

Welcome to Renton High School!

2021-2022
Class of 2025



Meet
your
team!

Dr. San Martin – Principal

**Ms. Konkol – Assistant Principal
(11th & 12th Grade) & Athletic
Director**

**Mrs. Woehr – Assistant Principal (9th &
10th Grade) & ASB Director**

Mr. Collie – IB Coordinator

Mr. Powell – Dean of Students

Ms. Pike – 9th Grade Counselor

Ms. Currie – Gear Up Coordinator

Ms. Agapov – 9th grade AAC

Mr. Villalobos – Office Manager

Ms. Roberson – Attendance Secretary

Mr. Haruo and Mr. Cheatham – Security



**What 9th
graders
need to
know**



Pathways to Graduation

Graduation pathways are the different ways to meet all the Washington State requirements for earning diploma.

There are four main pathways at RHS →

1. International Baccalaureate Program Diploma

2. IB certificate program

3. CTE college/career preparation

4. CTE Dual Credit

Graduation starts in 9th grade

While graduation may seem so far away, your effort and commitment to your education begins the first day you enter Renton High School.

- **Graduation requirements include:**
 - **26 credits**
 - **passing all state standard tests/other pathways**
 - **20 hours of community service**
 - **submitting your completed High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP).**
- **Each trimester you have 5 classes, plus advisory.**
 - Each class is worth .5 credit**
 - 5 classes each trimester=2.5 credits**
 - 3 trimesters a year= 7.5 potential credits you can earn each year**
- **Failed classes do not count, and you will have to retake them which can put you off track to on time graduation. They can also lower your grade point average (GPA) which is the first thing colleges and trade schools look at**

<u>English</u>	4	credits (1 each year)
<u>Math</u>	3	Algebra 1 or Integrated Math 1 Geometry or Integrated Math 2 A 3 rd credit of math*
<u>Science</u>	3	At least two lab science credits A 3 rd credit of science
<u>Social Studies</u>	3	10 th , 11 th and 12 th grade
<u>Arts</u>	2	Fine Arts <u>or 4 credits if you don't do 2 credits of World Language</u>
<u>World Language</u>	2	<u>Optional but most colleges require 2 years of World Language</u>
<u>Health and Fitness</u>	2	.5 credits of Health 1.5 credits of Fitness/PE
<u>Career & Technical</u>	1	
<u>Electives</u>	8	<u>Total 26 credits</u>

Renton High
School
Graduation
Requirements

Typical 9th grade schedule



Required 9th grade courses:

All 9th graders take the following courses their first year in high school:

- **Language Arts:** *LA 9A and 9B*
- **Math:** *Algebra Fundamentals, Algebra I A, Algebra I B*
- **PE:** *PE Fundamentals and 2 other PE classes*
- **Science:** *Physics A and Biology A*
- **Health**
- **High School Success** or **AVID A and AVID B**

Electives in 9th grade

*This year we have faced new challenges with the pandemic and will be adjusting our master schedule to help students be successful next year. This will result in fewer electives being offered and you will be placed in **one or two of these 8 different electives** by your counselor.*

- **Fine Arts:**

Chorus, Acapella, Band, Orchestra, Photography

- **CTE:**

Culinary Foundations, Industrial Tech Intro, Industrial Tech Design

International Baccalaureate Program





IB is considered the most prestigious secondary program by the international community.

- You will want to begin to prepare for this program in 9th grade by taking challenging classes and working hard to be prepared to join in 11th grade.

IB – A pathway to
being a global citizen
beginning in 11th and
12th grade

Why do IB Classes?

→ → →



Worldwide Educational
Program



Rigorous College
Preparation

Recognized by
world's most
prestigious colleges
and universities



Independent Thinking



Explore your subject



Global Engagement

How to learn more about IB

**1. Contact the District IB Coordinator,
Malcolm Collie**

Malcolm.collie@rentonschools.us 425.204.3417

2. Look at the IB and RHS Web Pages

<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/>

<https://rentonhs.rentonschools.us/programs/ib>

3. Look out for IB information presentations

During classes

At lunch times/after school

Evening presentations for families





AVID at RHS

What is the AVID Elective? Advancement via
Individual Determination



In the AVID Elective, students learn organizational and study skills, work on critical thinking and asking probing questions, get academic help from peers and college tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities that make them college-ready.

**2 Trimester course at RHS –
currently only offered to 9th**

AVID prepares students starting in 9th grade to be successful in RHS's rigorous IB programme 11th and 12th grade.

Student Supports



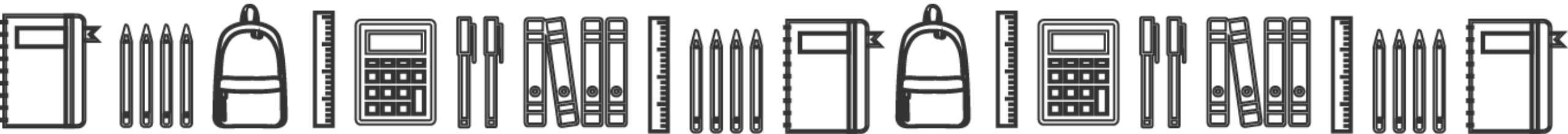
Meet your Renton HS AACs



9TH GRADE AAC



11TH & 12TH GRADE AACs



What does an AAC do?



Ease the transition
from Middle School to
High School.



Help you advocate
for yourself.



We attend your
classes to help you
in real time.



Work with
Administration,
Teachers, and parents
to help you do the
very best you can.

The Learning Complex (Library)

- **Why?**
 - **Check out books**
 - **Printing**
 - **Research**
 - **Technology (green screen, podcast cubes, etc.)**
 - **Large workspaces**
 - **Collaboration**
 - **Homework Help Center**
- **How?**
 - **Drop in before school, lunch, after school**
 - **Get a signed green pass from your teacher during class time**



Mr. Ty Laury – your 9th/10th CIS Liaison



Communities
In Schools

Renton-Tukwila

Who: All RHS students.

What: School supplies, Hygiene items, other resources.

Where: Room 119/ Red Door

When: Between classes, lunch, after school

Why: Connecting students with resources that can reduce barriers to their success.



Nichola Fulmer

College & Career Specialist

at

Renton High School

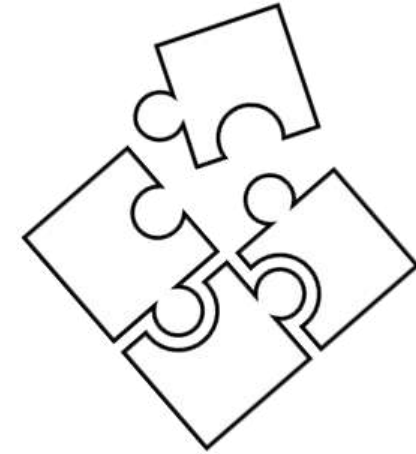
Career Center

nichola.fulmer@rentonschools.us

Post-secondary pieces

Support individual student and schoolwide efforts for 9-12 grade postsecondary development for:

- **Apprenticeship**
- **Community or Technical College**
- **Direct Workforce Entry**
- **Military**



Assisting students with career exploration, application assistance (college, internships scholarships, jobs and financial aid [FAFSA/WASFA]) and more!!!

Gear Up at RHS

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$
$$(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + Fx + Gy + H = 0$$

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fred

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{1}{g}}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$$



**GEAR
UP**

ACHIEVERS

South King County

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON



Debbie Currie

Gear Up Coordinator

at

Renton High School

and

Dimmit Middle School

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What is GEAR UP?

*G*aining *E*arly *A*wareness and *R*eadiness for
*U*ndergraduate *P*rograms

Our **goal** is to dramatically increase the number of students who enter and succeed in post-secondary programs.

➤ **To learn more visit RSD's [GEAR UP site](#)**

Services for families

- **Family engagement nights**
- **Education on financial aid**
- **Scholarship information**
- **Support services for post-secondary education**
- **Family college visits**

Services for students

- **AVID elective class option and instruction**
- **Mentorship program**
- **Instructional support**
- **College and career readiness activities and field trips**
- **Tutoring and after-school programs**
- **Education and support on financing post-secondary education**
- **Summer Education opportunities**
- **Weekly GEAR UP office hours!**

Questions?

**Email Ms. Currie with any
questions you still have.**

**[Deborah.currie@renton
schools.us](mailto:Deborah.currie@rentonschools.us)**





**Graduation
Starts
Now!**

Key Tips for Success

- **Check Skyward weekly.**

- **Skyward is where official grades are posted. Sometimes Canvas grades are not updated or can be altered before being synched to Skyward.**
- **The trimester flies by. Know your grades, and do not hesitate to email your teacher if you have questions.**

- **Missing work is a slippery slope**

- **Don't let missing or incomplete work pile up.**
- **If you get a grade you are not happy with, ask to resubmit or retake.**

- **Ask for and Accept Help**

- **This cannot be emphasized enough - especially during 9th grade year. Teachers cannot always tell if you need help unless you ask for help. When they offer to help, take them**

Tech Support

Click here for a detailed support guide for using **Canvas and **Skyward** during online learning, and how to help your child navigate their classes:**

[Tech Supports at RHS](#)

Quick links:

If you'd like to speak with Ms. Pike, the current 9th grade counselor, and other RHS staff, please come to a family Support meeting!

You can find the calendar of meetings, plus all other Incoming 9th grade information, including details about student life and activities, on our RHS website:

<https://rentonhs.rentonschools.us/counseling/incoming-9th-grade-class-of-2025-registration>

