RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026 School Profile

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New at Ridge

CAREER DEPARTMENT

- Sports & Entertainment Marketing replaces Principles of Marketing for grades 11-12

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

- Modified criteria for advancing from CP Eng 10 & 11 to AP courses to an A or better
- Modified criteria for advancing from Honors to AP courses from a B- or better to a B or better (applicable to students in Honors American Literature and Honors British Literature
- Communications for College, Classroom, and Career now has a dual enrollment option through Seton Hall University

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

- AP Statistics prerequisites have been updated to include CP Statistics
- Removal of CP Precalculus as a viable level change to CP Statistics. Algebra III/Trigonometry will be the only option for students coming from CP Precalculus

SCIENCE

- AP Physics C enrollment criteria to include corequisite enrollment AP Calc AB or BC

SOCIAL STUDIES

- CP Human Geography is discontinued

WORLD LANGUAGES

- New course: Heritage Speaker Spanish I
- Academic Support for Multilingual Learners is now a Pass/Fail course

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

- New course: Cinema Studies: Art of Film
- Course title change from Concert Band to Symphonic Band and addition of Honors
- Course title change from Concert Band 9 to Concert Band

Community

Bernards Township is a suburban community of 28,498 residents located 28 miles from New York City. The parent population is significantly comprised of professionals, representing the fields of corporate and business leadership, executive management, finance, medicine, law, education, and many others.

School

Ridge High School is a comprehensive, four-year public high school with an enrollment of approximately **1,573 students** that prepares its graduates for a wide variety of post-high school education placements.

Accreditation

Ridge High School is accredited by the New Jersey Department of Education. Most recently in 2025, Niche.com ranked Bernards Twp. School District 2nd Best high school in Somerset County" and gave Ridge High School an A+ rating overall and an A for college readiness. *U.S. News & World Report* named Ridge High School as number 32 in New Jersey, and is ranked number 454 nationally.

Faculty

Bernards Township has a dedicated and highly trained instructional staff who welcome the challenges of its dynamic student population. Ridge High School values its **8:1 student-teacher ratio and 197:1 student-counselor ratio.** Twenty of the 192 instructional staff members hold bachelor degrees, 115 hold master's degrees, and 4 have doctorates.

Curriculum

The curriculum of the Bernards Township School District culminates with the high school program of comprehensive course offerings. The district takes pride in the level of academic rigor that is provided to students in all areas. **Twenty eight Advanced Placement offerings and 41 courses offered at the honors level** provide students with expansive opportunities to challenge themselves beyond the college preparatory level. The students benefit from working with a faculty that stays current with pedagogical and practical instructional practices through graduate school attendance and through participation in the district's Staff College program. Students work closely with staff members during tutorial periods and through mentoring programs. A challenging curriculum, a supportive environment, and a staff with high expectations for student success are the ingredients that combine to produce graduates who are prepared to face the challenge of further education.

District Administration	Ridge High School Administration	Ridge High School Counselors	
Nick Markarian, *Superintendent* Sean Siet, *Assistant Superintendent* Kristin Fox, *Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum* Michael Mancino, *Director of Athletics* Dr. Jean O'Connell, *Director of Special Services* Stephanie Smith, *Director of School Counseling*	Dr. Russell Lazovick, *Principal* Michael Fackelman, *Assistant Principal* Scott Graber, *Assistant Principal* Cheryl Howarth, *Assistant Principal* Scott Thompson, *Assistant Principal*	Marguerite Cahill Dominique Coviello Linda Cuccaro Ryan Hughes	Sydney McGivney Rebecca Muraview Jackie Treanor Margaret Wu

Grading Information

Student Academic Performance Six Semester Weighted GPAs

Weighted GPA Range	Class of 2026	Class of 2025	Class of 2024	Class of 2023	Class of 2022
5.0 – 4.5	8%	5%	9%	8%	7%
4.4 – 4.0	26%	30%	28%	28%	30%
3.9 – 3.5	35%	33%	34%	30%	32%
3.4 – 3.0	18%	17%	19%	19%	21%
2.9 – 2.5	10%	8%	6%	9%	7%
2.4 – 2.0	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%
1.9 – 1.5	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
1.4 – 1.0	-	-	1%	1%	-
Median GPA	3.757	3.8370	3.7809	3.7822	3.8247
Class Size	388	426	445	421	449

Ridge High School calculates a weighted GPA based only on courses taken at Ridge High School on a 4.0 scale.

Class Rank

Ridge High School does *not* rank its students or provide decile data. See the distribution chart of weighted GPAs above in order to place into context the academic performance of this candidate.

Grading Scale

A+	97-100	**B+**	87-89	**C+**	77-79	**D+**	67-69	**E**	0-59
A	93-96	**B**	83-86	**C**	73-76	**D**	63-66	Passing mark = 60 / D-	
A-	90-92	**B-**	80-82	**C-**	70-72	**D-**	60-62		

Extracurricular Opportunities

- A list of clubs and athletics can be found on our website.
- Students are required to complete 15 hours of community service as part of our U.S. History courses.

District Graduation Requirements

- 4 years of **English Language Arts**
- 2 consecutive years of the same **World Language**
- **Social Studies**:1 year of Global History 2, 1 year of U.S. History, 1 year of U.S. Government and Economics
- 3 years of **Mathematics**
- **Science**: 1 year of Biology, 1 year of Chemistry, 1 year of Physics
- A minimum of 3.75 credits of **Physical Education/Health** for each school year of attendance
- 1 year of any combination of **Visual or Performing Arts**
- 1 year of any combination of **Career Education courses**
- ½ year of **Financial Literacy or Honors Personal Finance**

District Policies

Release of Student Disciplinary Records

Bernards Township Board of Education policy prohibits the release of student disciplinary information to individuals or institutions outside of the school district. This policy prohibits the release of any student disciplinary information to colleges and universities, even when the information request is part of an application. Student disciplinary information is contained in pupil records, which are afforded the strictest protection and privilege under New Jersey law and this school board's policies. Accordingly, we are unable to provide you with any information or answer any questions relating to the applicant's disciplinary record while this student is in our schools.

Release of Letters of Recommendation

The Counseling Department does not release letters of recommendation to students or parents under any circumstances. Ridge High School sends letters directly to the recipient electronically or by postal mail. A release/waiver form may need to be on file prior to sending.

Dropped Courses

Dropped courses appear on a student's transcript as a "W", after specified dates in our Program of Studies.

Standardized Test Scores

Mean SAT Scores

	U.S. 2025	N.J. 2025	RHS 2025	RHS 2024	RHS 2023	RHS 2022
EBRW	Scores are in embargo by the College Board typically until October, at which time this profile will be updated.			638	641	644
Math				646	648	651

Average ACT Scores

	U.S. 2025	N.J.2025	RHS 2025	RHS 2024	RHS 2023	RHS 2022
Composite	Scores are in embargo by ACT typically until October, at which time this profile will be updated.			27.0	26.2	27.0
English				27.3	26.2	27.5
Math				26.5	25.5	25.9
Reading				27.5	26.6	27.6
Science				26.3	25.8	26.4

Advanced Placement Scores 2025

	5	4	3	% 3 or above
Biology	67	31	12	98%
Calculus AB	39	28	12	96%
Calculus BC	49	9	10	99%
Chemistry	24	8	2	97%
Computer Science A	47	37	24	91%
English Language/ Comp	74	38	11	98%
English Literature/Comp	46	24	2	100%
Environment Science	32	34	14	99%
European History	13	10	2	100%
French Language & Culture	3	5	9	74%
Human Geography	26	25	13	98%
Italian Language & Culture	3	3	1	100%
Macroeconomics	66	34	12	98%
Microeconomics	499	259	95	98%
Physics 1	50	16	2	100%
Physics 2	392	207	75	98%
Physics C - E&M	386	198	70	98%
Physics C - Mechanics	24	8	3	95%
Psychology	67	45	14	96%
Research	11	9	4	100%
Seminar	27	26	25	99%
Spanish Language & Culture	25	23	6	100%
Statistics	43	17	0	95%
Studio Art: 2-D	2	1	2	100%
Studio Art: 3-D	0	0	1	100%
U.S. Gov't & Politics	136	31	11	99%
U.S. History	32	19	0	100%

National Merit Scholar Program

Class of	Finalists	Commended
2025	11	33
2024	11	52
2023	8	45
2022	16	45
2021	16	44

Advanced Placement Scholars

Class of	2025	2024
Total # who took 3 or more exams	327	127
# of students out of total who received 3 or higher on 3 or more exams	315	120
% of total who received 3 or higher on 3 or more exams	96%	95%

Release of Test Scores

Please note that standardized test information is *not* part of the official transcript from Ridge. All results (SAT, SAT Subject, ACT and AP) are sent directly to the college from ETS. This is the sole responsibility of the student. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Ridge High Counseling Office.

College Placement

Ridge High School College Attendance

Class of	4 Year	2 Year	Other
2025	92%	4%	4%
2024	91%	4%	5%
2023	90%	5%	5%
2022	92%	4%	4%
2021	92%	4%	4%

College Matriculations 2025

American University (2)
Arcadia University
Arizona State University-Tempe
Auburn University (3)
Babson College (2)
Barnard College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University (3)
Brandeis University (2)
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University (4)
California Institute of Technology
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University (2)
Case Western Reserve University (3)
The Catholic University of America
Clemson University (6)
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Colorado State University-Fort Collins
Columbia University of NY
Connecticut College
Cooper Union for the Adv. of Sci & Art
Cornell University (6)
County College of Morris
Dartmouth College
Daytona State College
Dickinson College (2)
Drew University (3)
Drexel University (2)
Duke University
Durham University
Elon University (3)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical (2)
Emory University (4))
Fairfield University (7)
Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.-Florham
Fairleigh Dickinson Univ. Metro (2)
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida State University (3)
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
Georgia Institute of Technology (4)
Gordon College
High Point University (4)
Hobart and William Smith (2)
Indiana University- Bloomington (13)
Indiana University Indianapolis
Ithaca College
James Madison University (3)
Johns Hopkins University (2)
Johnson & Wales University- Providence
Kean University
Kutztown University
Lafayette College (6)
Lehigh University (2)
Lincoln Memorial University
Loyola University Maryland
Marist University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
McMaster University
Merrimack College
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University (3)
Monmouth University (2)
Montclair State University (3)
Moravian University
Muhlenberg College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University (5)
North Carolina State Univ. at Raleigh
Northeastern University (10)
Nova Southeastern University
Ohio State University-Main Campus (7)
Pennsylvania State University (8)
Princeton University
Providence College (2)
Purdue University (4)
Ramapo College of New Jersey (3)
Raritan Valley Community College (14)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (4)
Roanoke College
Rowan University (3)
Rutgers University (39)
Saint Elizabeth University
Saint Joseph University
Sarah Lawrence College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scripps College
Seton Hall University (4)
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southern Methodist University (2)
Southern Utah University
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology (4)
Stony Brook University (2)
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University (5)
Temple University (3)
Texas Christian University (2)
The College of New Jersey (9)
The George Washington University (6)
The New School (2)
The University of Alabama (3)
The University of Tampa (5)
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville (2)
Tufts University (2)
Tulane University of Louisiana
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
Universita Bocconi
Universitat de Barcelona
University of Arizona
University of California- San Diego (2)
University of Chicago (2)
University of Colorado Boulder (2)
University of Connecticut (4)
University of Delaware (4)
University of Florida (2)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2)
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland-College Park (3)
University of Mass.- Amherst (4)
University of Massachusetts-Boston
University of Miami (2)
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill (3)
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
University of Notre Dame (2)
University of Pennsylvania (2)
University of Pittsburgh (2)
University of Rochester
University of Scranton (2)
University of South Carolina (4)
University of Toronto
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia (2)
University of Washington-Seattle Campus
University of Wisconsin (4)
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University (3)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute (9)
Wake Forest University
Washington University - St. Louis (2)
Wellesley College
William & Mary (2)
Wingate University

2025-2026 Curriculum Offerings

Ridge High School Program of Studies 2025-26

English Language Arts

English 9*	Communications°
English 10: American Literature*	Creative Writing
English 11: British Literature*	Speech and Debate
English 12: Seminar in Comp & Lit*	AP Seminar
English 12: World Literature*	AP Research
AP English 11: Language & Composition	AP English 12:Literature & Comp

Social Studies

Global History 2*	Psychology
U.S. History*	Sociology*
AP U.S. History	U.S. History Through Film
History of U.S. Gov't & Economics*	AP Economics
AP U.S. Gov't & Politics/Economics	AP European History
Ethics*	AP Human Geography
Genocide and Human Behavior	AP Psychology°
Human Rights*	Current Issues*

Mathematics

Algebra I	AP Calculus AB
Geometry*	AP Calculus BC
CP Algebra II*	Statistics
Enriched Algebra II	AP Statistics
Precalculus*	Computer Science Principles
Calculus	AP Computer Science A
Algebra III: Trigonometry	Intro to Computer Prog

Science

CP Biology*	AP Biology
Enriched Biology	AP Chemistry
CP Chemistry*	AP Environmental Science
Enriched Chemistry	Enriched Environmental Science
CP Physics*	AP Physics 1
Enriched Physics	AP Physics 2
CP Forensic Science	AP Physics C
CP Anatomy & Physiology*	CP Kinesiology*

World Languages

French I, French II*, French III*	Spanish I, Spanish II*, Spanish III*
Francophone Culture & Society A & B+	Hispanic Culture and Society A & B+
French IV Honors	Spanish IV Honors
AP French	AP Spanish Language and Culture
Latin I, Latin II*, Latin III*	Heritage Speaker Spanish I
Latin Culture and Society A & B+	Italian I, Italian II*, Italian III*
Advanced Latin Literature	Italian Culture and Society A & B+
AP Latin	Italian IV Honors
American Sign Language I, II*, III*, IV*	AP Italian Language & Culture

***Course offered at the College Preparatory (CP) and Honors (Hon) Levels**

+ Course offered every other year

° Course available as dual-enrollment

Visual Arts

Art Explorer	Photo I
Design through Sculpture	Photo II
Ceramics I	Photo III
Ceramics II	Art Studio
Introduction to Photoshop	Advanced Art Studio
Advanced Digital Design	Honors Art Major
Technical Theater & Design	AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP Studio Art: 2D Design	AP Studio Art: 3D Design

Career Education

Technology Education

Game Design & Development	Robotics I
Technology: Design & Innovation	Robotics II
CAD I: Intro to Engineering, Design & Prototyping	Introduction to Woodworking
CAD II Adv. Prototyping, Engineering & Manufacturing Design	Woodworking Processes
Advanced Architecture and Design	Contemporary Woodworking+
The Study of Well-Being	Cabinetmaking

Business Education

Accounting	Introduction to Law
Honors Financial Accounting°	Law Seminar
Honors Personal Finance	Introduction to Word Processing
Sports and Entertainment Marketing	Internet and Web Design
Entrepreneurship	Computer Applications in Business
Publications	Tomorrow's Teachers
	Comp Aided Design I
Internet and Web Design	Financial Literacy

Performing Arts

Dance I	Chamber Orchestra
Dance II	Symphony Orchestra*
Dance III	Concert Choir
Theater I	Music Theory
Theater II	Chorale (Treble 9-10)
Concert Band	Enjoyment of Music
Honors Wind Ensemble	Advanced Theater Direction and Production
Symphonic Band*	Cinema Studies: Art of Film

Physical Education/Health/Auto Safety

Physical Education 9, 10, 11, 12	Health 10: Drivers Ed / Auto Safety
Adaptive PE (APE) / Health	Health 11:Junior Health, Wellness & First Aid
Health 9, 10, 11, 12	Health 12: Senior Health & Wellness

Support/Reinforcement Classes

Essential Elements of ELA	MAP A & B
Graduation Assessment Prep	Integrated Topics for ELLs
Algebra I Seminar	Study Skills
Algebra II Seminar	ESL A/B & Academic Support for ELLs
Geometry Seminar	Study Strategies

Other Programs/Offerings

Independent Study (grade 11 or 12 only; no credit awarded)
Senior Pathways (Work or Internship) (Grade 12 only; no credit awarded)
Option II (earn credits outside of Ridge)
Shared-time program with Somerset Co. Vocational-Technical High School

Junior Year Grade Distribution

2024-2025 Final Grades: Distribution of courses with at least 9 juniors on roster

Course Name	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	Below C-
English Language Arts										
British Literature	1	23	46	41	29	15	13	6	1	5
Honors British Literature	2	5	14	24	14	3	1	-	-	-
AP English Language & Composition	-	5	29	37	28	18	9	2	1	-
Social Studies										
History of U.S. Gov't/Economics	1	22	29	40	19	11	12	4	1	3
Honors History of U.S. Gov't/Economics	-	9	17	7	2	-	-	-	-	-
AP U.S. Gov & Politics/Economics	11	52	54	39	14	7	1	1	-	-
AP Human Geography*	-	4	8	3	2	-	-	-	-	-
AP Psychology*	4	15	15	5	9	1	2	-	-	-
Psychology*	8	9	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
Mathematics										
Algebra II*	-	5	2	4	1	1	-	-	-	-
Precalculus*	10	27	20	26	27	24	9	3	6	2
Honors Precalculus*	2	6	6	6	7	6	2	-	-	-
AP Calculus AB*	3	13	8	4	1	1	-	-	-	-
AP Calculus BC*	5	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AP Computer Science A*	11	7	2	4	2	4	3	-	-	-
Science										
CP Physics	-	5	17	16	6	6	3	2	1	3
Enriched Physics	2	17	25	28	29	24	11	7	3	5
Honors Physics	-	10	20	16	10	3	1	-	-	-
AP Physics I*	3	17	11	11	12	4	1	2	1	-
AP Biology*	4	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AP Chemistry*	8	2	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
World Languages										
Francophone Culture and Society A*	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
French IV Honors*	10	19	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Latin Culture and Society A*	7	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spanish III*	1	2	5	2	2	1	-	1	-	1
Spanish IV Honors*	3	19	15	15	8	5	-	-	-	-
Hispanic Culture and Society A*	1	19	21	21	8	7	-	-	-	-
Italian IV Honors*	3	7	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-

***Courses open to students in grades other than 11th**