



Welcome Families of the Class of 2029

Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy
MS/HS 141

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; **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."*

Meet your Support Team

Administration:

Ms. O'Mara- Principal

Ms. Lustig- HS Assistant Principal

Deans:

Ms. McCloggan : 9th Grade & 10th Grade

Mr. DiCanio 11th Grade & 12th Grade

High School Counselors:

Ms. Byrd- 9th - 12th Grades Last Names A-Gn

Ms. Payne- 9th -12th Grades Last Names Go-Pa

Ms. Lockhart-Lee 9th -12th Grade Last Names Pb-Z

Support Services:

Ms. Benitez- Related Services

Mr. Oguagha-Related Services

Ms. Riverapen & Ms. Gordian- Counseling in Schools



Middle School vs High School

Promotion between grades is based on credits

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

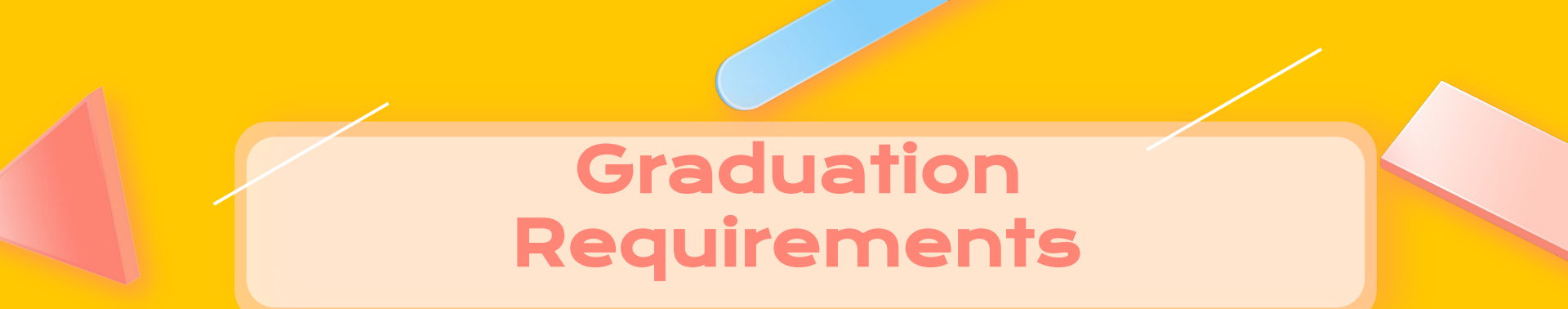
Students are programmed for a minimum of 10 credits a year

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.

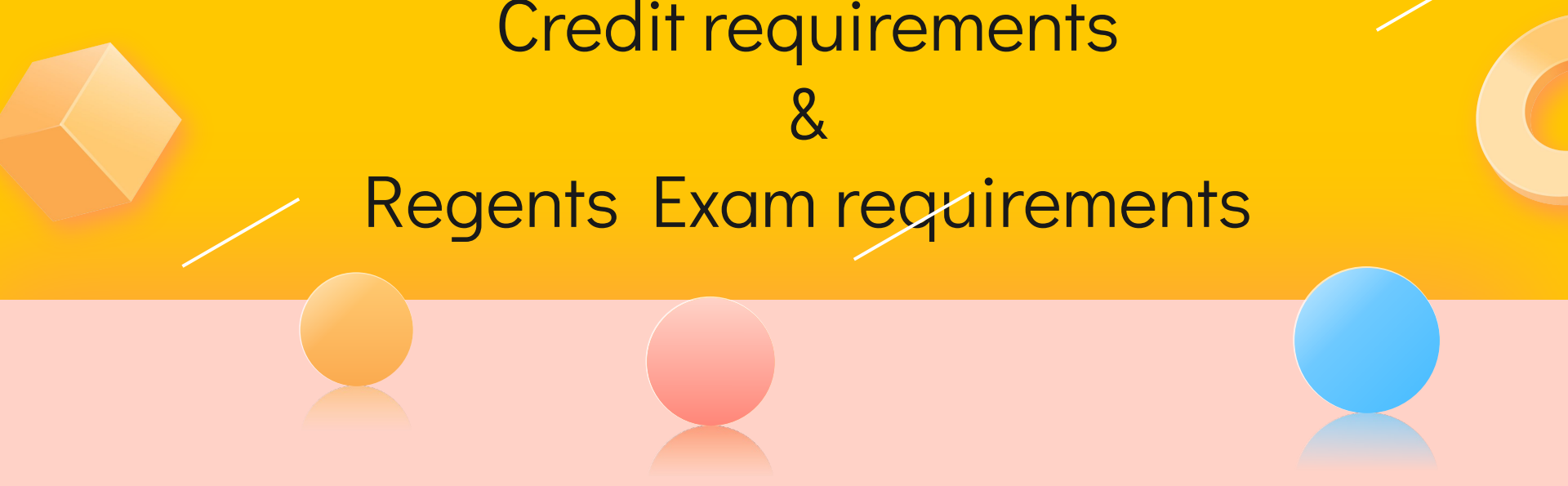
- ☐ In your schedule the next school year
- ☐ Summer school
- ☐ PM School
- ☐ YABC PM School

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



Graduation Requirements

Credit requirements
&
Regents Exam requirements



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)

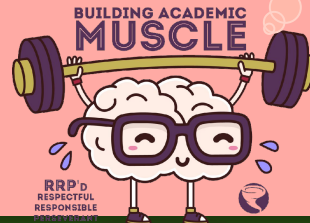
-30 Credits:

- 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!



CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

- 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 & 2, Participation in Government, & 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 (Once a subject requirement is fulfilled, any additional credits in that subject qualify as electives)

REGENTS DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

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

1. English (ELA)
2. Math
3. 1 Social Studies Regents
4. 1 Science Regents

AND

PLUS 1

1 Additional Math Regents

OR

1 Additional Science Regents OR

1 Additional Social Studies Regents

OR LOTE Exam



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)
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STUDENTS WHO HAVE AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATIONAL PLAN (IEP) &/OR 504 PLAN:

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- 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.

Potential 9th Grade Courses

English 1
Global 1

Algebra I or Geometry 1

Biology 1 or Earth Science 1 or Chemistry

Physical Education 1 (and maybe Health)

Arts or World Language I or II

LUNCH

Mandated services as needed

Everyone's schedule is different for a
REASON!

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)



Academic Planning

- In-Class visits
- Individual Progress Review Meetings
 - Transcript Review
- Course Guide & Course selection- Spring
- Advanced class Information Sessions- Spring



Preparing for life after high school

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



Arts

- Arts classes
- Theatre
- Advanced band
- Theatre and Arts Trips
- Art Based Clubs



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



Activities

- Clubs
- Dances
- Leadership
- Team Tiger
- Special Events





ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES



Arrival Procedures:

- **High School- Glass doors to the cafeteria. (9th grade uses the door closer to the arcade)**
 - Doors open at 8:05am
 - Students must turn off and place their phone in their assigned Yondr pouch as they enter the building, not before
 - 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

Dismissal Procedures:

- *Students leave at 2:40 pm NOT BEFORE!
- *Leave from the nearest exit to your class, arcade, E, C, A



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

Friendly Reminders

- ***YOUR CHILD SHOULD CHECK THEIR EMAILS AND GRADE LEVEL GOOGLE CLASSROOM DAILY FOR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS.***
- ***YOUR CHILD SHOULD SCHEDULE TO MEET WITH THEIR TEACHERS TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC SUPPORT.***
- ***IF YOUR CHILD NEED ASSISTANCE WITH RESETTING PASSWORDS FOR EMAILS, THEY CAN SEE THEIR SCHOOL COUNSELOR***
- ***PLEASE CHECK THE RKA WEBSITE OFTEN FOR IMPORTANT DOCUMENT AND/OR UPDATES: WWW.RKA141.ORG***
- ***STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD CHECK JUPITER GRADES AND NYS CA REGULARLY***



DOCUMENTS ARE HERE:



**FOR FAMILY SIGN OFFS
BEGIN HERE:**



Contact
JPrince4@schools.nyc.gov
with questions

- Go to www.rka141.org
- Follow us on IG @ RKAMSHS141
- **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

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

Please,
Please,
Please!!!
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Fair

Students- September 26th during Lunch

Parents- September 15th during Back to School Night

Clubs Begin

September 30

Back To School Night (in-person) 5:30-8:00

September 25

College Fair- Here at RKA!

October 15

End of 1st Marking Period

October 17

Parent Teacher Conferences

November 20- Evening

November 21- Afternoon



Student Support Team

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Questions

