# 2019-2020 Profile of Raymore-Peculiar High School



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# COMMUNITY PROFILE, ENROLLMENT DATA

Raymore-Peculiar R II School District consists of one high school, one alternative school, two middle schools, seven elementary schools and one early childhood school.

Raymore-Peculiar School District is located about 20 miles south of Kansas City. The District, which covers 94 square miles, includes the communities of Raymore, Peculiar, small portions of Lee's Summit, Belton, Pleasant Hill, Cleveland, Harrisonville, Lake Winnebago and some unincorporated areas of Cass County. A large number of residents travel outside the community to their places of employment.

As of August 22<sup>nd</sup>, enrollment for 2019-2020 is 1,984 students, with 465 seniors, 522 juniors, 496 sophomores, and 501 freshmen. The total student minority population at the high school is 24%.

# FACULTY PROFILE

The faculty consists of 123 certified staff members, 78% with at least a Master's degree. Between the high school and Ray-Pec Academy there are six full-time counselors and one part-time college/scholarship secretary.

### DISTRICT HONORS

The Raymore-Peculiar school district is accredited by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. All Missouri public school districts are evaluated and accredited under the standards of the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP). Districts complete a formal MSIP review once every five years.

Raymore-Peculiar School District has been honored with being "Accredited with Distinction for High Performance" numerous times.

Raymore-Peculiar High School became an authorized International Baccalaureate World School in 2015 and began offering IB classes in the 2015-2016 school year.

The high school was designated as an A+ school in 1999. Students who have met the A+ requirements are eligible for two years of a nearly tuition-free education at a public community college or vocational/technical school in Missouri.

### CURRICULUM

Raymore-Peculiar High School offers a variety of courses in order to challenge each student. Over 200 courses are available within nine different departments.

Thirty-two dual credit, 8 Advanced Placement (AP) courses and 24 International Baccalaureate (IB) classes are offered.

We are on a modified block schedule, with some days having seven periods and some days of block scheduling with lengthier class times. Each course is 50 minutes in length on traditional days, and approximately 90 minutes in length on block days. Every class is eighteen or thirty-six weeks per year depending on if the class is a year- long or semester long.

# **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Students receive one half credit per semester or one credit per year for each course successfully completed, with the exception of those who attend the Cass Career Center, Southland CAPS, or the Summit Technology Academy for further vocational and technical education.

A total of 26 credits is required for the class of 2019, including the following:

.5 personal finance
.5 practical art
1 fine art
1 physical education
9.5 electives

Graduation Date: May 15, 2020

The majority of students shared that they plan to continue their education after graduation. Out of the class of 2019, transcript requests indicated that 46% of the graduates planned to attend a four-year college and 30% would attend a two-year community college fall 2019.

# TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

Raymore-Peculiar High School will send an official transcript to any location only by the student's request. The transcript includes all grades during the student's high school years. Test scores may also be included with permission of the student. A weighted grade point average and rank are reported on the permanent record. Traditional high school courses taken in middle school are not included on the transcript until fulfilling the requirements during high school.

### **GRADING SYSTEM**

In order to maintain an equitable reporting system, it is essential that teachers at all levels use a similar grading scale. The following scale shall be used for determining grades on a percentage basis:

POINTS	LETTER	PERCENT
4.00	А	100-93
3.66	A-	92-90
3.33	B+	89-87
3.00	В	86-83
2.66	В-	82-80
2.33	C+	79-77
2.00	С	76-73
1.66	C-	72-70
1.33	D+	69-67
I <b>.</b> 00	D	66-63
.66	D-	62-60
0	F	59-0

# WEIGHTED CLASSES

Weighted classes include primarily upper level academic courses, which meet the following criteria:

1. Course objectives reflect class expectations beyond those of a regular class.

2. Analytical written and oral reports are required in a weighted class.

Students will be offered an opportunity for weighted credit in Advanced Placement Courses, International Baccalaureate Courses, and Dual Credit Courses based on the following criteria:

a. In AP Courses, for the purpose of calculating weighted GPA, 1 GPA point will be added to the student's course GPA with a passing grade and completion of the AP Exam.

b. In IB Courses, for the purpose of calculating weighted GPA, 1 GPA point will be added to the student's course GPA with a passing grade and completion of the IB Exam.

c. For Dual Credit Courses, for the purpose of calculating weighted GPA, 1 GPA point will be added to the student's course GPA with a passing grade.

# COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS

Students are encouraged to visit with college representatives at RPHS throughout the school year. They are available for 30-minute sessions during the school day. Visits should be scheduled two weeks in advance by calling the college/scholarship secretary.

# COUNSELING STAFF

Counselors: Laurie Cantrell: 10-12 last names F-L, ext. 1436 Cheryl Gray: 10-12 last names A-E, ext. 1435 Nicole Ingram: 10-12 last names M-Sc, ext. 1437 Bethany Sylvester: 9<sup>th</sup> grade, ext. 1421 Caitlin Fackler: RPA, ext. 1810 Eric Sclesky: 10-12 last names Se-Z and A+ Coordinator ext. 1419 Lori Woodfine: Registrar ext. 1429 Megan Speer: Counseling Secretary ext. 1422 Christa Fish: College/Scholarship Secretary ext. 1414

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