



# Ridgewood High School

## Class of 2022 Profile

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### Community at a Glance

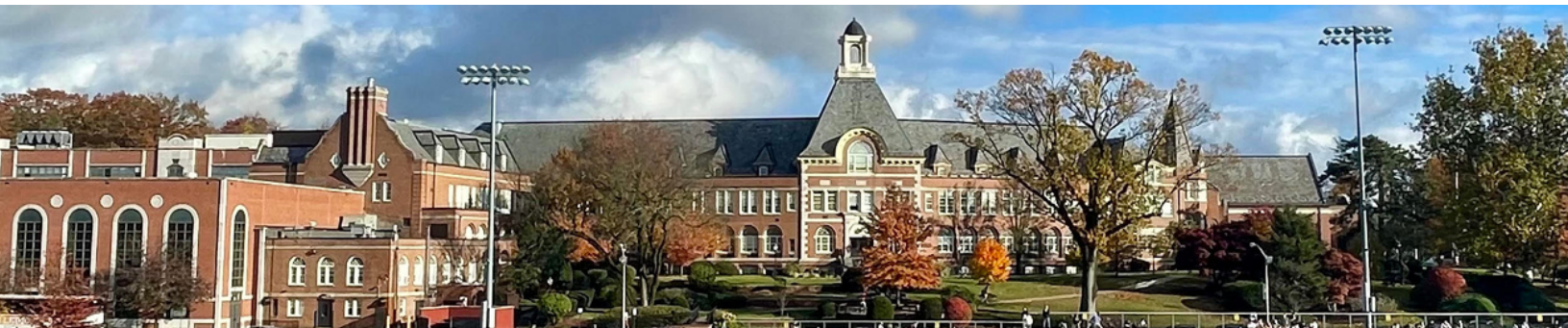
Ridgewood, New Jersey, is an incorporated village with a population of approximately 25,000 and is located in Bergen County, only 12 miles from New York City. Heads of families are, for the most part, business executives or professionals. The citizens maintain a high level of interest in the education system. The estimated expenditure per pupil for the 2022-2023 school year is \$18,693. Presently, 86% of the school's certified staff have earned Master's Degrees or higher.

### About Ridgewood High School

Ridgewood High School was founded in 1892 and is a comprehensive high school for grades 9-12, with a present school population of 1,770. The high school is the one of the largest in Bergen County and is consistently ranked among the top schools in the country. The academic environment at Ridgewood High School is very challenging. The majority of our students meet the challenge by earning exemplary grades. There are four levels of rigor available to our students: Advanced Placement, Honors, College Prep, and College Prep Survey.

The Class of 2022 includes 467 students of which 95% went to post-secondary schools. Ridgewood High School does not calculate a numerical rank. The high school transcript includes both General Unweighted Grade Point Average and a Prep Weighted Grade Point Average. Ridgewood High School's educational opportunities include Dual Enrollment, Independent Studies, 66 Honors courses, 31 Advanced Placement courses. In addition to our vast college preparatory programs, Ridgewood High School offers a first-class Special Education program.

<b>467</b> # of students in the class	<b>94.6%</b> attending a 4-year college
<b>44.7%</b> attending Public/State college	<b>51.6%</b> attending Private college
<b>20.2%</b> attending college in New Jersey	<b>1.7%</b> attending a 2-year college
<b>1303</b> average SAT score (exceeds state & national levels)	<b>28</b> average ACT score (exceeds state & national levels)



#### Class of 2022 GPA Distribution

4.5671-4.0001	24.7%
4.0000-3.5001	36.2%
3.5000-3.0001	22%
3.0000-2.5001	10.2%
2.5000-2.0001	3.9%
2.0000 & below	3.4%

#### Freshman Year Philosophy

At Ridgewood High School, an intentional focus is placed on student well-being, mental health, and balance. For incoming 9th grade students, all students take college preparatory level courses with the exception of students who double accelerate in mathematics. Course level options are purposely limited to college prep level courses to allow our 9th grade students to transition to high school. Our Freshman F.O.C.U.S. Program is a one-of-a-kind peer model orientation program that lasts until April and offers students additional support and mentorship.

Grade	Scale	AP	Honors	CP
A	93-100	5.00	4.50	4.00
A-	90-92	4.67	4.17	3.67
B+	87-89	4.33	3.83	3.30
B	83-86	4.00	3.50	3.00
B-	80-82	3.67	3.17	2.67
C+	77-79	3.33	2.83	2.33
C	73-76	3.00	2.50	2.00
C-	70-72	2.67	2.17	1.67
D+	67-69	2.33	1.83	1.33
D	63-66	2.00	1.50	1.00
D-	60-62	1.67	1.17	0.67
E	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00

## ADMINISTRATION

**Interim Superintendent**  
Leonard Fitts, Ed.D.

**Assistant Superintendent  
Curriculum, Instruction  
& Assessment**  
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**Principal**  
Jeff Nyhuis

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## NJ Minimum Requirements

- ✓ 4 years English & Wellness
- ✓ 3 years Mathematics, History (2 U.S.), Lab Science
- ✓ 2 years World Language
- ✓ 1 year Visual or Performing Arts or Career Education (Consumer, Family, and Life Skills)
- ✓ 1/2 year Financial Literacy

## Scheduling Constraints

At Ridgewood High School, students are able to select six classes in addition to Wellness/Health annually. We are fortunate to be able to offer an extensive program of study with diverse course offerings. Students are encouraged to take a rich and eclectic schedule, giving them the opportunity to challenge themselves and expand their areas of knowledge. Additionally, we value all disciplines and believe that students should explore subjects that inspire passion and creativity, even if that results in one less academic elective.

## Opportunities to Grow Beyond the Classroom

- ➔ 116 co-curricular activities and clubs
- ➔ Top-ranked athletic program with 16 sports for boys and 17 sports for girls
- ➔ Over 85% of students participate in one or more extracurricular activities
- ➔ Award-winning fine and performing arts program with unique curricular extensions

## Accolades

- ➔ Ranked #24 public high schools in NJ by Niche, 2022 *(including academies/charter schools)*
- ➔ Ranked #28 public high schools in NJ by U.S. News & World Report, 2022
- ➔ College Board's 2020 AP Computer Science Principles Female Diversity Award
- ➔ Best Communities for Music Education by The NAMM Foundation, 2020 & 2021
- ➔ Two National Merit finalists and two corporate sponsored National Merit Scholars

## AP by the Numbers

- ➔ 1,112 AP exams given
- ➔ 31 AP courses
- ➔ 26% - Score of 5
- ➔ 27% - Score of 4 or better
- ➔ 24% - Score of 3 or better
- ➔ 15 National AP Scholars
- ➔ 52 AP Scholars with Distinction
- ➔ 33 AP Scholars with Honor
- ➔ 75 AP Scholars

*Grades 11-12: max 5 AP classes*

*AP data based on 2021 administration*

## AP Course Load

Students in 11th and 12th grade are permitted to take a maximum of five AP classes. Students in 10th grade have the potential to take up to two AP classes, but this is rare. Students in 9th grade are not eligible to enroll in an AP class. As a result of our freshman year philosophy, 76.3% of the Class of 2022 took four or fewer AP classes during their high school career.

## Ridgewood High School's Academy/Integrated Programs

Ridgewood High School offers two Academy Programs and two Integrated Programs, all of which require a selective application process. Engaging and challenging, the Academy and Integrated Programs offer a unique experience rarely found within the public school sector. These programs encourage students to pursue specific passions or vocational interests – ranging from the liberal arts to medical professions.

### ACADEMY PROGRAMS

**RIDGEWOOD ACADEMY FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS (RAHP)** is a three-year, honors/AP level program developed in partnership with The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood and Bergen Community College. Students selected for RAHP have expressed an interest in careers in the health and medical fields. Participants study as a cohort within their core subjects and content is related to real world experiences through field trips and rotations to local medical facilities. This academy program culminates with the AP Capstone program junior and senior year.

**CAREER PATHWAYS IN MEDICINE (CPM)** is a two-year program for students who have an interest in pursuing a career within health or medical professions. The goal of the program is to integrate participating high school students' academic college preparatory curriculum with real life learning opportunities for basic skills required to advance to further studies at the technologist level. This program will align with the college preparatory sequence of courses at RHS and offer students the opportunity to explore careers and programs in the health and medical sciences.

### INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

**AMERICAN STUDIES (AMSTUD)** is a two-year honors-level program which integrates students' studies of American history with American literature. The material is reinforced through Socratic discussion, student debates, and group projects. This program requires a significant amount of research, with an emphasis on long-term assignments. A series of in-place learning opportunities accompany the two-year sequence. A rigorous application process includes teacher recommendations and requires prospective applicants to complete an impromptu essay.

**AMERICAN HISTORY AND LITERATURE WITH INTEGRATED STUDY IN THE ARTS (AHLISA)** is a two-year honors-level program that creatively integrates studies in the fine and performing arts with a strong academic focus on both American history and literature. Outside of history and English instruction, students regularly meet with art and dance instructors to explore the complex relationship between their studies and analysis of the visual/musical/theatrical work of various time periods. This is a lecture and discussion-based course focusing on cultural influences throughout history, and it welcomes artists from diverse disciplines, including visual art, music, theater, and dance.

### WORLD LANGUAGES

There are five World Languages (Chinese, French, German, Latin, Spanish). Three languages are offered at the Advanced Placement level. Seal of Biliteracy is an initiative that began in NJ during the 2016-2017 school year. Achieving the seal recognizes a student's ability to speak, read, listen, and write in one or more languages, in addition to English, at a high proficiency level. Sixty-one seniors achieved the Seal of Biliteracy for the Class of 2022.

## Ridgewood High School's Fine and Applied Arts

Our high school maintains a vibrant and comprehensive program in the Fine and Applied Arts. Our music, arts, and dance programs are all exceptional and have received accolades and recognition at the state and national level.

Our art program consists of over 30 courses! Students regularly show work in our school gallery as part of our juried Maroon & White program in addition to submitting and receiving various regional and national awards. Students who participate in a curricular art class for their entire scholastic career at RHS will earn recognition for "Honors in Art." Those seniors whose art experience culminates at the most advanced level will receive "Honors in Art with Distinction."

In the area of music performance, students who participate in a curricular ensemble for their entire scholastic career at RHS will earn recognition for "Honors in Music Performance." Those seniors whose music experience culminates at the most advanced level will receive "Honors in Music Performance with Distinction." Annually, students from all three music performance areas qualify for membership in All County, All Regional, All State, and All Eastern Ensembles.

# Ridgewood High School Course Offerings

Course descriptions can be found in our [Program of Studies](#)

## ENGLISH

### AP

Capstone Seminar American Studies  
Language & Composition  
Literature & Composition  
Senior Seminar

### HONORS

US History & Literature w/Integrated Study  
in the Arts 1 & 2  
Beat Generation  
Creative Writing  
Crime & Mystery Fiction  
Dramatic Literature  
Female Protagonist  
Journalism & Media  
Literature in Film  
Myth, Legend & the Bible  
Non-Fiction Creative Writing  
Philosophy & Literature  
Philosophy of Race  
Ridgewood Academy of Health Professionals  
Senior Seminar  
Studies in Shakespeare

### CP

American Experience  
American Humanities  
Literary World Views  
Non-Fiction Creative Writing

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

### ESL

Advanced ESL  
High-Intensity ESL  
ESLIP - ESL Integration Program

## WORLD LANGUAGES

### AP

French  
Latin  
Spanish

### HONORS

Chinese  
French  
German  
Latin  
Spanish  
Classical Cinema

### CP

Chinese  
French  
German  
Latin  
Spanish

## BUSINESS & MARKETING

### HONORS

Business Management  
Accounting 1 & 2  
Adv. Marketing and Merchandising 1 & 2  
Managerial Accounting

### CP

Finance  
Entrepreneurship  
Intro to Business  
Merchandising  
Intro to Marketing  
Sports & Entertainment Marketing

## MATH/COMPUTER SCIENCE

### AP

Calculus AB  
Calculus CD  
Statistics  
Computer Science  
Principles of Computer Science

### HONORS

Algebra 2  
Math Analysis  
Calculus  
Computer Programming  
Adv. Topics in Computer Science

### CP

Geometry  
Algebra 1  
Algebra 2  
Algebra 2 Enriched  
Advanced Algebra w/Trig.  
Precalculus 1  
Precalculus 1 Enriched  
Precalculus 2 with Statistics  
Probability & Statistics  
Advanced Math Applications  
Computer Applications

## VISUAL ARTS

### AP

Studio Art 1 & 2  
Art History

### CP

Advertising Art  
Advanced Advertising Art  
Architectural Design 1 & 2  
Ceramics 1 & 2  
Digital Arts  
Ceramics 2  
Digital Photography 1 & 2  
Advanced Digital Photography  
Fundamental Drawing  
Introduction to Studio Art  
Intermediate Studio Art  
Interior Design  
Jewelry & Metal Design 1 & 2  
Painting 1 & 2  
TV Production  
Video Production  
Advanced Video Production  
Advanced Portfolio Development

## DANCE & THEATER

Dance 1 & 2  
Advanced Dance  
Acting 1  
Advanced Acting  
Stagecraft

## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

### HONORS

Tomorrow Teachers

### CP

Child Development  
Consumerism  
Introduction to Foods & Nutrition  
Foods of the World

## SCIENCE

### AP

Physics 1 & 2  
Physics C  
Seminar RAHP  
Research RAHP  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Environmental Science

### HONORS

Chemistry  
Chemistry RAHP  
Physics  
Forensic Science  
Anatomy and Physiology  
Human Anatomy RAHP  
RAHP Internship  
Genetics and Biotechnology  
Physics, Engineering & Art

### CP

Environmental Science  
Adv. Topics in Environmental Science  
Biology  
Biology Advanced  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Forensic Science  
Career Pathways in Medicine 1 & 2

## MUSIC

### AP

Music Theory

### HONORS

Music Mentors

### CP

Intro to 21st Century Music Production  
Adv. 21st Century Music Production  
Symphonic Band  
Concert Band  
Wind Ensemble  
Symphonic Orchestra  
Concert Orchestra  
Chorale  
Concert Choir  
Treble Choir  
Music Rewind

## TECHNOLOGY/APPLIED ARTS

### HONORS

Yearbook 2  
Yearbook Management 1 & 2

### CP

Graphic Arts 1, 2, 3, and 4  
Intro to Media Tech  
Innovation Through Design Thinking  
Design Think Studio  
Building & Design 1, 2, and 3  
Interactive Design 1 & 2  
Robotics 1 & 2  
Real World Engineering  
Yearbook Production 1 & 2  
Journalism Production 1 & 2

## ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

School to Careers  
Structured Learning Experience  
Satellite AM/PM

## SOCIAL STUDIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES

### AP

US History 1 & 2  
European History  
Government & Politics  
Human Geography  
Microeconomics/Macroeconomics  
Psychology  
Social Studies Seminar

### HONORS

US History 1 & 2  
US History 1 American Studies  
US History & Lit. w/Integrated Study  
in the Arts 1 & 2  
Classical Foundations of America  
Constitutional Law  
Contemporary Issues in Social Science  
Criminal Law  
Global Economics  
Human Geography  
Modern European History  
Psychology  
Revenge, Justice & Social Mores  
in Greek Tragedy  
Ridgewood in History  
Ridgewood Leaders  
Social Studies Seminar  
Sociology  
Stock Market and the Economy  
The Global Citizen  
Reflections of the Holocaust  
Trojan War  
Western/Non Western Philosophy

### CP

US History 1 & 2  
US History American Experience 1 & 2  
US History 1 American Humanities  
Film as History in the 20th Century  
History of American Society and Culture  
History of the Modern World  
Human Geography  
Psychology  
Ridgewood Leaders  
The Global Citizen  
Reflections of the Holocaust  
World History

## WELLNESS

Driver Education  
First Aid & Safety  
Freshman Fitness  
Health  
Project Adventure  
Senior Wellness  
Strength & Conditioning  
Unified PE  
Yoga & Stress Management

## TRANSITION PROGRAM

Academic Enrichment  
21st Century Work Skills



# Class of 2022 - College Enrollment

American University (3)  
Amherst College (1)  
Andrews University (1)  
Arizona State University (1)  
Babson College (1)  
Bard College (1)  
Bergen Community College (11)  
Berklee College of Music (1)  
Binghamton University (2)  
Bloomsburg University of PA (1)  
Boston College (4)  
Boston University (5)  
Bowdoin College (2)  
Brigham Young University (1)  
Brown University (2)  
Bucknell University (8)  
Carnegie Mellon University (1)  
Case Western Reserve University (1)  
Champlain College (1)  
Clark University (1)  
Clemson University (4)  
Colby College (1)  
Colgate University (5)  
College of Charleston (1)  
College of the Holy Cross (4)  
Connecticut College (2)  
Cornell University (5)  
Culinary Institute of America (1)  
CUNY Hunter College (1)  
Davidson College (1)  
Drexel University (2)  
Elizabethtown College (1)  
Elon University (8)  
Emerson College (1)  
Emory University (3)  
Fairfield University (4)  
Fairleigh Dickinson University (1)  
Florida Atlantic University (1)  
Florida Gulf Coast University (1)  
Florida Southern College (1)  
Fordham University (5)  
Franklin and Marshall College (3)  
Furman University (1)  
George Washington University (4)  
Georgetown University (2)  
Georgia Institute of Technology (1)  
Gettysburg College (4)  
Gwinnett Technical College (1)  
Harvard University (1)  
High Point University (1)  
Indiana University-Bloomington (11)  
Iona College (2)  
Ithaca College (4)  
James Madison University (3)  
Kean University (1)  
Kent State University (1)  
King's College (1)  
Lafayette College (1)  
Lehigh University (13)  
Liberty University (1)  
Loyola University Chicago (1)  
Loyola University Maryland (2)  
Manhattan College (2)  
Marist College (6)  
Marquette University (1)  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences (1)  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1)  
McGill University (3)  
Michigan State University (4)  
Monmouth University (3)  
Montclair State University (13)  
Moravian University (1)  
Mount St. Mary's University (1)  
New Jersey Institute of Technology (2)  
New York University (6)  
Northeastern University (3)  
Northwestern University (1)  
Ocean County College (1)  
Pace University, NYC Campus (1)  
Pace University, Westchester Campus (1)  
Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus (9)  
Pepperdine University (1)  
Pratt Institute-Main Campus (2)  
Princeton University (2)  
Providence College (5)  
Purdue University (4)  
Quinnipiac University (1)  
Ramapo College of New Jersey (6)  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)  
Rhode Island College (1)  
Rhode Island School of Design (1)  
Rochester Institute of Technology (2)  
Rockland Community College (1)  
Rowan University (2)  
Rutgers University-New Brunswick (31)  
Rutgers University-Newark (2)  
Sacred Heart University (4)  
Saint Louis University-Madrid (1)  
Saint Michael's College (1)  
Salisbury University (2)  
San Diego State University (4)  
Sarah Lawrence College (1)  
Savannah College of Art & Design (1)  
Seton Hall University (3)  
Skidmore College (2)  
Smith College (1)  
Southern Methodist University (1)  
Stevens Institute of Technology (11)  
Stevenson University (1)  
Stony Brook University (2)  
Susquehanna University (1)  
Syracuse University (11)  
The College of New Jersey (5)  
The College of Wooster (1)  
The New School (1)  
The University of Alabama (1)  
The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (1)  
The University of Tampa (4)  
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville (1)  
The University of Texas at Austin (1)  
Tufts University (3)  
Tulane University of Louisiana (3)  
United States Air Force Academy (1)  
United States Military Academy (3)  
United States Naval Academy (1)  
Universidad Antonio de Nebrija (1)  
University of Arizona (2)  
University of British Columbia (1)  
University of California-Berkeley (1)  
University of California-Los Angeles (2)  
University of California-San Diego (1)  
University of Colorado Boulder (6)  
University of Connecticut (1)  
University of Delaware (7)  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1)  
University of Maryland-College Park (4)  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst (7)  
University of Massachusetts-Boston (1)  
University of Miami (4)  
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (2)  
University of Mississippi (3)  
University of Notre Dame (1)  
University of Oregon (1)  
University of Pennsylvania (2)  
University of Pittsburgh (3)  
University of Rhode Island (2)  
University of Richmond (2)  
University of Rochester (1)  
University of South Carolina-Columbia (2)  
University of Vermont (5)  
University of Washington-Seattle (1)  
University of Wisconsin-Madison (7)  
Vanderbilt University (2)  
Vassar College (1)  
Villanova University (3)  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (6)  
Wake Forest University (2)  
Washington University in St Louis (2)  
Wellesley College (1)  
Widener University (1)  
William & Mary (1)  
William Paterson University of NJ (1)  
Wofford College (1)

# Our Mission

The Ridgewood Public Schools, committed to a tradition of excellence and innovation, in partnership with the community, provide a rich and challenging learning environment, enabling students to maximize their unique potential to become lifelong learners and productive, responsible citizens.

