



**WELCOME
PARENTS OF
THE CLASS OF
2022**

**Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy
September 17, 2018**

AGENDA

- Introduction of Key People
- What's New This Year?
- Differences between High School and Middle School
- Graduation Requirements
- Strategies for Success
- Course Offerings at RKA
- Sports/Clubs
- Questions

Important People

- Ms. Lustig – AP for the grade, all organizational issues
- Mr. Scholz and Mr. Sullivan – Subject Supervisors
- Mr. Cuomo- 9th grade Dean
- Ms. Lewis – Dean
- Ms. Roberts- COSA All activities
- Ms. Kauschinger- Guidance Counselor
 - Last Names A-K
- Ms. Eisenberg – Guidance Counselor
 - Last Names L-Z
- Ms. Prince – Parent Coordinator

What's New This Year?

- **9th Grade Semester 1 Finals in all major subjects will be given from January 21-January 25**
 - **Exam only schedule**
- **New Late Entry Procedure**
 - **The HS entrance (236/Independence) is opened by 8:12 so students have time to go to their locker.**
 - **First period begins at 8:20**
 - **Late bell rings at 8:25**
 - **Late entrance is at the arcade**
 - **Students must “swipe” in if they are late and they receive a printed late pass**

WHAT MAKES HS DIFFERENT?

- Promotion and graduation standards are based on credits and Regents exams.
- Semester based system: Final grades and credits for the fall semester are awarded at the end of January. Final grades and credits for the spring semester are awarded at the end of June.
- Any credit that is failed needs to be made up prior to graduation.
- **Every class failed is a lost credit.**

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 11th to 12th Grade
- 44 Credits Plus NYS Regents exam requirements
 - Graduate from High School

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+ (4 + 1)

PLUS + 1

1. English
 2. Math
 3. 1 History Regents
 4. 1 Science Regents
- 1 Additional Math Regents OR
1 Additional Science Regents OR
1 Additional History Regents
OR 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

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.**

IEP Students

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

How can students make up failed courses?

- Options for making up credits are limited:
- PM School: SUBJECT TO FUNDING!!!! Students can earn one credit each semester by attending PM. These classes are subject to funding and are not guaranteed. Last year classes ran 2 days a week from 2:45 to 4:45.
- Classroom credit recovery *may* be offered to students who received a 60-64 in the class the previous semester and met the 66% attendance requirement. **Credit recovery is at the discretion of the teacher of the failed subject. The Maximum number of credits earned through Credit Recovery is 3.**
- **A maximum of 2 - 3 credits can be earned in Summer School each year. Two credits is a full year of 1 failed class, i.e. English, nothing more!!!**

What can I do to help my child succeed?

- Make sure they have the tools to be successful
 - School supplies in a familiar place
 - Textbooks, when used, kept in a set location
 - A TI-84 calculator that they can use for homework and bring to school for exams
 - Routines are critical
- Review the school calendar so you know when report cards will be sent home
- Periodically check PupilPath
- Help your child to learn time management skills
- Be aware of the requirements and expectations for each class; Back to School night this Thursday
- Encourage your child to advocate for him/herself
- Reach out to guidance with any major concerns

Course Offerings: AP courses

These are college level courses that culminate in a standardized AP exam. Colleges may or may not award credit based on the score achieved on the exam.

- Studio Art
- English Language
- English Literature
- Spanish Language
- US History
- Calculus
- Biology

Course Offerings: Dual Enrollment courses

These courses, for 11th and 12th grade students, are **credit bearing** from The College of Mount Saint Vincent. They are taught here at RKA by our staff using the syllabus, textbook and final exam from the college. Parents pay a fee to Mt. St. Vincent, currently only \$50/credit, and children receive a transcript for these classes from the college.

Current Offerings at RKA – Classes offered are based on student requests

- Human Biology

Electives

Offered electives vary from year to year

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Ceramics (Art)
- College Writing
- Marketing & Media
- Criminal/Civil Law
- Painting through History
- Pre-Calculus
- Scientific Research
- Business & Finance
- Pre College Math
- Mythology
- Psychology
- Intro to Computers
- Statistics
- Journalism
- Bioethics
- Global Conflict & Resolution

SPORTS

- PSAL for Girls

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

- PSAL for Boys

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Track
- Baseball
- Lacrosse
- Cross Country

- PSAL Co Ed

- Golf
- Wrestling

Community Service

- 40 hours required to attend graduation.
- National Honor Society requires **10 additional** hours per year.
- Important component for those applying to 4 year colleges.

Questions?????

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