



Welcome, Class of 2017!

What do I need to graduate?

- 24 credits total
- 2.0 GPA (Grade Point Average)
- Passing score on the Reading FCAT 2.0
- Passing Score on the End of Course Exams (EOC) in Algebra 1, Geometry, and Biology 1
- World Languages*- 2 years of the same foreign language (*Not required for graduation; but required for admission in state universities)

Do I have to take an Online Course?

Yes! As a freshmen of the class of 2017, you are required to take **at least** one course online within your 24 credit program through Pasco E-School, or Florida Virtual School (FLVS).

HOPE is a requirement for students to take in order to graduate. Most freshmen take it their freshmen year. It is offered as an online class and will count for the requirement students need as an online class to graduate.

Which classes do I have to take?

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of Math (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 & 1 other)
- 3 credits of Science (Biology + 2 others)
- 3 credits of Social Studies (World History, American History, 1/2 credit of American Government, & 1/2 credit of Economics)
- 1 credit of Health Opportunities through Physical Education (HOPE) or acceptable alternatives.
- 1 credit of performing art, fine art, or limited practical art
- 8 electives

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What are other ways to earn credits?

Credit can be earned by passing classes other than being enrolled on our school campus:

- Pasco E-School –Online classes that must be part of the 6th period day.
- Florida Virtual School (FLVS) -Online classes that may be part of the school day or in addition to the regular school day.
- Adult Education (Night School): On Campus – Students can makeup failed classes or grade improvement (D or F only) & may not be taken as part of the school day.
- Dual Enrollment – Refer to upcoming section on DE & AP (Not available at the Freshman level).

Why should I be involved in extra-curricular activities?

Almost every high school in the U.S. offers some type of extracurricular activity, such as music, academic clubs, and sports. **These activities offer opportunities for students to learn the values of teamwork, individual and group responsibility, physical strength and endurance, competition, diversity, and a sense of culture and community.** Extracurricular activities provide a channel for reinforcing the lessons learned in the classroom, offering students the opportunity to apply academic skills in a real-world context, and are thus considered part of a well-rounded education. Recent research suggests that participation in extracurricular activities may **increase students' sense of engagement or attachment to their school, and thereby decrease the likelihood of school failure and dropping out.**"

(Lamborn et al, 1992; Finn, 1993)

What are some extra-curricular opportunities at RRHS?

Car Club	Interact	Science Honor Society
Christ Club	Key Club	Silent Knights
Class of 2016	Kitty Hawk National Air Society	Social Inclusion Club
Culture Club	KORR-TV5	Spanish Honor Society
DCT/CECF	Literary Underground	SPLASH
Drama/Thespians	National Arts Honors	Student Council
FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)	National Honor Society	Teen Court
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Political Science Club	Tri-M Music Honor Society
French Honor Society/Club	Robotic Club	
German Honor Society/Club	SADD (Students Against Destructive decisions)	

Looking for More River Ridge Information?



<http://rrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/> - The official River Ridge HS website. This will be the main hub of detailed information. Go here for detailed stories of interesting things at the school, important dates, forms, links to sports and clubs, and all academic information.

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