



STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Grade 9: 48
Grade 10: 43
Grade 11: 32
Grade 12: 27



FACULTY

40 full and part-time faculty teach in the Upper School. More than two thirds hold an advanced degree. One third have taught at the college level.

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OVERVIEW

Ridgeview Classical Schools is a free, public, open enrollment K-12 charter school with a mission to develop the academic potential and personal character of each student through academically rigorous, content-rich educational programs.

CURRICULUM AND ACADEMIC CULTURE

Students work with a faculty advisor who provides guidance and encouragement in all aspects of academic life throughout their high school years. They take a unified series of seminar and capstone courses in the humanities exploring philosophies of the heroic, religion and humanity, the American experience, and the Good Life. This sequence culminates in a required 25-page thesis that seniors compose, orally present, and defend. Additionally, students read complete works of classical literature closely, writing and presenting formal analyses, and they study the history of Western Civilization through examination, discussion, and written analysis of primary sources. They are introduced in an 8-credit Moral Philosophy course to traditional visions of virtue, friendship, and the good life. Core literature, history, government, science, and math courses (beyond the level of Algebra II) are taught at the honors level. A limited number of AP courses in science, math, and computer science are offered. Those available to the Class of 2024 have been Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Physics C – Mechanics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, and Statistics. Students are encouraged to take no more than two AP courses yearly.

Classes meet twice a week for 75 minutes and one day a week for 35 minutes, totaling four credit hours in Terms 1 and 2 and two credit hours in Term 3. The school schedule includes eight class periods.

Academic Course Credit at Ridgeview		
Term 1 Fall	Term 2 Winter/Spring	Term 3 Late Spring
1 st Term Electives 4 Credits	2 nd Term Electives 4 Credits	3 rd Term Electives 2 Credits
Moral Philosophy & Government 2 Terms, 8 Credits		
Core Courses: 3 Terms, 10 Credits		

Required Curriculum			
Specific Coursework for Class of 2023 Varies Due to 2021 Curricular Changes			
9 th Grade	Credits	10 th Grade	Credits
Honors Classical Literature	10	Honors British Literature	10
Honors Western Civilization I	10	Honors Western Civilization II	10
High Sch. Latin II (or approp. level)	10	Introduction to Economic Thought	4
Seminar 9 – The Heroic	4	Sem. 10 – Religion in the Life of Man	4
Honors Biology	10	Honors Earth Science	10
Math (at appropriate level)	10	Math (at appropriate level)	10
Physical Education	4	Physical Education	4
11 th Grade	Credits	12 th Grade	Credits
Honors American Literature	10	Honors Modern Literature	10
Honors American History	10	Honors Modern European History	10
Honors American Government	8	Moral Philos. 1: Great-Souled Man	8
Capstone 11: The American Project	4	Capstone 12: The Good Life	4
Honors or AP Chemistry	10	Senior Thesis: Essay, Present. & Def.	2
Math (at appropriate level)	10	Honors or AP Physics	10
Physical Education	4	Math (at appropriate level)	10
SAT Prep	1	Physical Education	4

20 foreign language credits (modern or ancient) are required and must include proficiency through Latin II.
Math through the level of Algebra II is required.
25 elective credits are required.
Science and math course selection may be accelerated to allow students to take additional coursework as upperclassmen.

GRADING

A 94-100 (4.0) A- 90-93 (3.7) B+ 87-89 (3.3) B 84-86 (3.0) B- 80-93 (2.7) C+ 77-79 (2.3) C 74-76 (2.0) C- 70-73 (1.7) D+ 67-69 (1.3) D 64-66 (1.0) D- 60-63 (0.7) F BELOW 60 (0.0)

Ridgeview does not rank or rate students.

GRADE INFLATION IS DISCOURAGED.

IN OUR 22-YEAR HISTORY, NO STUDENT HAS GRADUATED WITH AN UNWEIGHTED GPA OF 4.0.

WEIGHTING

GPA is based on grades from high school courses taken at Ridgeview only. Students who earn a C or better in honors and AP classes receive a GPA bonus. This bonus is calculated by dividing these credits by total credits. Both adjusted and unadjusted cumulative GPAs are indicated on the transcript.

Grade Distribution for the Class of 2024 9 th -11 th Grade				
	4 th Quartile	3 rd Quartile	2 nd Quartile	1 st Quartile
Unweighted GPA	2.07-2.67	2.99-3.33	3.33-3.59	3.71-3.99
Weighted GPA	2.29-3.05	3.43-3.83	3.75-4.01	4.27-4.56

2023 SAT SUMMARY

Members of the Class of 2024 took the school-day SAT in April 2023. The mean Total Score was 1216 with a mean ERW score of 647 and mean Math score of 569.

GRADING & COURSE DELIVERY DURING THE PANDEMIC

For the 2020-21 school year, all classes were taught in person and live-streamed. Students attended through either a hybrid plan or 100% remotely. Students had the option to attend 100% in person only during February-May 2021. Courses have been 100% in person since August 2021.

THE CLASS OF 2023 RECEIVED MERIT SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS TOTALING MORE THAN \$1.9 MILLION.

THE OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Ridgeview places an emphasis on developing a reverence for nature in our students. Through a variety of trips in all season, our students enjoy a myriad of opportunities to get outside and explore the beauty of Colorado. Highlights for grades 9-12 include multi-day backpacking trips, trekking through Colorado or, occasionally, our neighboring states. During the winter, Student Ambassadors, Student Council members, and others may take ice climbing, snow shoeing, or yurt excursions to learn winter survival skills.

SPORTS

While Ridgeview does not offer high school sports due to its size, numerous students participate in varsity sports through other area high schools each year.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student Council (StuCo) is the popularly elected form of high school student government at Ridgeview. There are four representatives from each grade, plus a high school President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian (appointed). StuCo members plan social activities & coordinate charitable work. Student Ambassadors are nominated by faculty and chosen by the Headmaster and his designees through a rigorous application & selection process. Ambassadors represent the school in various capacities as exemplary models of character & academics.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

Students are heavily involved in the overall functioning of organizations and clubs. Those currently offered at the high school level include Classics Club, Key club, Math Club, Chess Club, Robotics Team, Science Bowl, Creative Writing Club, Fall Play, Spring Musical, Madrigals, Dickens of a Christmas musical production, Climbing Club, Duke of Edinburgh (outdoor leadership), Advanced Choirs, and Mock Trial.

ORGANIZATION ACCOLADES (2018-2022)

Chess Club: 2020 (1st State), 2019 (4th State)
Robotics: 2022 (2nd State, Motivate Award, Innovate Award), 2020 (2nd State)
Mock Trial: 2022 (10th State, 2nd Regional), 2019 (2nd and 3rd Regional), consistent awards/rankings for Professionalism, Best Witness, and Best Attorney
All-State Choir Members: 2023 (1), 2022 (1), 2021 (1), 2019 (3)
All-State Orchestra Members: 2023 (1), 2022 (1), 2021 (1), 2019 (2)
Western States Honor Orchestra: 2020 (2)
Northern Colorado Youth Orchestra: 2023 (1), 2022 (1), 2021 (3)

DUAL ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Ridgeview partners with the University of Colorado – Denver to offer dual enrollment courses through the CU Succeed program. Ridgeview teachers who have been certified and granted an adjunct faculty appointment by a CU Denver academic department offer the following courses in 2023-24 (on the Ridgeview campus) for which students may register for CU Denver credit:
Honors Western Civilization I, Honors American History, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C – Mechanics, AP Environmental Science
French 3, French 4, Spanish 3, and Spanish 4.



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES, 2019-2023

103 students have graduated, of whom 89% matriculated to a 2 or 4-year college or university. Students from Ridgeview's last five graduating classes have been admitted to the following schools (matriculation numbers in parentheses).

Abilene Christian University
Aims Community College
Allegheny College
American University (1)
Ball State University
Baylor University (2)
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Beloit College
Benedictine College (4)
Berklee College of Music (1)
Binghamton University
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University-Idaho (1)
Bryn Mawr College
Butler University
Cal Poly Humboldt (1)
Cal Poly
California State U -Monterey Bay
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Clark University
Coe College
Colby-Sawyer College
College of Wooster (1)
Colorado College
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines (3)
Colorado State University (25)
Columbia Southern University (1)
Cornell College
Cottey College
Creighton University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U
Emerson College
Fairfield University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fort Hays State University (1)
Fort Lewis College
Franciscan U of Steubenville
Front Range Community College (3)
Furman University
George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Goucher College (1)
Grand Canyon University (1)
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University
Hastings College
Hillsdale College
Hiram College
Hood College
Iona College
Iowa State University
John Cabot University
John Paul the Great Catholic U (1)
Johns Hopkins University (1)
Juniata College
Lake Superior State University
Leipzig University
Lewis & Clark College
Louisiana State University (1)
Luther College (1)
Macalester College (1)
Mercer University
Metropolitan State U of Denver
Michigan State University
Missouri U of Science and Tech
Montana State University (1)
Morningside University
Naropa University
Nebraska Wesleyan University
Neumont College of Comp Science
New Mexico Inst of Mining & Tech
New Mexico State University
Northern Arizona University
Oregon Institute of Technology
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pacific Lutheran University
Pacific University
Pepperdine University
Princeton University (1)
Purdue University-Main Campus (1)
Reed College
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Ripon College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Saint Francis University
Saint Louis University
Salve Regina University
Scripps College
Smith College
Soka University of America
S Dakota Sch of Mines & Tech (1)
Southern Utah University
St Olaf College
St. John's College
Sterling College
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stevenson University
Suffolk University
Swarthmore College
Texas A & M University (1)
Trine University
Truman State University
Union College (NY)
United States Military Academy (1)
U of California-Santa Cruz (1)
University of Chicago (2)
University of Colorado Boulder (8)
U of Colorado Colorado Springs (1)
University of Colorado Denver (2)
University of Dallas (1)
University of Denver (1)
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Hilo
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Houston
University of Idaho
U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (1)
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Mary Washington (1)
University of Mary
U of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Massachusetts-Lowell
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Montana (1)
University of Montana-Western
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Northern Colorado (2)
University of Notre Dame (1)
University of Oklahoma-Norman
University of Oregon
University of Puget Sound (1)
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California (1)
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Wyoming (1)
University of the Pacific
Ursinus College
Valparaiso University (1)
Virginia Tech
Warren Wilson College
Washington & Jefferson College
Wellesley College (1)
Western Colorado University
Western Washington University (1)
Whitman College
Whitworth University
Willamette University



COURSE OFFERINGS

Required courses are italicized. Courses with an asterisk are spring term, two-credit courses. Other requirements in Latin/Foreign Language, Science, and PE apply. For course descriptions, please contact: adixon@ridgeviewclassical.org or shoudesheldt@ridgeviewclassical.org.

ART

High School Studio Art
Photography
Pottery ('22, '23) *
2D Studio Art ('22, '23, '24) *

COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY

3D Modeling & 3D Printing ('22, '23, '24)
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Computer Science A
Computer Application Essentials
Computer Graphics & Game Design ('22, '23) *
Intro to Programming--Python ('22, '23, '24)
Engineering Drafting & 3D Solid Modeling ('22)
Robotics III / H.S. Robotics
Intermediate Programming - Python ('22, '23) *

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Latin I, II, III, IV, V, VI
French I, II, III, IV
German I, II, III, IV
Greek I, II, III, IV
Spanish I, II, III, IV

LITERATURE

Honors Classical Literature
Honors British Literature
Honors American Literature
Honors Modern Literature
Arthurian Mythos ('23)
C.S. Lewis ('21, '23)
Literature of the Bible ('22)
Lord of the Rings ('21, '23)
Eastern Religions ('23)
To Be A Prince - A Reading from Machiavelli ('22, '23) *
Plays of Shakespeare ('23) *
Hero with a Thousand Faces ('24)
Comparative Fairy Tales ('23, '24)

HISTORY, GOVERNMENT, ECONOMICS, PHILOSOPHY

Honors Western Civilization I
Honors Western Civilization II
Honors American History
Honors Modern European History
Seminar 9: The Heroic ('22, '23)
Seminar 10: Religion in the Life of Man ('22, '23)
Capstone 11: The American Project

Capstone 12: The Good Life
Honors American Government
Intro to Economic Thought
Moral Philosophy: The Great-Souled Man
The Holocaust ('24)
Love and Courtship ('21, '23)
Modern Thirty Years' War ('23)
Moral Philosophy and Imaginative Literature ('22, '23)
The Ancient World ('23)
The Other Lives of Plutarch ('23)
World War II ('22, '23) *
Magic in the Ancient World ('22, '23)*
Comparative Govt./Politics ('22, '23) *
The First World War ('22)*
Ten Decisive Battles ('23)*
Mythology ('24)*

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC ('21, '22, '23)
AP Statistics
Calculus II (Honors) ('24)
Calculus III (Honors)
Financial Algebra ('23)
Intro to Statistics (Honors) ('21)
Linear Algebra (Honors) ('21)
Number Theory (Honors) ('21)
Pre-Calculus (Honors)
Recreational Math ('22, '23) *

MUSIC

American Pop Music ('21)
Beginning Band
Bravura
History of Film Music ('22, '23, '24) *
Graduation Vocal Ensemble
Advanced Choir Ensemble ('21, '22, '23)
Concert Band
History of the Beatles ('21)
Jazz Band
Sinfonia/ Adv. Orchestra

SCIENCE

Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Honors Earth Science
Honors Physics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry

AP Environmental Science
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Science Preparedness ('22, '23, '24) *
Cognitive Psychology/Neuroscience ('21)
Psychology and Religion ('21)
Science of Emotion Developmental Psychology ('21)
General Psychology I (Honors) ('21)
General Psychology II (Honors) ('21)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Krav Maga Self-Defense
PE Fitness: Individual Sports
Martial Arts ('21)
Social Dance
Advanced Social Dance ('21, '22, '24)
PE Individual Sports
PE Team Sports
PE Personal Training
Grappling, Sparring & Tactical ('22, '23)*
PE & Fitness ('24)

OTHER

Business Basics ('22, '23)
Finances for Life/College Planning 101 ('22)
Improv ('24)*
Publications - Yearbook
Office Aide
Performing Arts
Personality Theory ('22, '23, '24)*
Student Services Internship
Supplemental Studies
Supplemental Math
Teacher Aide
Entrepreneurship ('22, '23, '24) *
Vocation, College & Career ('22, '23, '24) *
Business of Sports ('22, '23) *