



RALSTON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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Graduation Requirements

English	4.0 credits
Social Studies	3.5 credits
Algebra 1 or higher	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Fine Arts	0.5 credits
P.E.	0.5 credits
Electives	8.5 credits
TOTAL	23.0 credits

PWR Demonstrations

The graduating class of 2022 and beyond must complete a minimum of 23 credit hours in required courses and demonstrate Postsecondary Workforce Readiness for at least one measure in Reading, Writing & Communicating and one measure in Mathematics. Students choose from a menu of options to demonstrate their readiness for career, college, and the military.

School and District Community

Jefferson County District R-1 covers 780 square miles, extending north and southwest of Denver, along the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Jeffco Public Schools serves over 75,000 students in 155 schools. RVHS is located in Arvada, a growing community of over 120,000 citizens northwest of Denver that values education, the arts, technology, and recreation.

Ralston Valley High School

Ralston Valley opened in the fall of 2000 and is a comprehensive, four-year public high school. RVHS has earned the highest rating given by the Colorado Department of Education each year since its opening. RVHS also features award-winning athletic, band, choir, art, and drama programs.

School Schedule

Our schedule consists of one day where students attend all of their classes ("Silver Day") and four days of alternating block days called "Blue Day" and "White Day." Each block day class is 90-minutes, with students attending periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 on "Blue Day" and 2, 4, and 6 on "White Day."

Enrollment

Total Student Population: 1917
Freshmen: 485 | Sophomores: 491 | Juniors: 450 | Seniors: 479

Grading System

Letter Grades	Unweighted Grades	Weighted Grades
A – 90-100	A – 4.0	A – 5.0
B – 80-89	B – 3.0	B – 4.0
C – 70-79	C – 2.0	C – 3.0
D – 60-69	D – 1.0	D – 1.0
F – 0-59	F – 0.0	F – 0.0
	P – Pass	

Grade point averages and class ranks are based on grades 9-12 only. Honors and Advanced Placement classes are indicated on the transcript and are weighted for both GPA and class rank.

Honors Diploma

Students who earn 18 or more academic credits and complete 4 or more credits in Honors or AP, while carrying a 3.6 weighted cumulative GPA and receiving a 2.0 or better in each course, will be awarded a diploma with honors distinction.

Honors, AP, and Concurrent Enrollment Courses

Advanced Placement: 23

AP Art History
 AP Biology
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 AP Chemistry
 AP Computer Science Principles
 AP Computer Science A
 AP English Language and Composition
 AP English Literature and Composition
 AP French Language and Culture
 AP German Language and Culture
 AP Human Geography
 AP Microeconomics
 AP Physics I
 AP Psychology
 AP Spanish Language and Culture
 AP Spanish Literature and Culture
 AP Statistics
 AP United States Government and Politics
 AP United States History
 AP World History: Modern
 AP 2-D Art and Design
 AP 3-D Art and Design

Honors: 10

English 9 Honors
 English 10 Honors
 Geometry Honors
 Algebra II Honors
 Precalculus/Trigonometry Honors
 Earth Science Honors
 Biology Honors
 Anatomy and Physiology Honors
 Astronomy Honors
 Modern Physics Honors

Concurrent Enrollment: 33

ENG 1021 English Composition I
 ENG 1021 English Composition II
 PreCalculus/Trigonometry
 Inferential Probability and Statistics
 AP 2-D Art
 Painting Intermediate
 Painting Advanced
 Drawing Intermediate
 Drawing Advanced
 Digital Photography Intermediate
 Intermediate Jewelry
 Advanced Jewelry
 AP Art History
 Graphic Design & Illustration Beginning
 Computer Systems I/II
 Intro to Business
 Legal Environment of Business
 Entrepreneurship
 Business Communication
 Theatre Beginning
 Theatre Production I-IV
 Technical Theatre
 Music Ensemble I & II (Band, Choir, & Orchestra)

Advanced Achievement Indicators

2025–2026 Advanced Placement (AP Testing)

Subject	# Test Takers	% Scoring 3 or Above
History and Social Sciences	394	88%
English	156	90%
Math and Computer Science	171	81%
Sciences	66	92%
World Languages	67	76%
Arts	17	94%

SAT School Day April 2026 Average Scores

Reading & Writing	Math	Total
573	557	1130

National Merit Scholarship Competition

	2024	2025	2026
Commended Students	8	5	5
Finalists	5	6	2

Reported Postsecondary Plans - Class of 2026

Attend 4-year institution	80%
Attend 2-year institution	5%
Undecided, military, workforce, etc.	15%

Universities Attended by Recent Graduates

RVHS students have attended all public and private schools in Colorado, as well as the following universities:

Arizona State University	Princeton University	University of Miami
Brown University	Purdue University	University of Michigan
California Polytechnic State University	Rutgers University	University of Oklahoma
Creighton University	Stanford University	University of Oregon
Gonzaga University	Tufts University	University of Southern California
Grand Canyon University	University of Arizona	University of Tennessee
Loyola University Chicago	University of California (multiple campuses)	University of Utah
Montana State University	University of Hawaii	University of Wyoming
Northern Arizona University	University of Kansas	Yale University

Ralston Valley High School Mission

Ralston Valley High School's mission is to provide a safe learning environment where each student is encouraged and supported in his or her learning and growth so each student may become a productive citizen and life-long learner.