



# Ridgewood High School

## Mission

The mission of Ridgewood High School focuses on learning.

- ◇ Students will become adaptable life-long learners and responsible, ethical citizens, with the ability to make informed decisions in a changing global society.
- ◇ Students will demonstrate learning in multiple settings and in multiple ways. Members of the Ridgewood High School community will collaborate to ensure that every student learns.

## The School and Community

Ridgewood High School District 234 is a public four-year comprehensive high school located thirteen miles west of downtown Chicago. Founded in 1960, Ridgewood is a single high school district which serves the northwest suburban communities of Norridge and Harwood Heights. Residents of these communities are largely professional, semiprofessional, managerial, and skilled workers and reflect a wide diversity of ethnic backgrounds.

## Academic Program

Designed to motivate and challenge all students, the academic program at Ridgewood High School tailors instruction to the individual needs of its students. Students are engaged and motivated through relevant, real-world learning experiences guided by school faculty and community leaders. During their high school career, students have access to a wide range of learning experiences, including Advanced Placement courses, dual enrollment and dual credit opportunities at both universities and the local community college, as well as learning experiences outside the high school. All learning experiences are academically rigorous and intended to prepare students for success in college, career, and citizenship.

Highlights of the Academic Program:

- ◇ District 234 is a member of the Illinois' Competency-Based High School Graduation Requirements Pilot Program.
- ◇ Project-based learning is embedded throughout the curriculum and most courses engage students in long term investigative projects which address issues affecting the community.
- ◇ Internships are available to all students through established school-community partnerships with local businesses and organizations.
- ◇ Independent studies are available to any student to provide opportunities to connect to their interest, passions, and future ambitions.
- ◇ Advanced Placement courses in English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Calculus, American History, Psychology, Human Geography, United States Government, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science (A & Principles), Italian, and Spanish are open to all students at Ridgewood.
- ◇ Dual enrollment (early college) courses are available to all students through Triton College.
- ◇ Dual Credit half-day cohort opportunities in Criminal Justice and Automotive Repair are available to all students.
- ◇ Ridgewood partners with the Technology & Manufacturing Association to offer students manufacturing learning experiences and the opportunity to earn NIMS credentials.
- ◇ Seniors are offered the opportunity to participate in the R-Gen program (Our Generation's way of learning). The program encourages students to learn through collaboration, innovation, and creativity.

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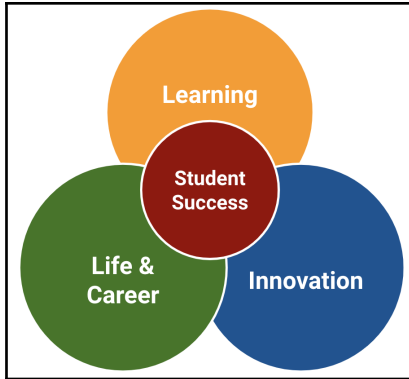
## Graduation Requirements

English .....	4 credits
Math.....	3 Credits
Science .....	3 Credits
Social Studies.....	2 Credits
Physical Education.....	3.5 Credits
Health.....	5 Credits
Consumer Education .....	5 Credits
World Language, Business, Vocational or Computer Science .....	2 Credits
Fine or Applied Arts.....	1 Credit

Students need a total of 23 credits to graduate.

## Student Assessment & Grade Reporting

Students at Ridgewood High School demonstrate their learning through multiple opportunities and through varied forms of assessment. Students actively learn and apply critical-thinking and problem-solving skills along with the critical skills of communication, collaboration and cultural responsiveness to help them work in ever-changing, diverse workplaces. In addition to being graded on academic performance, students receive grades related to attendance, participation, effort, and other behaviors critical to academic and life success. A student's final grade is a reflection of the level of mastery that a student has reached toward each of the competencies in the following categories: Learning, Innovation, and Life & Career.



Ridgewood High School does not see grading as a terminal event. Any student who is issued a Not Met is allowed additional time, practice, and/or instruction to ensure the student has learned the necessary skills. Students are not penalized by the averaging of assignment or assessment scores over time if additional interventions, including but not limited to additional time, practice, and/or instruction, are needed.

### Grading Scale

A 90-100%  
 B 80-89%  
 C 70-79%  
 D 60-69%  
 NM (Not Met) 0-59%

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### Test Scores

SAT Average Scores

Composite.....962

Evidence-based Reading &  
 Writing.....490

Mathematics.....473

### Enrollment

824 students

208 Seniors

### Post Secondary Plans

45% planned to attend a 4-year college

47% planned to attend a 2-year college

3 % planned to attend a trade/ tech school

1% planned to enter the military

4% planned to enter the workforce

## College & University Acceptances

American Academy of Art	Illinois Institute of Technology	Chicago
Augustana College	Illinois State University	Southern Illinois University
Arizona State University	Indiana University	St. Ambrose University
Beloit College	Iowa State University	Stanford
Benedictine University	Kalamazoo College	Syracuse
Berklee College of Music	Kendall College	Triton College
Bradley University	Knox College	University of Arkansas/Little Rock
Boston University	Lake Forest College	University of California/Berkeley
Carnegie-Melon	Le Cordon Bleu	University of Chicago
Carroll College	Loyola University (IL)	University of Illinois/ Chicago
Carthage College	Marquette University	University of Illinois/Chicago Honors College
Case Western Reserve	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Illinois/Springfield
Central Michigan University	Miami University (OH)	University of Illinois/Urbana
Clemson University	Michigan State University	University of Indiana
Coastal Carolina University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of Iowa
Columbia College (IL)	Mizzou	University of Kansas
Concordia University	North Park University	University of Michigan/Ann Arbor
Cornell College	Northeastern Illinois University	University of Minnesota
Dartmouth College	Northern Illinois University	University of Minnesota/Twin Cities
DePaul University	Northern Michigan University	University of WI/Madison
DeVry	Northwestern University	University of WI/Parkside
Dominican University	Notre Dame	University of WI/Stevens Point
Drake University	Oakton College	University of WI/Whitewater
Eastern Illinois University	Ohio State	Valparaiso
Elmhurst College	Ohio University	Washington University (St. Louis)
Emory University	Penn State University	Western Illinois University
Franciscan University	Princeton	Yale University
George Washington University (DC)	Purdue University	
Georgetown University	Robert Morris University	
Harper College	Roosevelt University	
Harvard	Saint Louis University	
Holy Cross College	Saint Xavier University	
Hope College	School of the Art Institute of	
Illinois Institute of Art		