

9th Grade Orientation



Welcome Class of 2027

Administration & Key Staff

Principal: Mrs. Cavins

Assistant Principal: Mr. Kilmurray

Assistant Principal of Discipline and Attendance: Ms. Herbst

Athletic Director: Mr. Raimondi

School Nurse: Nurse Aguilar

9th Grade Advisor: Mrs. Cameron

9th Grade School Counselor: Ms. Anderson

9th Grade Schedule

- Freshmen have 8 classes and lunch.
 - Algebra I or Geometry
 - Biology
 - World History II
 - English I
 - Foreign Language (Spanish or Italian)
 - Physical Education & Health
 - Two Electives

Schedule is available on Genesis



Required Courses & Credits

- In addition to the required courses, with electives you must have **125 credits to graduate high school**.
- Each full year course is worth 5 credits, half year 2.5 credits.
- Freshmen are scheduled to take 35-40 credits.
- If you pass your classes and stay on track you will have more than enough credits to graduate.
- Failed classes **must** be repeated.



Elective & Community Service Requirements

Elective Requirements:

- 1 Course in the Arts
- 1 Course in 21st Century Life and Career
- 1 Course in 21st Century Technology
- Personal Finance

Community Service

- 30 hours of community service

Daily Schedule

- School Hours: 7:55am - 2:41pm
 - Can arrive by 7:30am
- Homeroom - 7 minutes every morning (7:55am - 8:03am)
- Lunch - 26 minutes everyday
- Passing Time Between Classes: 4 minutes

Monday, Tuesday & Friday
****42 minute classes***
P. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9

Wednesday
(Even day)
****84 minute classes***
P. 2, 4, 6 & 8

Thursday
(Odd day)
****84 minute classes***
P. 3, 5, 7 & 9

Hallway & PE Lockers

- **Hallway Lockers**
 - Located by your homeroom.
 - If you want to lock your locker, you can purchase your own lock.
 - Locks are encouraged.
 - Plan locker stops based on class location.
- **Gym Lockers:** Locks can be used during gym, but only during the period. They must be removed each day.

Lunch

- Lunch period on schedule (B, C or D)
- Bring lunch or buy lunch
 - Cash or preload money onto student account
 - Lunch account accessed with student ID#
- No food deliveries allowed
- All students can apply for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program
 - Applications available on Genesis.



Attendance Policy

- Absences - Loss of Credit
 - 15 - full year, 7 - half year, 5 - marking period
 - 3 unexcused tardies to a class = an absence to that class
- Loss of credit means you must retake the class

Student Handbook

- Review and be familiar with our Student Handbook - posted on our website

Important points to remember:

- Dress code
- No vaping (any type, any place)
- Fighting = suspension
- No taking photos or videos or others without consent
- Problematic social media often comes to us

WHAT ARE YOU
WONDERING?

When is the first day of school?

Thursday, September 7th

School calendar available on the school website

How will I find my classes?

Today you will learn about the building!

Walk Your Schedule (Optional)

Wednesday, September 6th between 3:00 and 4:00PM

Can I change my classes?

During the first week of school you will be able to submit a schedule change request. After Friday, September 15th you will NOT be able to make any schedule changes.

We do not make change requests for period, teacher or lunch.

Is there a school supply list?

There is no school supply list. If there is something you need for class your teacher will tell you in class.

How often do we have gym?

4 days per week

How is high school different from middle school?

Your classes go more in depth.

Your classes count toward graduation.

You can choose your electives.

How do I know who my teachers are?

Your teachers are listed on your schedule.

How many activities can we join?

You can join 1 sport per season (Fall, Winter, Spring).

You can join as many clubs as you like.

How do we sign up for clubs?

Club sign up will take place this fall. You can sign up for clubs in the commons on the club bulletin board.

If you would like to start your own club you must create a proposal, find a teacher advisor and submit your proposal to Mrs. Hasselberger.

When will we get our schedules?

You all have access to your schedules on Genesis.

A parent must complete required forms on the Genesis Parent Portal before you will gain access to your Genesis account.

Where do we enter the school?

Students enter through the main entrance (Door 1) or through the South Gym entrance (Door 19)

If you are getting a ride to school, plan to be here before 7:40 AM to avoid getting stuck in traffic

Share Time Students

For students who are attending Paramus Tech half day, you will attend Paramus in the morning and will then be bussed back to RPHS for your afternoon classes.

You can participate in RPHS sports and clubs!

Do we have gym uniforms?

There are no gym uniforms.

Your teachers will review the clothing requirements on the first day.

What is the class workload like?

Your class workload will depend on the level classes you are in, your organization and time management skills.

Be prepared to have homework every night.

Create a homework/study routine and organization system for your classes.

Tech Reminder

Charge your chromebook and make sure it works!

**Chromebook Support: Thursday, August 31st
between 10:00 AM and 1:45 PM**