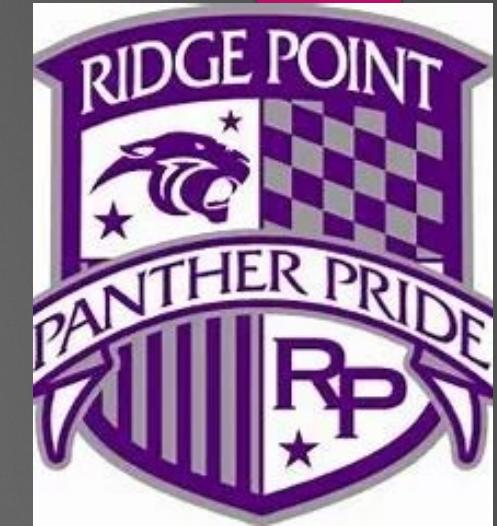




Welcome to  
Ridge Point  
High School

Class of 2030



Home of  
Scholars & Champions



**RIDGE POINT  
HIGH SCHOOL**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection  
2026-2027



# What you need to graduate with an Endorsement in 2030:

**4 Credits of English**

**4 Credits of Math**

**4 Credits of Science**

**3 Credits of Social Studies**  
*(we recommend 4)*

**2 Credits of World Language**

**0.5 Credit of Health**

**0.5 Credit of Professional Communications**

**1 Credit of PE**

**1 Credit of Fine Arts**

**4 Endorsement Credits**

**2 Elective Credits**

**TOTAL: 26 credits**

# High School Grading & GPA

- **FBISD uses a 100 point GPA Scale**
- **AP, Beyond AP Courses, Dual Credit & OnRamps Courses: 10 point weight**
- **AAC, Honors Courses: 5 point weight**
- **On Level Courses: Unweighted**

Advanced Placement (AP)/ Beyond AP Courses, Dual Credit Courses, OnRamps Courses	AAC, Honors Courses	On Level Courses
Receives 10 point weight	Receive 5 point weight	Non-weighted

# High School Grading & GPA

## Example of a high school student's grades:

- Physics (**on level**) 86 = 86 points
- **AP** English III 94 = 104 points
- US History **Dual Credit** 84 = 94 points
- Athletics 100 = 100 points
- Choir 100 = 100 points
- **AAC** Pre-Calculus 86 = 91 points
- Journalism 94 = 94 points
- Total points = 669 points,  
divided by 7 = **95.5714286**

## Selecting Course Level & Level Changes

- ▶ Consider your teachers' recommendations regarding course level
- ▶ Level changes do not begin until week 4 of the new school year.
- ▶ Students are expected to seek support from their teachers prior to a level change.
- ▶ Students experiencing success (maintaining a C or better) should remain in the class for the semester.

# Endorsements & Pathways

## Endorsement

A specified area of interest, similar to a college major, that is required for graduation.

- ▶ Multidisciplinary Studies
- ▶ STEM
- ▶ Business & Industry
- ▶ Public Service
- ▶ Arts & Humanities

## Pathway

A particular sequence of courses and credits that lead to an endorsement.

Electives to take in 9<sup>th</sup> grade to complete a CTE pathway...

Principles of Applied Engineering	<b>STEM</b>
Computer Science I AAC	<b>STEM</b>
AP Computer Science A	<b>STEM</b>
Principles of Agriculture	<b>Business and Industry</b>
Principles of Business, Mktg & Finance	<b>Business and Industry</b>
Principles of Architecture	<b>Business and Industry</b>
Photojournalism	<b>Business and Industry</b>
Journalism	<b>Business and Industry</b>
Principles of Health Science	<b>Public Service</b>
Principles of Human Services	<b>Public Service</b>
Principles of Law	<b>Public Service</b>
JROTC I	<b>Public Service</b>

# Important Points to Consider when Building a 4-Year Plan

Want to participate in multiple 4-year programs (ex.: Athletics & AVID)?

- You may consider taking a summer course
  - Summer OLAB
  - FBISD Summer School
  - Approved External Provider

Are you fluent in a language other than English?

- Consider taking a Credit by Exam (CBE) the summer before 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

Are you interested in earning an endorsement through a CTE pathway?

- Know the course sequence for your desired pathway.
- Take the first course in the pathway sequence during 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

Want to participate in a certification program at Reese?

- Complete PE, Fine Art, Foreign Language, Health & Professional Communication requirements ASAP.

# Courses that Require Application or Tryout for Approval and/or Placement

Athletics

Dance Team

Band

Color Guard

Orchestra

Choir

AVID

Art beyond Art I

Tech & Production Theater

Yearbook & Broadcast





Things to keep in mind if selecting...

### **BAND & Color Guard**

- Must also sign up for **PMB02** (additional 0.5 PE credit)

### **ATHLETICS**

- Sign up for Fall & Spring semester of same sport
- If enrolled in a sport, but you don't make the team, Athletics class will be replaced with PE.

# Substitutions

## Health

Principles of Health  
Science (full year)

## Professional Communications

Debate 1 (full year)

## Fine Art

- Floral Design
- Dance 2

## PE

- Athletics
- Dance 1
- JROTC
- Band 1 & 2 (fall only)
- Color Guard 1 & 2 (fall only)
- Kickstart/Off Campus PE  
(application & district approval required)

# Alternate Electives

Alternates are *critical*. Please input a minimum of 3 alternate elective requests. If no alternates are selected, RPHS counselors will select a course on your behalf.



# Ridge Point High School

## Course Selection Fair



Welcome current and future Ridge Point parents! We hope to provide you with valuable information and opportunities to ask questions about the many programs offered at Ridge Point. In addition to the General Course Fair, we are also hosting a number of special "Breakout Sessions". Descriptions of the various Breakout Sessions are listed at the bottom of this page.

January 29, 2026

**Future Freshmen Parent Meeting**  
**(5:30 – 6:00 pm)**

Auditorium

**General Course Fair**  
**(6:00-8:00 pm)**

Cafeteria	Main Street	Cafeteria
World Languages	Career & Technical Education	Athletics
English (9 <sup>th</sup> )	Fine Arts	English (10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> )
Math (9 <sup>th</sup> )	Journalism	Math (10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> )
Science (9 <sup>th</sup> )	MCJROTC	Science (10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> )
Social Studies (9 <sup>th</sup> )		Social Studies (10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> )

### Breakout Session Descriptions:

- **Future Freshmen** – Important transition information for incoming freshmen.
- **AP vs HCC Dual Credit vs UT OnRamps Dual Enrollment** – Learn the differences between and benefits of each.
- **AVID** – Learn about the college and career readiness elective at RPHS.
- **Mental Health 101** – This session will provide an overview of student well-being that explores common challenges, introduces strategies for navigating them, and emphasizes the value of support and connection.
- **College, Career, Military Ready "CCMR"** – or College, Career, and Military Readiness, is a Texas-based initiative that ensures high school students are prepared for success after graduation through various indicators. Participants in this session will learn various ways in which students may achieve CCMR.

\*Breakout Session Schedule is on the back\*

### Breakout Session Schedule

Auditorium		
Time	Session	Audience
5:30-6:00 pm	Future Freshmen	Current 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
6:00-6:30 pm	AP / Dual Credit / OnRamps	Current 9 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> graders
6:40-7:10 pm	AP / Dual Credit / OnRamps	Current 9 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> graders
7:20-7:50 pm	AP / Dual Credit / OnRamps	Current 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> graders
Teaching Theater (upstairs in room L241)		
6:00-6:30 pm	AVID	Current 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> graders
6:40-7:10 pm	AVID	Current 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> graders
7:20-7:50 pm	AVID	Current 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> graders
Library		
6:00-6:30 pm	Mental Health 101	Current 8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> graders
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7:20-7:50 pm	Mental Health 101	Current 8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> graders
K145 (College & Career Resource Room)		
6:00-6:30 pm	CCMR	Current 8 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> graders
6:40-7:10 pm	CCMR	Current 8 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> graders
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Course selection window is open January 26 - February 13 and needs to be completed in SchoLinks. Please include alternate courses in the event your first selection is not a viable option.

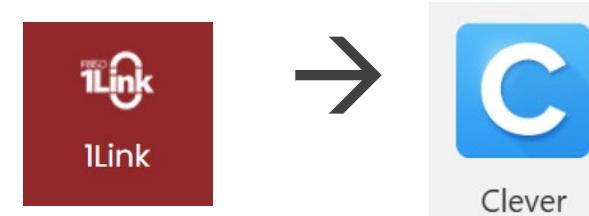
RPHS Course Selection Resources: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/123260>



Course Selection in SchooLinks  
for 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders open  
Jan. 26 – Feb. 13



Access SchooLinks via



Scan the QR Code  
more details

RPHS Website → Students and Parents →  
Counseling → Course Selection 2026-2027

# Sign up for Dance Class!

- ▶ Receive FINE ARTS OR PE credit
- ▶ No previous dance experience or auditions needed for Dance 1
- ▶ All First Year RPHS Dance Students sign up for 1 of the following:
- ▶ Principles of Dance I (Dance Class—Fine Arts or PE Credit )
- ▶ Dance Team I (JV or Royals—PE Credit Only)
- ▶ Varsity and JV Royals 2024-2025 Dance Team Tryouts are after Spring Break!
- ▶ Follow us on **Instagram @ rphs\_royals** for more info!



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**AT ALL**

# RPHS Choir

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# RPHS Orchestra

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# RPHS Band

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RPHS JROTC

Captain Escatell: [Jorge.Escatell@fortbendisd.gov](mailto:Jorge.Escatell@fortbendisd.gov)

# Journalism



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# RPHS Athletics

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# RIDGE POINT THEATRE

## SCHEDULE

- 1ST - THEATRE II-IV
- 2ND - THEATRE I
- 3RD - THEATRE I
- 4TH - CONFERENCE
- 5TH - TECH I-IV
- 6TH - THEATRE PROD I
- 7TH - THEATRE PROD II

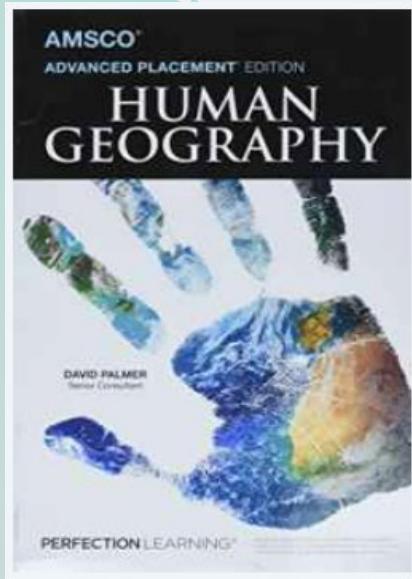
- Open to all grades and counts as a fine arts credit, which is required to graduate!
- All productions are separate from classes.
- You can still be involved in theatre if you are in other extracurriculars!

**MS. NOVIA**  
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# AP Human Geography

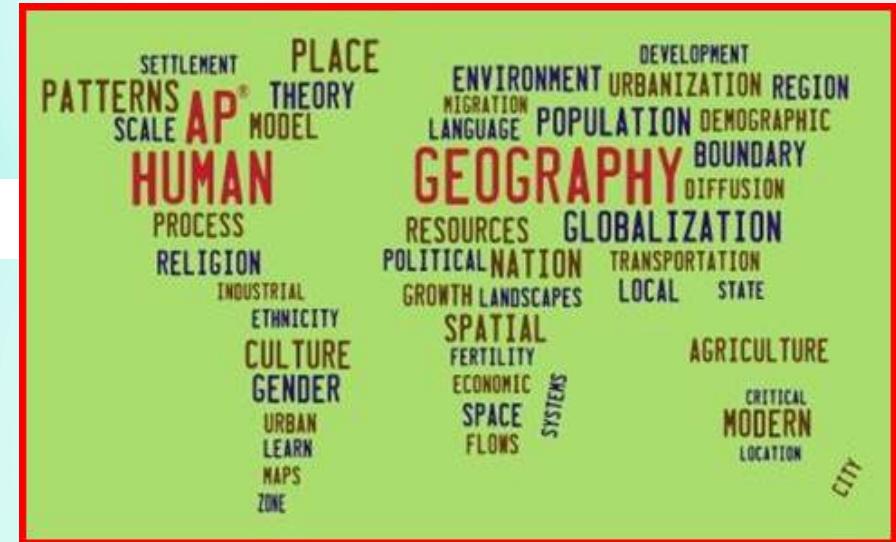
- ❖ 9<sup>th</sup> grade full-year, college-level course to fulfill Social Studies requirement
  - ❖ GPA boost (+ 10 pts)
  - ❖ potential college credit
- ❖ Topics on today's world issues (migration, urbanization, cultures, economies, politics)



See **Mrs. Urmi Upadhyaya** on Jan 29<sup>th</sup> at Course Selection Night or email her at: [urmi.upadhyaya@fortbendisd.gov](mailto:urmi.upadhyaya@fortbendisd.gov)

# CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

- **Learn how to:**
  - \* understand our dynamic world better
  - \* develop critical thinking skills
  - \* respond to short answer questions
  - \* practice active study habits
  - \* manage your time in high school and prepare for college
- **What to expect:**
  - \* Daily homework – readings, videos, discussion posts
  - \* Map quizzes by world regions
  - \* Terms/vocab quizzes
  - \* Groupwork and discussions
  - \* A world perspective that may point you toward your future academic/career goals



Be ready to  
work hard and  
have fun!!!



Questions?