

# PREREQUISITES

## *Prerequisites for English Classes*

English must be taken every year.

To be eligible to take Honors English, a student must

- a. sign an honors contract
- b. standardized test Reading Composite score greater than 65 percentile;
- c. complete honors summer work by the fifth school day
- d. have average greater than or equal to A- in previous English class.
- e. NOT be enrolled in the Supplementary Learning Program.

Extra work will be required each term.

To be eligible to take Dual Credit English\*, a student must

- a. be a junior or senior;
- b. pass placement test at appropriate level;
- c. standardized test Reading score greater than 70 percentile;
- d. have average greater than or equal to A- in previous English class;
- e. receive recommendation of teacher/administration.

\*This course requires an extra fee to be paid by the student (family)

## *Prerequisites for Language Classes*

1. To be eligible to take Spanish 1 in the eighth grade, a student must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Final grade in English 7 greater than or equal to B-;
  - b. Recommendation of teacher/administration.
2. To be eligible to receive credit for Spanish 1 and take Spanish 2 in the ninth grade, a student must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Final grade in Spanish 1 greater than or equal to B-;
  - b. Recommendation of teacher/administration.
  - c. If the student does not meet the criteria, the student will repeat Spanish 1.
3. To be eligible to take Spanish 2, a student must pass Spanish 1 or equivalent.
4. To be eligible to take Spanish 3, a student must pass Spanish 2 or equivalent.

## *Bible Classes have NO prerequisites*

Bible must be taken every year for students at RVCS.

### *Prerequisites for Math Classes*

Math 7 is taken by all seventh grade students.

1. To be eligible to take Algebra 1 in the eighth grade, a student must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Final grade in Math 7 greater than or equal to B-;
  - b. Standardized test Math Composite score greater than 60 percentile;
  - c. pass placement test at appropriate level;
  - d. Recommendation of teacher/administration.

If the student does not meet all four criteria, the student will be placed in Algebra 1, Part A or Pre Algebra.

2. To be eligible to take Geometry in the ninth grade, a student must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Final grade in Algebra 1 greater than or equal to B-;
  - b. Standardized test Math Composite score greater than 60 percentile;
  - c. Recommendation of teacher/administration.

If the student does not meet all three criteria, the student will not receive credit for Algebra 1 in eighth grade and will be placed in Algebra 1, Part B for ninth grade.

3. To be eligible to take Algebra 2, a student must have passed Algebra 1 and Geometry.
4. To be eligible to take Pre-Calculus, a student must have passed Algebra 2.
5. To be eligible to take Calculus, a student must have passed Pre-Calculus. An AP exam fee will be charged for this course.
6. To be eligible to take Personal Finance, a student must be a junior or senior.

### *Prerequisites for Computer Classes*

1. To be eligible to take Office Applications, a student must have a keyboarding class or keyboarding proficiency.
2. To be eligible to take Graphics Applications, a student must have a keyboarding class or keyboarding proficiency.
3. To be eligible to take Programming, a student must have a final grade in Geometry greater than or equal to B-.
4. Other options are available through recommendation of the teacher/ administration. Some options carry an extra fee.

### *Prerequisites for Health and Physical Education Classes*

1. Health and Physical Education are integrated so each half adds to a full credit.
2. The content is integrated into a single class period.

### *Prerequisites for Science Classes*

Life Science is taken by all seventh grade students.

1. To be eligible to take Earth Science in the eighth grade, a student must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Final grade in Life Science greater than or equal to B-;
  - b. Recommendation of teacher/administration.
  - c. Follow Advanced Diploma graduation path to take Chemistry and Physics.  
If the student does not meet the criteria, the student will be placed in Physical Science.
2. To be eligible to take Biology in the ninth grade, a student must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Final grade in Earth Science greater than or equal to B-;
  - b. Recommendation of teacher/administration.
  - c. If the student does not meet the criteria, the student will not receive credit for Earth Science and will repeat Earth Science in ninth grade.
3. To be eligible to take Chemistry, a student must have passed Algebra 2 or is currently enrolled in an Algebra 2 class.
4. To be eligible to take Physics, a student must have passed Chemistry.
5. To be eligible to take Human Anatomy and Physiology, a student must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Final grade in Chemistry greater than or equal to 85%;
  - b. Final grade in Physics greater than or equal to 85% or currently enrolled in Physics;
  - c. Human Anatomy and Physiology teacher's recommendation.

### *Prerequisites for Fine Arts Classes*

Choir students must have teacher recommendation.

Art Introduction has no prerequisites.

Art Advanced must have teacher recommendation and completion of Art Introduction.

Speech and Drama has no prerequisites.

### *Prerequisites for Teacher's Aide*

To be eligible to serve as teacher's aide, a student must be a Junior or Senior and have a recommendation from the teacher or administration.

This class counts half of one credit for a whole year of service.

### *Prerequisites for Social Studies Classes*

World Geography is taken by all seventh grade students.

Civics is taken by all eighth grade students.

World History is taken by all ninth grade students.

Honors World History is offered to students who complete Civics with a grade greater than or equal to B-, sign an honors contract, complete summer work by the fifth school day of ninth grade, and are NOT enrolled in the Supplementary Learning Program. Extra work will be required each term.

Honors World Geography is required of all tenth grade students pursuing an advanced diploma. This class does not count as a social studies credit for the standard diploma. Summer work is required to be completed by the fifth school day.

United States History is taken by all eleventh grade students.

Honors United States History is offered to students who complete the previous social studies course with a grade greater than or equal to B-, sign an honors contract, complete summer work by the fifth school day of eleventh grade, and are NOT enrolled in the Supplementary Learning Program. Extra work will be required each term.

United States Government with Economics is taken by all twelfth grade students.

Honors United States Government with Economics is offered to students who complete US History with a grade greater than or equal to B-, sign an honors contract, and complete summer work by the fifth school day of twelfth grade, and are NOT enrolled in the Supplementary Learning Program. Extra work will be required each term.

### *Prerequisites for ONLINE classes through RVCS*

Students may take ONLINE courses over the summer, in study hall, or at home. An extra fee will apply for the courses selected through RVCS. Administration approval is required before taking a course.