUNY Testing FAQs (<http://bit.ly/CUNYReady>) to learn more.

³ Students completing an Arts or CTE endorsement with the advanced Regents diploma are not required to take the World Languages exam. Likewise, students whose IEP indicates that a disability negatively affects their ability to learn a language are not required to take the World Languages exam to receive an advanced Regents diploma.

Regents Exam	Local diploma (eligible students only)	Regents diploma	Advanced Regents diploma
English Language Arts (ELA)	55+	65+	65+
Social Studies • U.S. History • Global History & Geography	55+ on one social studies exam	65+ on one social studies exam	65+ on one social studies exam
Math • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II	55+ on one math exam	65+ on one math exam	65+ on all three math exams
Science • Living Environment • Earth Science • Chemistry • Physics	55+ on one science exam	65+ on one science exam	65+ on Living Environment and one other science exam
World Languages (formerly LOTE)	Not Required	Not Required	65+ on one World Languages exam ³
+1 option • Any additional Regents exam • State-approved +1 option	Requirements vary	Requirements vary	Requirements vary
Total Exams	5	5	9

HS 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 (DIPLOMA)

You are required to
have 10 Hours of
community service
each school year!



9th Grade Matters!!

- ❖ Classes taken in 9th grade count toward graduation, your cumulative GPA (grade point average) and postsecondary decisions (college, trade, work, etc).
- ❖ You MUST complete both; 44 credits & at least 5 Regents Exam
- ❖ If you do not successfully complete a course (65+) that is required for graduation, you must make it up.

- ☐ In your schedule the next school year
- ☐ Summer school
- ☐ PM School
- ☐ YABC PM School

****DO NOT rely on these options.... They may or may not be available****

Potential 9th Grade Courses

English 1
Global 1
Algebra I or Geometry 1
Biology 1 or Earth Science 1
Physical Education 1 (and maybe
Health)
Arts or World Language I or II
LUNCH

Everyone's schedule is different for a
REASON! DO NOT ask to have your schedule
change to match your friend or LUNCH or GYM
period...

Know your Academic Standing

Monitor your grades

**Communicate with your teachers
regularly**

**Complete all assignments &
Homework**

Maintain good grades

Attend school every day

**Your grades should be an accurate
reflection of your abilities.**

**Reasonably challenge yourself, but
be careful not to take on more than
you can handle**

Tips for a Successful Student

Maintain a healthy lifestyle

**Successful students get
adequate sleep, eat nutritious
foods**

**Have a balance between home,
school and social lives**

**Get involved in school activities
(clubs, Athletics, etc.)**

Develop your study skills

**Practice good time
management**

**Identify and utilize efficient
study methods that work for
you**

**Seek help when needed (attend
teacher tutoring hours, form study
groups, consult with your counselor)**

Instruction

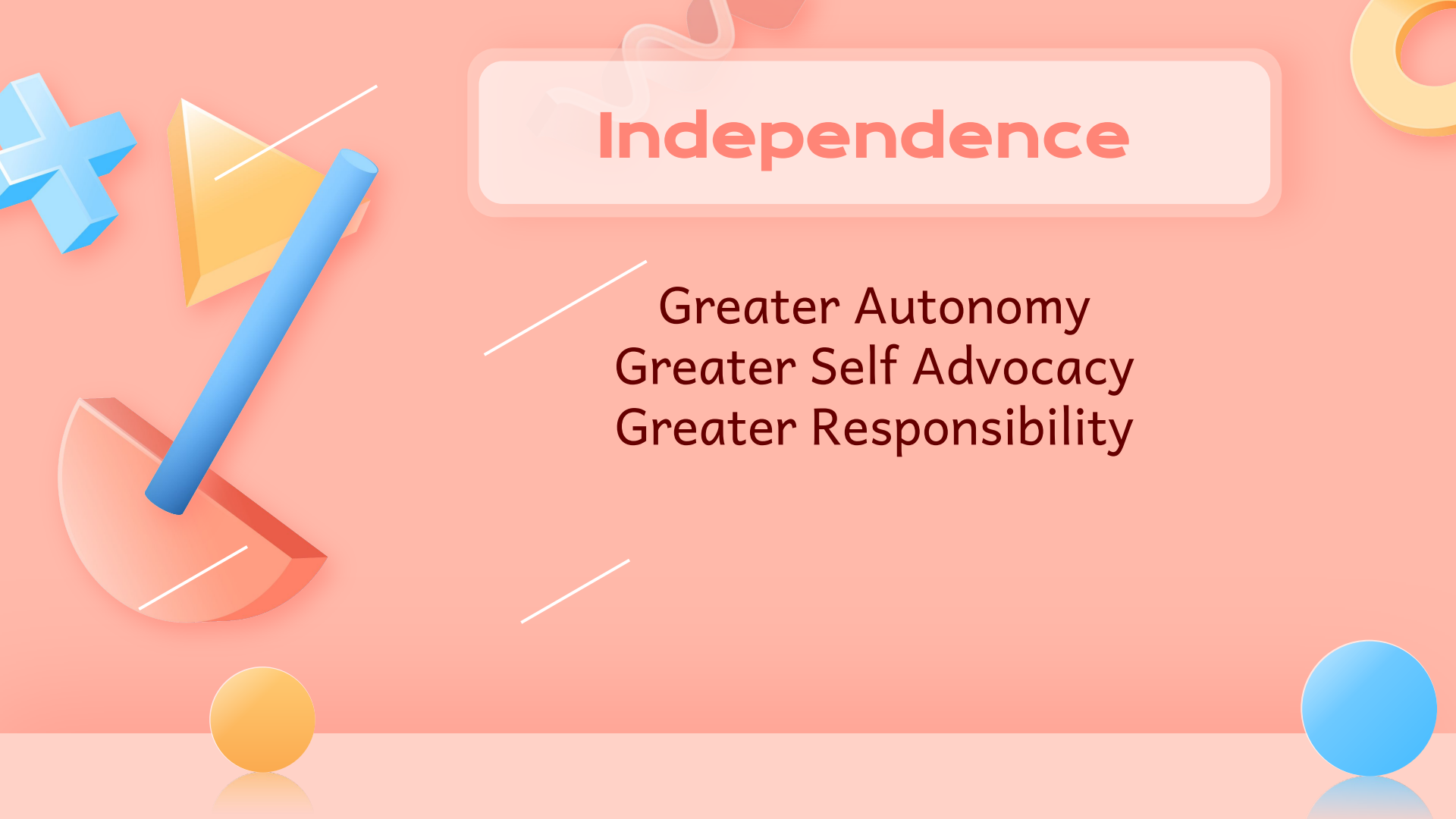
Jupiter is a gas giant and the biggest planet in the Solar System. It's the fourth-brightest object in the night sky. It was named after the Roman god of the skies and lightning



Academic Planning



Course Guide- late Winter
Advanced class tryouts- Feb
Course selection-March and April
Programs distributed- September



Independence

Greater Autonomy
Greater Self Advocacy
Greater Responsibility

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Extra Curricular

Athletics

Must qualify for athletics based on grades, attendance and punctuality

Athletic/ academic/ work habit connection

Must be cleared prior to tryouts

Paperwork on our website/ pre season meeting on calendar

Cut teams and non-cut teams

Roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ of the high school plays a sport and a $\frac{1}{4}$ play 2 or more



Arts

Arts classes

Theatre

Advanced Band

Theatre and Arts Trips

Art Based Clubs



Activities

Clubs
Dances
Leadership
Team Tiger
Special Events





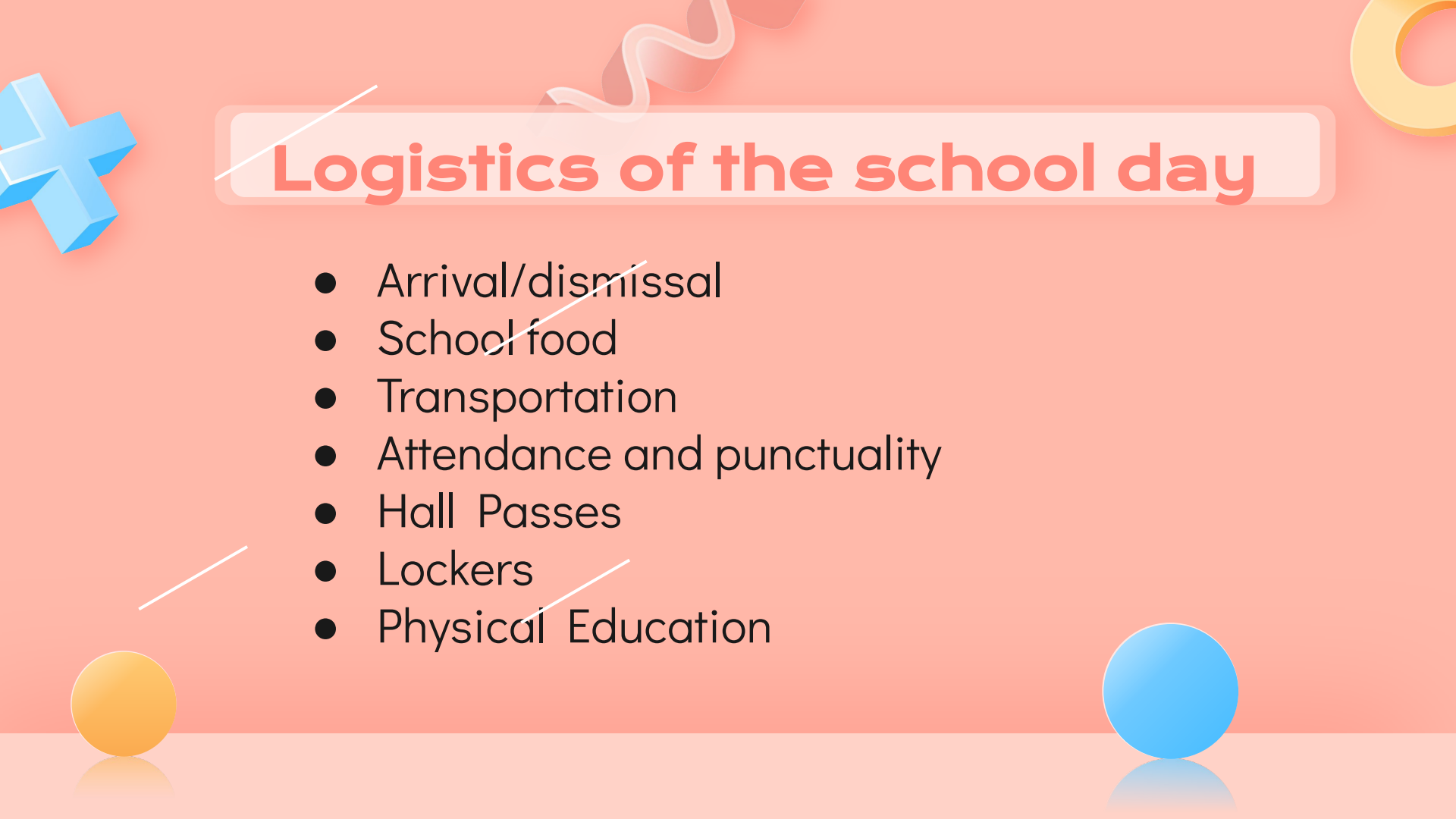
After HS

- Pathways Days “Planning, Preparing and Paying”
- Summer Opportunities Fair
- College Visits
- College Fair
- College Rep visits
- Career Exploration





Miscellaneous



Logistics of the school day

- Arrival/dismissal
- School food
- Transportation
- Attendance and punctuality
- Hall Passes
- Lockers
- Physical Education



Guidance and Emotional Support

- Student Support Team
- PBIS
- Counseling in Schools
- Help is Here



Behavioral

- Code of Conduct
 - NYCPS Behavioral Expectations
 - Deans
 - Non Negotioables
 - Fighting
 - Drugs, alcohol, vapes
 - Hate speech/Hate Posts
 - Bullying Speech/ Bullying Posts
 - Wi-Fi Violations
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Communication

- Google Classroom
 - Jupiter
 - RKA Notes/Looking Ahead
 - NYCSA
 - Marking Period Newsletters
 - Frequent Emails
 - Staff contact list
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Electronics

In order to promote intellectual engagement and maintain a wholesome and productive environment, the following will be implemented:

- School chromebooks will be used in class only
- Students will not be allowed to take chromebooks home
- Cell phones and all Wi-Fi Enabled devices are to be placed in a Yondr pouch upon entry.
- Pouches can be stored in backpack or locker until the end of the day



****** Chromebook use will be managed by classroom teachers during class time.



NO WI-FI ENABLED DEVICES



**ONLY SCHOOL-ISSUED OR APPROVED DEVICES
PERMITTED IN SCHOOL BUILDING
ARRIVAL BELL TO DISMISSAL BELL**



**TURN OFF
DEVICES/ITEMS**



**SEAL IN POUCH WITH
ID WITH STAFF**



**STORE IN OWN LOCKER OR BAG UNTIL
UNSEALED BY STAFF AT THE END OF
THE DAY**

CONFISCATION & CONSEQUENCES



**EARN 5
TIGER TOKENS
EVERY WEEK
FOR
FOLLOWING
THE RULE**

1. STUDENT/ADMIN CONFERENCE; ITEMS RTN'D END OF DAY
2. PHONE CALL HOME; ITEMS RTN'D END OF DAY
3. PARENT PICK UP OF DEVICE; ITEMS RTN'D TO PARENT ONLY
4. AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION; ITEMS RTN'D TO PARENT ONLY AFTER CONSEQUENCE COMPLETE
5. LOSS OF PRIVILEGES; ITEMS RTN'D TO PARENT ONLY END OF DAY
6. CLASS REMOVAL SUSPENSION; ITEMS RTN'D TO PARENT ONLY AFTER CONSEQUENCE COMPLETE



What Do Families do Next?



**FOR FAMILY
SIGN OFFS
BEGIN
HERE:**



Contact
JPrince4@schools.nyc.gov
with questions

- Go to www.rka141.org and follow us on IG @ RKAMSHS141
- Pick up supplies
- Start waking children up early
- **Opening Day Packets**
 - Return Lunch Forms and Blue Cards
 - Read and sign off @ www.rka141.org/publications
 - Calendar
 - Code of Conduct
 - Club Listing

**HELP US
REACH OUR GOAL**

**RIVERDALE • KINGSBRIDGE
ACADEMY**

**FILL IN THE FAMILY
INCOME FORM TODAY**

1300 FORMS
1200 FORMS
1100 FORMS
1000 FORMS
900 FORMS
800 FORMS
700 FORMS
600 FORMS
500 FORMS

**EVERY
FORM
COUNTS!!**

**FAMILY INCOME
FORMS MEAN
POSSIBLE
FUNDING
INCREASES FOR
RKA**

**WWW.
MYSCHOOLAPPS
.COM**

**HELP US FUND
STAFF
STAFF TRAINING
INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS
TECHNOLOGY
EVENTS
ACTIVITIES
ATHLETICS**

**Please,
Please,
Please!!!
!**



Upcoming Events



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT



IN-PERSON @ RKA
September 25, 2025
5:30-8:00 PM
Come meet our staff in person!



HIGH SCHOOL PARENT MEETINGS

9/16/25
10th and 11th
Grade

9/11/25
9th
Grade

Connect with School Staff and Other Parents and
Learn How to Support Your Child's Growth through
High School



Meet staff and
other parents



Get your questions
answered



Discuss important
information



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9/18/25
12th
Grade



Questions

