

Current Model

Academic Options Matrix for Rainier Christian High School 2018-2019



RCHS students enjoy learning options. The courses available at RCHS as well as the links to tuition-free, online coursework, or dual enrollment to earn college credit appear below. In some instances, students may find a combination of options best meets their college and career readiness goals. For more information, contact Helene.Thomas@rainierchristian.org

A. RCHS Campus

Bible	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Fine Arts	Occupational Ed	World Languages
Fundamentals of the Faith	9 th English	Algebra 1	Biology	Word History	Band	Teacher's Aide	ASL 1
Developing Christian Character	10 th - British Literature	Geometry	Marine Biology	US History	Choir	Office Aid	ASL 2
Old Testament Survey	Honors 10 - British Literature	Algebra 2	Human Anatomy	US Government	Orchestra	Yearbook	Spanish 1
New Testament Survey	11 th - American Literature	Statistics	Botany/Zoology		Worship Team		Spanish 2
Theology 1	Honors 11 - American Literature	Precalculus/ Trig	Physics	PE/Health	Art 1	Electives	Spanish 3
Theology 2	12 th English	Calculus		PE	Art 2	Life Skills	
Financial Peace	College English			Health		Digital Media	
Spiritual Growth						Internship*	

B. Online (Red Comet) - Tuition Free Go to <https://redcomet.org/course-catalog/>

C. Dual Enrollment-College Credit, Fee Based

The Master's University

<https://www.masters.edu/academics/online/dualenrollment>

D. Dual Enrollment-College Credit, Fee Based

Grand Canyon University

<https://www.gcu.edu/Documents/17GTR0371-DualEnrCrsList Online.pdf>

E. Concurrent Credit Classes (Northwest Nazarene University)

<https://highschool.nnu.edu/concurrent-credit>

Desired Model: Interest and Gift Pathways

- Retooling RCHS begins with honoring the mission and vision of RCS. There is no change to our mission or vision.
- In this context, retooling explores interest and gift pathways. When registering for 9th grade courses, students select a pathway aligned to their God-given talents, interests, and college or career aspirations.
- In 9th grade, the pathway classes vary slightly. However, as students move toward meeting graduation requirements, upper level courses, elective and core classes, align to their pathway.
- The *Interest and Gift Pathway* introduces new courses to RCHS, adds rigorous offerings, and opens opportunities for work-based learning.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: What are the five pathways?

A1: Ministry, Education, and Public Service; Arts and Communication; STEM and Manufacturing; Business and Entrepreneurship; and Trades and Transportation.

Q2: Why were these five selected?

A2: The five pathways offer a starting point for the vision around interests and gifts. The five pathways address a majority of career clusters found within Career and Technical Education.

Q3: Why are we moving to a pathway model?

A3: The pathways offer students a personalized approach aligned to God-given gifts, interests, and college and career aspirations. Data collected from last April's parent, student, and staff climate surveys along with the enrollment trend for RCHS support moving toward a robust model.

Q4: What if a student does not know what pathway to select?

A4: Students are encouraged to seek counsel from those who know them best: parents, former teachers, friends, a pastor, and reflect on the subjects they have enjoyed most. Reviewing the specialized electives in each pathway also offers a way to gauge interest. Asking the Lord for wisdom and wise counsel offers a biblical approach for guidance.

Q5: Why are there two teacher groups, A and B?

A5: The stretch schedule is an idea to explore in the draft version. By stretching the school day, students can access more options and enjoy greater ability to work around their other commitments and interests.

Q6: Can a student change their pathway at anytime?

A6: Yes, but it requires meeting with the counselor to review the student's transcript to ensure all graduation requirements are satisfied.

Q7: Do students have to take a zero hour class to graduate?

A7: No, not unless they are unable to meet graduation requirements.

Q8: Does Bible class have to be first period as shown in the pathway models?

A8: No, the classes are shown for illustration purposes.

Q9: What is Project Lead The Way, PLTW?

A9: PLTW is a national curriculum with three separate strands: Biomedical Science, Engineering, and Computer Science. For more information, <https://www.pltw.org>

Q10: When does the HS retooling effort take effect?

A10: The input from students, parents, staff, administrators, and the Board support all revisions from September through December. The adopted version is scheduled for release in January 2019.

Q11: Will the Interest and Gift Pathways model raise tuition costs?

A11: By design, the new model is built to be budget neutral. By realigning planning periods of high school staff, a majority of the costs are absorbed.

Q12: Is there a specific need I can help with in support of the Interest and Gift Pathway?

A12: Yes, growing a network of Christian business owners with an interest in offering work-based learning opportunities.

Interest and Gift Pathways

A. RCHS Campus

9th Grade		Five Pathways				
Period	Teacher Group	Ministry, Education, Public Service	Arts and Communication	STEM and Manufacturing	Business and Entrepreneurship	Trades and Transportation
Zero	A	Art, Band, PE, Orchestra, Choir, English, Math, Social Studies, Bible, Careers??				
1st		Fundamentals of Faith	Fundamentals of Faith	Fundamentals of Faith	Fundamentals of Faith	Fundamentals of Faith
2nd	B	Algebra/Geometry	Algebra/Geometry	Geometry/Alg2	Algebra/Geometry	Algebra/Geometry
3rd		English	English	English	English	English
4th		U.S. Hist/Govt.	U.S. Hist/Govt	U.S. Hist/Govt	U.S. Hist/Govt	U.S. Hist/Govt
5th		World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language
6th		Worship, Ministry, & Service Team	Art/Choir	Health/PE	Health/PE	Health/PE
7th		Conceptual Physics	Conceptual Physics	Conceptual Physics	Conceptual Physics	Conceptual Physics
8th		Drama, Yearbook, Project Lead The Way Option??				

10 th Grade		Five Pathways				
Period	Teacher Group	Ministry, Education, Public Service	Arts and Communication	STEM and Manufacturing	Business and Entrepreneurship	Trades and Transportation
Zero	A	Art, Band, PE, Orchestra, Choir, English, Math, Social Studies, Bible, Careers??				
1 st		Life of Christ	Life of Christ	Life of Christ	Life of Christ	Life of Christ
2 nd	B	English	Art/Choir	Alg2/Pre-calculus	English	English
3 rd		Math	Math	English	Math	Math
4 th		Civics/Hist.Elective	Civics/Hist.Elective	Civics/Hist.Elective	Civics/Hist.Elective	Civics/Hist.Elective
5 th		World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language
6 th		Worship, Ministry, & Service Team	English	PE	PE	PE
7 th		Biology	Biology	Biology	Biology	Biology
8 th		Drama, Yearbook, Project Lead The Way Option				

11 th Grade		Five Pathways				
Period	Teacher Group	Ministry, Education, Public Service	Arts and Communication	STEM and Manufacturing	Business and Entrepreneurship	Trades and Transportation
Zero	A	Art, Band, PE, Orchestra, Choir, English, Math, Social Studies, Bible, Careers??				
1 st		Theology 1	Bible	Bible	Financial Peace	Bible
2 nd	B	English	English	Pre-calc/Calculus	English	English
3 rd		Math	Math	English	Math	Math
4 th		CWP	CWP	CWP	CWP	CWP
5 th		Health/PE	Band, Orchestra, Choir	AP Science	Computer Science Essentials	Introduction to Engineering Design
6 th		Worship, Ministry, Service Team	Art/Choir	Introduction to Engineering Design	C.T.S.O.	Computer Science Essentials
7 th		Principles of Biomedical Science	Principles of Biomedical Science	World Language	Elective	Elective

8 th			Drama, Yearbook, Project Lead The Way Option
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12 th Grade		Five Pathways				
Period	Teacher Group	Ministry, Education, Public Service	Arts and Communication	STEM and Manufacturing	Business and Entrepreneurship	Trades and Transportation
Zero	A	Art, Band, PE, Orchestra, Choir, English, Math, Social Studies, Bible, Careers??				
1 st		Spiritual Growth	Spiritual Growth	Spiritual Growth	Spiritual Growth	Spiritual Growth
2 nd	B	English	English	AP Calculus	English	English
3 rd		Math	Art	English	Math	Art
4 th		RCS Internship	World Language	Principles of Engineering	Cybersecurity	Principles of Engineering
5 th			Choir	Art	Art	Work-Based Learning
6 th		Science	Health/PE	AP Science	Internship	
7 th		Worship, Ministry, Service Team	Yearbook	Elective	Science	
8 th		Drama, Yearbook, Project Lead The Way Option				

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* Internships and work-based learning opportunities subject to availability, alignment to student's career plans, and having meet all career readiness standards.



Communication Calendar—Retooling RCHS

- August—Notify Principal
- September—Notify Staff, Administrators, and Board
- October—Input Sessions from Students, Staff, and Parents
- November—Final Version for Review
- December 3rd and 4th—Town Hall Meetings for High School and Middle School Families
- January—Finalize Model
- February-June—Staffing Decisions, Business and Company Outreach
- September—New Model Implemented

Retool Initiative, RCHS

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Questions	Concerns	Ideas