

# RISING SOPHOMORES SCHEDULING INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION FOR 2019-20

**February 11 - February 14:** You will meet with your Counselor during your English class.

**February 22:** Last date to turn forms in.

After that date, if your form is not turned in, your courses will be selected by your Counselor and you will not be able to change them.

**Select 7 classes plus alternates.**

**If you don't select courses and alternates, Counselors pick your classes.**

Many courses require teacher recommendations. Remember to have your teachers sign your form for advanced courses.

You are responsible for acquiring teacher recommendations prior to meeting with your Counselor.

Be sure that you have selected an English, math, science and social studies course.

If you select a one-semester course, you must pair it with another one-semester course.

**COURSE SELECTIONS ARE FINAL!!**

### SHOULD I TAKE ADVANCED COURSES?



We recommend that you challenge yourself, but don't overdo it. Take the most rigorous course(s) that

**YOU CAN HANDLE!**

You are making a year-long commitment!

### What if you have failed a course?

If you have failed a course that is required for graduation, you will need to retake it. When selecting your 7 classes, be sure to include any graduation requirements that you need to retake. If you only need to make up one semester, be sure to choose a class to fill up the other semester.

*Did you know?*

Taking electives in high school is a great way to explore a variety of career fields. In college, you will pay for every elective course that you take, so most people can't afford to explore careers while in college.

**Get involved!** Statistically, students who are involved in community service & school activities tend to make better grades.

**STAY  
INFORMED**

**Join Mountie Counseling Remind  
Text @mounties22 to 81010.**

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**CHECK THESE OFF! WHAT DO YOU STILL NEED?**

ENGLISH	4	
MATH	4	
SCIENCE	3	
SOCIAL STUDIES	3	
HEALTH	0.5	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1.0	
FINE ART	0.5	
ORAL COMMUNICATION	0.5	
CAREER / TECHNOLOGY	0.5	
ELECTIVES	7	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	

## ARE YOU ON TRACK TO GRADUATE?

While RHS does not retain you for lack of credits, you can still end up behind in credits and unable to graduate on time. You need to earn a minimum number of credits each year to be on track to graduate.

- ◆ End of 9th grade - 5.5 credits
- ◆ End of 10th grade - 11 credits
- ◆ End of 11th grade - 16.5 credits

## CONCURRENT CREDIT

If interested in taking college classes as a senior, keep your GPA up and do your best on your ACT Aspire and ACT tests. These courses require a minimum GPA and test scores to qualify.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb. 22—Final date to turn in request forms

April 1—Final date to change course requests



## New classes to check out:

- Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones)
- Creative Writing

## SCHEDULE

Course requests are an extremely important part of staffing the school and building the master schedule. For this reason, Counselors will not be making schedule changes in the fall. All course requests are considered final, and changes will only be considered in cases of Counselor error. Choose wisely as you are committing to the courses that you select. **COURSE SELECTIONS ARE FINAL!!**

## WHY CHOOSE ALTERNATES?

Not everyone will get their first choices due to staffing, class loads, and course conflicts. Alternates are your opportunity to tell us your back up choices.

### ALTERNATES GET USED!

- Getting an alternate on your schedule is not a mistake.
- You cannot request teachers, class periods, lunches, etc.
- Your 1st & 2nd semesters may not be the same! This is not an error.

## TEACHER

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- \*Required for any advanced class.
- \*These are based on what is in your best interest, not on your feelings!
- \*If you are recommended for an advanced class that you don't want, let your Counselor know.

### AA PROGRAM

The Associate's Program (AA) allows select students to graduate with a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree! Qualified 10th graders will be invited to apply in spring of their 10th grade year.

## CLASS of 2022

## WHAT ELSE?

ACT ASPIRE - You will take the Aspire this spring. These test scores can be used later to qualify for college-level programs!

Be mindful of your attendance! Don't allow yourself to lose credit in a course.

Can you raise your GPA this semester?

You need a 2.0 to get your permit. A higher GPA can lead to more opportunities later!

What are you doing after high school?

Don't wait until senior year to think about it!

Research colleges now and over the summer. Take visits if you can.

Narrow down your options so senior year is less stressful!

## PLAN AHEAD

You will have many options for programs in the 11th & 12th grade. RHS students have the opportunity to take off-campus career training in several high-demand fields. Keep your GPA and test scores up so that you can compete for spots in these programs!

### Exciting new opportunity!

#### AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA: What is it?

RPS students now have the opportunity to earn a nationally-recognized AP Capstone Diploma in addition to their RPS Diploma.

This is a highly advanced program designed to prepare you for college.

You will complete a college-level research project! Endorsed by the U of A and many other colleges.

- ◆ Take 6 AP courses, including AP Seminar and AP Research. You choose the other 4.
- ◆ To earn the diploma, you must earn a 3 or higher on all 6 AP exams.

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