

Rensselaer Central High School 2024 profile

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Rensselaer Central High School is a public high school located in Rensselaer, Indiana and is accredited by the Indiana Department of Education as well as by AdvancED. The current 2024-2025 enrollment for RCHS is 450 students in grades 9-12. RCHS is on a traditional 7-period day schedule. Students receive one credit per semester for each course successfully completed unless the credit count is noted differently on the transcript.

The community and the surrounding school district are located in northwest Indiana approximately 80 miles south of downtown Chicago and 90 miles north of Indianapolis near Interstate 65. The economy of the community is based on agriculture and several small industries. Rensselaer is the county seat of Jasper County and has a population of approximately 6400 residents and supports new growth opportunities. The community reflects a strong tradition of support for academic, cultural, and athletic achievement.

RCHS Motto: WE EXPECT SUCCESS

Honors/Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

RCHS offers 10 Honors and 5 Advanced Placement courses to provide opportunities for students to select intense coursework including English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Spanish.

Dual Credit RCHS offers 29 courses for college credit through Ivy Tech and Indiana University. These include Math, Social Studies, and several CTE classes.

Industrial Tech RCHS has graduation pathways in Agriculture, Aviation, Construction, Business, Education, Health Science, Manufacturing, Public Safety and Transportation

Beyond the Classroom RCHS offers a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular activities for students to explore their talents and interests. We have over 15 different clubs and several athletic teams

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS RCHS offers a wide array of courses allowing for the exploration of the arts. Some courses include drawing, painting, and ceramics. The music department encompasses marching band, jazz band, choral programs, and dance performance.

STATISTICS

Ethnicity	
American Indian	.4%
Asian	.4%
Black	.7%
Hispanic	16%
Multiracial	3%
White	80%

Lunch Status	
Free	38%
Paid	60%
Reduced	2%

GRADING SCALE

RCHS Grading Scale

Grade	%	Regular	Honors	AP
A+	100-98%	4.3	4.8	5.3
A	93-97%	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	90-92%	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	88-89%	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	83-87%	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	80-82%	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	78-79%	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	73-77%	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	70-72%	1.7	1.7	1.7
D+	68-69%	1.3	1.3	1.3
D	63-67%	1.0	1.0	1.0
D-	60-62%	0.7	0.7	0.7
F	0-59%	0.0	0.0	0.0

ADMINISTRATION

Principal: Mr. Andrew J. Jones Andrew.jones@rcsc.k12.in.us
Assistant Principal: Mrs. Ava Kosiba Ava.kosiba@rcsc.k12.in.us
School Counselor (A-L): Mrs. Elaine Parrish Elaine.parrish@rcsc.k12.in.us
School Counselor (M-Z): Mrs. Allison Strange Allison.strange@rcsc.k12.in.us
Guidance Secretary: Mrs. Staci Hannon Staci.hannon@rcsc.k12.in.us

Grade point averages (GPA) are based on a 4.0 scale and course weighting is applied. Students who take Advanced Placement, Honors courses, or Dual Credit courses associated with the Indiana College Core at RCHS are able to earn a weighted grade as long as the semester grade is a "C" or above. The Dual Credit courses associated with the ICC will be weighed using the Honors Grading Scale.

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AP, Dual Credit & Honor Course Offerings

CTE

Agriculture

Dual Credit Principles of Agriculture
Dual Credit Animal Science
Dual Credit Plant & Soil Science
Dual Credit Advanced Life Science, Animals
Dual Credit Advanced Life Science, Plant & Soils
Dual Credit Horticulture Science
Dual Credit Greenhouse and Soilless Production

Engineering

Dual Credit Intro to Engineering Design
Dual Credit Principles of Engineering
Dual Credit Civil Engineering & Architecture

Education

Dual Credit Principles of Teaching
Dual Credit Child & Adolescent Development
Dual Credit Teaching & Learning

Health Science

Dual Credit Medical Terminology

Technology

Dual Credit Principles of Aviation Management
Dual Credit Private Pilot Theory
Dual Credit Aviation Safety & Operations
Dual Credit Principles of Welding Technology
Dual Credit Shielded Metal Arc Welding
Dual Credit Gas Welding Processes
Dual Credit Welding Technology Capstone

English

Dual Credit Advanced Composition
Dual Credit Advanced Speech and Communication
Dual Credit Advanced Language Arts/English
Honors English 9, 10 & 11

Mathematics

AP Calculus, AB
AP Statistics
Pre-Calculus: Algebra Honors, Dual Credit
Pre-Calculus: Trigonometry Honors, Dual Credit
Honors Algebra II
Honors Geometry

Science

AP Biology

Social Studies

AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
Dual Credit US Government Honors
World History and Civilization Honors
United States History Honors

World Language

Dual Credit Spanish III
Dual Credit Spanish IV

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Test Scores



*Based on 2024 Senior Class
Number of Exams Taken: 101
State Average ERW: 540
RCHS ERW Average: 478
State Average Math: 534
RCHS Math Average: 473

*Based on all RCHS Students
Number of AP Exams Taken: 136
Percentage of Exams with Scores of 3 or Higher: 50%

Class of 2024 Graduate Data

NUMBER OF GRADUATES: 93

Graduates earning Both Academic and Technical Honors Diploma: 9
Graduates earning Academic Honors Diploma: 22
Graduates earning Technical Honors Diploma: 9
Graduates earning Core 40 Diploma: 34
Graduates earning General Diploma or Certificate: 19

POST-SECONDARY PLANS:

Attend a 4-year College/University: 44
Attend a 2-Year College/Trade School: 11
Entering Apprenticeship Program: 6
Join the Armed Services: 1
Enter the Workforce: 21
Undecided: 10