

# Stevens High School Home of the Raiders



## **Class of 2027** **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Information Night**



# Welcome to Stevens High School



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Information Night

- Course Selection Process
- Graduation Requirements
- Transition to Stevens High School
- Department Showcase

# Staff

- Principal – Jocelyn Hafner
- Assistant Principals
  - Krista Inman(A-G)
  - Tyler Rachetto (H-N)
  - Julie Thompson (O-Z)
  - Jared Vasquez (Activities Director)
- School Counselors
  - Jerry Johnson (A-C & V-Z)
  - Roxann Engel (D-J)
  - Tracy Freidel (K-N)
  - Sonja Gab (O-U)
- Academy Coordinator – Matt James
- Registrar – Jamiee Exner (394-4025)



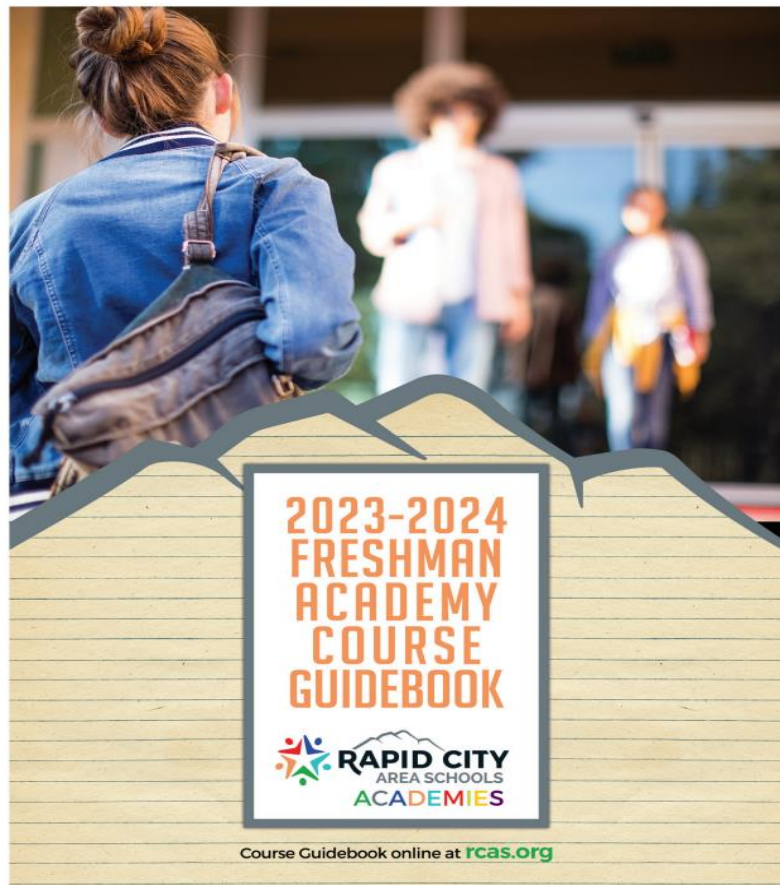
# Course Selection Process

- Review SHS course selection video in middle school class (February 28, March 1)
- Complete course selection sheet with parents/guardians
- Turn-in sheet to designated teacher by March 6
- Southwest Enrichment Teacher, West 4<sup>th</sup> block Teacher
- Stevens High School counselors assist with course selection and Skyward entry at middle school (SW – March 7, 8; West – March 9)



# High School Course Guidebook

- Located at **rcas.org**
  - Click on the **Students** tab
  - Click **High School Course Selection**



# Graduation Requirements

- Listed in the course guidebook
- Classes vary in credit value
  - Yearlong = 1 credit
  - Semester = 0.5 credit



# RCAS Graduation Requirements

<b>English/Language Arts</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Technology</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Economics or Personal Finance</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>RCAS Academies</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

# Course Selection Sheet



Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_



## RCAS Academies Course Selection Sheet (2023-24 School Year)

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade (Freshman Academy) (Class of 2027)

Students must enroll in a minimum of 6 credits.



West- Turn in completed sheet to your 4<sup>th</sup> block teacher

Southwest-Turn in completed sheet to your Enrichment teacher

REQUIRED COURSES	ELECTIVES
<b>ENGLISH (select one)</b>	<b>FINE ARTS</b>
..... English g (Eng g) 1.0 credit	..... Art g (2D) (Artg2D) 5 credit
..... Advanced English g* (AdvEng) 1.0 credit	..... Art g (3D) (Artg3D) 5 credit
<b>MATH (select one)</b>	..... Band 1 (Band1) 1.0 credit
..... Bridge Math (Bridge) 1.0 credit	..... Jazz Band 1 (Jazz1) 1.0 credit
..... Algebra I (MAAlg1) 1.0 credit	..... Chamber Orchestra 1-2-3-4 "" "" (Ch Orc) 1.0 credit
..... Geometry (MAGE01) 1.0 credit	..... Blue and Silver Express 1 "" "" (Blue Ex) 1.0 credit
<b>SCIENCE (select both)</b>	..... Bass Choir (BassCh) 1.0 credit
..... Biology 1 (Biol 1) 5 credit	..... Orchestra 1 (Orch1) 1.0 credit
..... Biology 2 (Biol 2) 5 credit	..... Treble Choir (TrebCh) 1.0 credit
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES (select both)</b>	..... Drama I (Drama1) 5 credit
..... World Geography (W Geo) 5 credit	..... Stagecraft (Stage) 5 credit
..... World History (W Hist) 5 credit	<b>HEALTH &amp; PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>
<b>RCAS ACADEMIES EXPLORE (select all)</b>	<b>(May take up to 1 credit. Limit 1 per semester)</b>
..... 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Computer Applications (9CAD) 5 credit	..... Cardio - Fitness and Wellness Semester 1 (Card1) 5 credit
..... Freshman Seminar (FreshS) 5 credit	..... Cardio - Fitness and Wellness Semester 2 (Card2) 5 credit
..... GRADtime g (GRADtg) 25 credit	..... Team Activities & Healthy Choices Semester 1 (Team1) 5 credit
<b>ALTERNATES</b>	..... Team Activities & Healthy Choices Semester 2 (Team2) 5 credit
1. _____	..... Weight Training & Personal Health Semester 1 (Weigh1) 5 credit
2. _____	..... Weight Training & Personal Health Semester 2 (Weigh2) 5 credit
<b>Student Signature</b> _____	<b>WORLD LANGUAGES (Recommended "C" or higher grade in English 8 to be successful)</b>
<b>Parent Signature</b> _____	..... German I (Cerm 1) 1.0 credit
	..... Spanish I (Span 1) 1.0 credit
	<b>OTHER OFFERINGS</b>
	..... Ag Leadership and Service (AGLEAD) 5 credit
	..... Debate (Debate) 5 credit
	..... Native American Heritage (NAHer) 5 credit

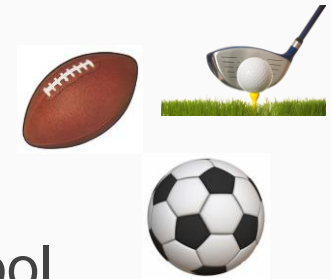


# Course Selection

- Take time to review the course guidebook so you are ready to select your courses



- Consider the following:
  - Academic strengths and weaknesses
  - Activity involvement in and out of school
  - Community involvement/family commitments





## Staffing based on course selection

- No changes made after March 9

## Class Cancellations

- Low Enrollment
- Registration Exceeds Class Capacity
- Program Cuts

# RCAS Academies (3.5 credits required)



## Required Classes

Freshman Seminar	0.5 credit
Academy Credits	2 credits
<b>GRADtime</b>	1 credit

Your RCAS Academies requirements will be met through **GRADtime** and your academy/pathway courses.

## Grade 9

**GRADtime** (0.25 cr)

Freshman Seminar  
(0.5 cr)

## Grade 10

**GRADtime** (0.25 cr)

Pathway Engaged  
Course  
(1 cr)

## Grade 11

**GRADtime** (0.25 cr)

Pathway Experienced  
Course  
(1 cr)

## Grade 12

**GRADtime** (0.25 cr)

Capstone or  
Additional Pathway  
Course  
(optional)

# Commonly Asked Questions



## Stevens High School Commonly Asked Questions



### 1. WHAT IS A CREDIT?

A credit is what you earn when you pass a course. You need minimum of 24 credits to graduate from high school, which includes a combination of required and elective classes. A one-credit (1) course meets for the entire school year (two semesters). Examples are math and English. A one-half credit (.5) course meets for half the year (one semester). Examples are World Geography and Biology I.

### 2. HOW DO I KNOW WHICH CLASSES I NEED TO TAKE?

Consider class choices carefully. Visit with school counselors, teachers, and parents to gather information to make class choices. Take the time to read the Freshmen Academy Guidebook for details about courses and graduation requirements. Xello.World is a great tool for students to explore college, career, and life readiness goals.

### 3. WILL I AUTOMATICALLY GO TO THE NEXT GRADE IF I FAIL COURSES?

**No.** Grade level classification is determined by the number of credits earned **NOT** by years of attendance.

### 4. WHAT HAPPENS IF I FAIL A COURSE?

Beginning in ninth grade, students EARN credits toward graduation. You must pass courses to earn credit. If you fail a course, you will have to re-take required courses, or take another course to replace the credit you lost through failure. Summer school is an option to earn lost credits. It is important to remember that your high school career begins the minute you enter Stevens High School in the fall.

### 5. HOW MANY COURSES SHOULD I TAKE?

Students in grades 9, 10 and 11 are required to enroll in a minimum of six (6) courses per semester. The student's typical academic performance and participation in extracurricular activities in and outside of the high school should be considered when determining academic load. Classes may be cancelled for the following reasons: low enrollment, registration number exceeds class

# Learning Management System

- Canvas
  - Parent Observer
    - See what your student sees, including assignments, quizzes, grades, discussions profile, and announcements
    - Message your student and their teacher



## Parent Observers in Canvas



[Video Guide](#)

<https://rcas.instructure.com/>

## Step 2: Create an Account

Parent Signup ✕

Your Name

Your Email

Password

Re-enter Password

Student Pairing Code  [What is a pairing code?](#)

You agree to the [terms of use](#) and acknowledge the [privacy policy](#).

**Fill in these fields**

**Your student will need to log in to their school account to get the pairing code. See Step 2b.**

## Step 1: Go to RCAS Canvas Login Page

**Parent of a Canvas User?**  
[Click Here For an Account](#)  
[Browse courses](#)

Username

Password

Stay signed in

[Forgot Password?](#)

[Help](#) [Privacy Policy](#) [Accountable Use Policy](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)

**Click here to create your parent account!**

# CANVAS continued

### Step 3: Get pairing code from your student

The screenshot shows the Canvas LMS interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with icons for Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, History, and Studio. The main content area is titled 'Settings' and includes sections for Notifications, Files, ePortfolios, QR for Mobile Login, and Global Announcements. A red box highlights the 'Settings' link in the sidebar. A red callout box with an arrow pointing to the 'Settings' link contains the text: 'Have your student log in to their Canvas account. Go to Account>Settings>Pair with Observer'. In the background, a 'Pair with Observer' dialog box is open, containing the text: 'Share the following pairing code with an observer to allow them to connect with you. This code will expire in seven days, or after one use.' Below this text is a red button that says 'Copy the 6-character code to your account creation'. At the bottom right of the dialog is an 'OK' button. On the right side of the main settings page, there is a 'Ways to Contact' section with 'Email Addresses' (containing a red box labeled 'Student's contact info'), 'Other Contacts', and a 'Pair with Observer' button highlighted with a red box. Red arrows point from the 'Settings' link in the sidebar to the 'Pair with Observer' button in the background settings, and from the 'Pair with Observer' button in the background settings to the 'Pair with Observer' button in the foreground dialog box.

# Resources

- Contact teacher
- Contact assistant principal assigned to student
- Contact principal





# Resources



- **Lifeways**
  - Ashley Jensen
- **Behavior Management Systems**
  - Amber Wodzinski
- **Liaisons**
  - Cody Rhoden
  - Kelsey Schwartz
  - Josh Kunde



# Registration Resources



- Commonly Asked Questions Sheet
- Course Selection Sheet
- Freshman Academy Course Guidebook
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Information Night Video
- Class of 2024 Course Selection Video

# Transition Components

- August 2023
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation
    - ID Picture
    - Laptop
    - Locker
    - Schedule
    - Tour
  - Open House



Exact dates and times provided in August mailing

# What Can You Expect?

- Student ID
- Closed Campus/Closed Lunch
- Eligibility
- High School Community



# Activities

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## CALENDAR

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## HIGHLIGHTS

January 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

### RAIDER TRACK AND FIELD

"We are about 4 weeks away from the 2022 Raider Track and Field season! The season officially begins on February 28; however, there will be a very important meeting for **ALL** who are interested in participating on Wednesday, February 2 in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade lunchroom at 7:45am!

Early sign-ups are taking place right now online at [www.RaiderTrackandField.com](http://www.RaiderTrackandField.com)



