

FRESHMAN PARENT NIGHT 2023

September 21, 2023
6:00 PM



HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Mr. Brian Pepe — Principal

Mrs. Tiffany Correa — Assistant Principal

Mr. Brandon Flanagan — Assistant Principal

Administrative Assistants: Mrs. Hoock & Mrs. Norton



A background image of a marching band in a stadium at night. The band members are wearing dark uniforms with gold accents and tall hats, marching in formation. The stadium seating is visible in the background, and the scene is dimly lit with some lights reflecting off the field.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Superintendent: Dr. Jim Albro

Assistant Superintendent: Mr. Vito DeLaura

Athletic Director: Mr. Denis Nelson

Director of Technology: Mr. Marc Wachter

ELA & Social Studies Supervisor: Dr. Lisa Torres

Math Supervisor: Ms. Jennifer Ali

Director of Special Services: Mr. James Cooney

Director of Student Personnel Services: Mrs. Erin Kirkby



PEOPLE TO KNOW

Campus Security: Mr. Hirsch & Mr. Steccato

School Nurse: Mrs. VanWettering

Student Assistance Counselor: Mr. Giorgio

Senior Options Coordinator: Mrs. Luberto

Attendance Office: Ms. Ioele

ATTENDANCE POLICY

To receive a high school diploma in the state of New Jersey, your unexcused absences may not exceed:

- 18 absences in a full year course
or
- 5 cuts in a full year course

- 9 absences in a semester course
or
- 3 cuts in a semester class

- Excused absences are:
 - Illness (verified with a doctors note)
 - Family emergency
 - Religious observance
 - College visit (three max)
 - Other special circumstances cleared by the principal.

- Attendance policy is explained in full at: [**RDHS Attendance Policy**](#)



MEET THE SCHOOL COUNSELORS



Ms. Farfalla
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Mr. DiUbaldo
De - J



Mrs. Garcia
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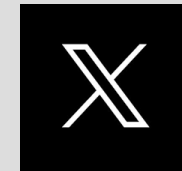
Mrs. Anderson
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Mrs. Amadeo
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**Administrative Assistants:
Mrs. Neary & Mrs. Obeso**

ROLE OF YOUR STUDENT'S COUNSELOR

Academic Planning

- Choosing courses & electives
- Discussing options and course pathways

Post Graduate Planning

- College (2- & 4-year options)
- Technical School
- Career
- Military

Career Exploration

- The guidance staff utilizes Naviance as a tool to discover options for your future career

Student Well-being

- Social
- Emotional
- Mental health concerns

Confidentiality

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS VS. RECOMMENDED COURSES FOR COLLEGE

Academic Area	Required	Recommended
English	4 years	4 years
Social Studies	3 years	4 years
Mathematics	3 years	4 years
Lab Science	3 years	4 years
Foreign Language	2 years of the same language	3-4 years of the same language
Visual/Performing Arts	5 credits	5+ credits
Career, Consumer Life Skills	5 credits	5+ credits
Physical Education	4 years	4 years
Financial Literacy	2.5 credits	2.5 credits
Total Credits	120	140+



WHEN PLANNING YOUR SCHEDULE...

- Take courses that are appropriately challenging
- Consider the entire schedule and balance workload
- Take beyond the minimum if you can perform well in the class
- Technical School options are available (Bergen Tech, BOCES)
- Teachers will make academic recommendations around Feb. 1st for next year
- Teachers base recommendations on mastery of skills, not potential and many of our courses have grade requirements

RIVER DELL PROGRAM OF STUDIES

- All course descriptions and requirements are listed in our comprehensive program of studies
- The program also reviews typical (and in some cases required) course sequences
- We *highly* recommend looking over this program before we begin scheduling in March



Link to
Program
of
Studies





CAREER & TECHNICAL TRAINING

The primary option for career or technical training is run in partnership with BOCES

- Students attend full-year, half-days (either in the AM or PM)
- Students take four courses at RD and the remaining courses at BOCES
- Available to 11th and/or 12th grade River Dell students
- Tuition paid by RD
- Transportation provided to and from RD (located in West Nyack, NY)



<https://www.rocklandboces.org/career-technical-education/>

FINDING YOUR PASSION

- Explore options
- Get involved!
- Focus on interests
- What colleges want:
 - Investment in activity
 - Making an impact
 - Leadership
- Build a Résumé



STAYING AHEAD

Extra Help

- Teachers are available for extra help from 2:35-3:05 Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

Make a habit of checking:

- Week-at-a-Glance
- One Note
- Genesis
- School Email
- Especially if they have been absent


Academic support

- Best option is to start with extra help with teachers first.
- Peer tutoring is available for free through student honors societies.
- If you need more support and would like recommendations for outside of school tutoring, reach out to your student's counselor

LEVEL CHANGES & DROPPING CLASSES

	DROP WITH NO RECORD (25% of course)	WP/WF (25-50% of Course)	ZERO (after 50% of course, a zero will count towards GPA)
FULL-YEAR COURSE	Nov. 8 th	Nov. 9 th – Jan. 19 th	Beginning Jan. 20 th
SEMESTER 1 COURSE	Oct. 6 th	Oct. 7 th – Nov. 8 th	Beginning Nov. 9 th
SEMESTER 2 COURSE	Mar. 1 st	Mar. 2 nd – Mar. 28 th	Beginning Mar. 29 th

River Dell Regional School District

Student Name & Address Riverdell, John 123 Pyle Street Oradell, NJ 07649				High School Name & Address River Dell High School 55 Pyle St Oradell, NJ 07649 201-599-7238	
Parent or Guardian Mrs. Jane Riverdell	Student ID 263977	Sex F	Date of Birth 01/23/2008	State ID Number 123456789	
Guidance Counselor Counselor, Mary	CEEB Code 311054	Entry 09/06/2022	Withdrawal	Graduation	
<u>Student Academic History</u>				<input type="checkbox"/> Official Transcript <input type="checkbox"/> Student Copy	
Grade 09	Year 2022-23	Final Grade	Credits	Grade 10	Year 2023-24
Honors English 9 Honors Language and Composition Honors World Civilizations Advanced Algebra 1 Physics Spanish II Physical Education 9 Introduction to TV Marching Band		85 83 89 92 93 98 99 96 100	5.000 5.000 5.000 5.000 5.000 5.000 5.000 5.000 2.500	Personal Financial Management Honors English 10 Creative Writing Honors US History I Advanced Geometry TV Production II Honors Chemistry Spanish III Physical Education 10 Marching Band	
Weighted GPA 93.4118		Credits Earned 42.500	Weighted GPA		Credits Earned 0.000

- What does a RD transcript look like?
- What do colleges look for?
 - GPAs are cumulative
 - Colleges are looking for an upward trend in grades and course rigor
- How are student GPAs calculated?



THE TRANSCRIPT

GPA CALCULATION EXAMPLE

		Credits	Quality Points
English 9 –	90	x 5 =	450
H World Civ –	85 + 3 = 88	x 5 =	440
H Geometry –	90 + 3 = 93	x 5 =	465
H Physics –	82 + 3 = 85	x 5 =	425
H Spanish III –	91 + 3 = 94	x 5 =	470
Language & Comp –	89	x 5 =	445
Physical Education 9 –	98	x 5 =	490
Introduction to TV –	90	x 5 =	450
Total Credits: 40			3635/40 = <u>90.875</u>

Self Discovery

Let's get started.
It looks like you haven't done any assessments yet. By taking Naviance assessments you'll get to know yourself better.
Here are assessments that are available for you to take now.

NAVIANCE

- Parents and students share account information


- Students use their RD email and self-created password

- 9th grade Naviance activities:

- Building a resume
- Goal setting
- Do What You Are

<https://student.naviance.com/riverdell>


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Start Assessment


AchieveWorks Career Interest Profiler®



Discover your sensory, intellectual, and physical preferences to help develop and adjust your study practices.

Start Assessment


AchieveWorks Personality®



Use AchieveWorks Personality® to identify your personality type by asking you to choose scenarios that best represent how you behave in real life.


Start Assessment

Career Cluster Finder




The Career Cluster Finder helps you identify your

Career Interest Profiler



The Career Interest Profiler captures your interests to

Strengths Explorer®



Strengths Explorer® helps you identify your key

RESOURCES

RIVER DELL HIGH SCHOOL

55 Pyle Street, Oradell, NJ 07649
Phone 201-599-7200

Find many of the referenced resources and much more at:

<https://rdhs.riverdell.org/guidance>

Need help with Genesis?

- Contact: genesishelp@riverdell.org or call (201) 599 – 7234
- Please include your name, your child's full name and grade, and your email address

Need help with Community Pass?

- Contact: communitypass.help@riverdell.org
- Please include your name, your child's full name and grade, and your email address

It is always helpful to keep counselors in the loop regarding unique situations or hardships. As counselors, we have access to many resources geared towards assisting students and their families with various aspects of life. Some particularly relevant information to share:

- Loss of job and/or financial hardship
- Health issues
- Loss of family member
- Changes to the family dynamic
- Concerns over your student's mental health
- Any other situations that may impact the social, emotional, or academic functioning of our students

LAST, BUT NOT
LEAST: HELP US
HELP YOU