



RCS Global



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*The mission of Redwood Christian School is to provide a Christ-centered education which is able to equip students for daily living and eternal life.*

## **RCS GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM**

We have a fantastic International Student Program that is able to meet the academic needs of all of our international students based on their English proficiency. Currently we have an English Immersion (EI) program for our High School students. EI is for students with a lower level of English proficiency. They take the required classes for their grade level taught by teachers specifically trained for this task. Beyond the required classes, they also have 1 period of tutoring in English, History, Science, SAT and TOEFL. Students with a high level English proficiency are in our Academic track with the American students. All of our international students are in school from 8am until 3:45 pm each day Monday through Wednesday and Fridays as they take the standard classes and an additional class period of Tutoring. School is over at 2:50 on Thursdays.

We also offer SAT prep classes, College tours, college application assistance, a week of orientation, and much more. I firmly believe that we have one of the best programs available to international students in California. With all of this our tuition is also one of the lowest in California. It is our desire to help international students have success both in their English acquisition and in their academics. It is in our best interest to help the international students get into high level colleges and universities. From the last two years some of our international student graduates are attending the following colleges and universities: UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, UC Davis, New York University, and Rutgers.

Our program is exploding, and we are looking for students who are driven in their academics and who desire to do great things. The Kindergarten through 5th grade International Student Program is available to students living with a family member or friend of the student's family.

Program placement for both the Elementary school and the Middle School & High School will be based upon the student's English skills.

The Middle School & High School (MSHS) has a rigorous college-prep academic program designed to meet the entrance requirements for the California University system. We are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Association of Christian Schools International. Upon graduation our students are accepted into the finest colleges and universities in the United States.

Each student enrolled in RCS Global receives an iPad (at no additional cost) to use for the school year as part of his/her tuition.

In addition to our academic program we provide students with the opportunity to participate in all programs including choral and instrumental music and after-school athletics. We offer soccer, volleyball, cross country, basketball, tennis, track and field, softball, and baseball.

## RCS Global Academic Assistance

RCS Global has created an academic assistance program for our international students at no additional cost.

1. English Immersion classes are offered for no additional cost. These classes receive the same credit as regular classes and are offered for students with a lower level of English proficiency
2. 1 extra period is required each day.
  - 3-3:45 pm: Tutoring (Study Skills, US History, World History, Biology, Chemistry, English, and SAT & TOEFL classes)
3. College and University counseling for all international students. Assistance is offered to help match and align college and university entrance and goals. In addition, individual college application and essay assistance is available.
4. College and University tours are available.
  - 1 tour to Northern California Colleges and Universities will be offered per quarter
  - 1 Southern California College Tour offered each Fall (additional cost may apply)

## Policies and Procedures for International Students Application Fee and Tuition

1. The application fee is \$495.00. There is no refund on any of the application fees if Redwood has space for the applicant at the time of notification of acceptance or non-acceptance. Upon acceptance, half the tuition is due (No tuition refunds will be granted on request by the student or their parent/guardian/agent. Refunds only with visa denial two times. Verification required). The tuition includes textbooks, iPad fee (but not iPad insurance), Rosetta Stone (English language software) license fee, laboratory fees, music fees (instrumental and choral), athletic transportation fees, and technology fees. Tuition does not include field trips.
2. Half the tuition must be paid in order for the I-20 document to be issued. The second half of tuition is due within 10 days of visa approval. Tuition is non-refundable. However, a full refund will be given if the visa is denied by the American Consulate two times. Verification required.
3. Tuition MUST be paid in full before a student may attend classes. Tuition is:

Grades K-5	\$22,995
Grades 6-8	\$26,995
Grades 9-12	\$27,995
4. All fees accrued (sports fees, EDC, bus shuttle, etc.) must be paid within 10 days of purchase.
5. Payment options include: bank wire, cash, check, money order or credit card (by calling the International Student Registrar 510-317-8992). Credit Cards NOT accepted for tuition.
6. If payment in full is not received before the first day of school, you may be asked to withdraw your child.
7. There are no refunds for early withdrawal.
8. A \$20 service charge is assessed on any checks returned by your bank. After the second return check of a school year, only payments made with cash, or by cashier's check, money order, or credit card are accepted.
9. All accounts must be current before your child is allowed to: 1) reserve a seat for the following year; 2) take semester and final exams (high school only); 3) have transcripts sent to colleges (for graduating seniors only); 4) receive the report card (or diploma for graduating seniors).
10. Refunds are not available. No tuition refunds will be granted on request by the student or their parent/guardian/agent. Refunds only with visa denial two (2) times. Verification required.
11. Parents are encouraged to give towards the General Fund, the Memorial Fund, the New Equipment Fund, and the Building Fund. Contributions to Redwood Christian Schools are tax-deductible and, with the exception of Jog-a-thon gifts, will be receipted. Donations can be made through company or governmental giving plans.

# RCS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

Units	40	Bible I, II, III, IV
	40	English I, II, III, IV or AP
	20	Physical Education
	20	Math (Algebra 1A or 1B will meet this graduation requirement)
	30	Social Studies (World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Economics)
	20	Science (Biology is required)
	5	Understanding the Times
	5	Speech
	60	Electives
	240	Total Units for graduation

## SCHOLASTIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the above subject requirements, students must earn 240 credits and earn a minimum GPA of 2.0. Any student earning less than a cumulative GPA of 2.0 will receive a Certificate of Completion instead of a diploma (if all subject requirements have been met). Students earning a semester GPA less than needed for graduation will be placed on academic probation. One must earn a GPA of at least 2.0 to be taken off the probation list. Students who are on both academic and behavior probation will be dropped from Redwood within a semester if they remain on probation.

The required core courses:

9th Grade <sup>1</sup>	10th Grade	11th Grade <sup>2</sup>	12th Grade <sup>3</sup>
Bible I	Bible II	Bible III	Bible IV
English I	English II (or AP)	English III (or Honors)	English IV (or AP)
Math	Math	U.S. History (or AP)	U.S. Government (1 semester)
World History	Biology	4 Electives	Economics (1 semester)
P.E.	P.E.		Understanding the Times (1 semester)
2 Electives	2 Electives		Speech (1 semester)
			3 Electives

Important Notes:

- Online classes must be approved by the Principal before the class is started for it to be placed on the RCS transcript.
- No more than 30 semester units of summer school and/or correspondence courses may be used toward the 240 units required.
- No more than 10 units of adult school or Teacher's Aide may be used to satisfy the 240 units required.
- International students typically take the SAT 2 test in their native language in order to meet the Foreign Language requirement for College and University acceptance.

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1. It is recommended that college-bound students begin foreign language in 9th grade.
  2. There are 4 electives in 11th grade because the PE requirement should have been completed in 9th and 10th grade. Students should take a third year of language and math, a second year of science, and other courses they have not yet been able to take. If the visual or performing art requirement for college has not been met, it should be taken care of now. Bible III may be replaced with *Christian Ministry*.
  3. Bible IV is made up of two one-semester classes, Apologetics & Ethics and Senior Seminar, and may be replaced with *Christian Ministry*.

## RCS GRADUATION PLANNING SHEET

This page is designed to help you begin long range academic planning. Universities want to see a rigorous academic schedule. It is important that you begin planning early to make sure that you take more than just the minimum classes required for college entrance. Colleges are looking for students who go above and beyond!

### 9th Grade

#### **REQUIRED COURSES:**

Bible I  
English I  
Math (Algebra I or Geometry)  
World History (or AP)  
PE

#### **2 ELECTIVES:** (please circle)

Spanish I  
Art I, Drama I, Choir, or Band  
Journalism  
Strings Ensemble  
Yearbook, Teacher's Aide, or Woodshop  
Study Hall (no credit is earned)

### 11th Grade

#### **REQUIRED COURSES:**

Bible III (or Christian Ministry)  
English III (or Honors)  
U.S. History (or AP)

#### **4 ELECTIVES:** (please circle)

Physical Science or Chemistry (or Honors)  
Algebra II, Algebra II/Trig, or Advanced Math  
Spanish I, II, or III  
Creative Writing  
Art I or II, Drama I or II, Choir, or Band  
Journalism  
Strings Ensemble  
Yearbook, Teacher's Aide, or Woodshop  
Study Hall (no credit is earned)

### 10th Grade

#### **REQUIRED COURSES:**

Bible II  
English II (or AP)  
Math (Geometry, Algebra II, or Algebra II/Trig)  
Biology (or Honors)  
PE

#### **2 ELECTIVES:** (please circle)

Spanish I or II  
AP European History  
Art I or II, Drama I or II, Choir, or Band  
Journalism  
Strings Ensemble  
Yearbook, Teacher's Aide, or Woodshop  
Study Hall (no credit is earned)

### 12th Grade

#### **REQUIRED COURSES:**

Bible IV (or Christian Ministry)  
English IV (or AP)  
U.S. Government {1 semester}  
Economics {1 semester} (or AP)  
Understanding the Times {1 semester}  
Speech {1 quarter}  
Computer Literacy {1 quarter}

#### **3 ELECTIVES:** (please circle)

Physics  
Algebra II/Trig, Advanced Math, or AP Calculus  
Spanish I, II, or III  
Creative Writing  
Art I or II, Drama I or II, Choir, or Band  
Journalism  
Strings Ensemble  
Yearbook, Teacher's Aide, or Woodshop  
Study Hall (no credit is earned)

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA “A-G” ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. The following courses must be passed with a “C” or better to meet the subject requirement.
2. Students must complete 15 academic courses, 7 of which must be in grades 11 and 12. One academic course equals one full year RCS course.
3. Student-athletes interested in NCAA athletics must take 16 core courses for Division I and 14 core courses for Division II

Completed in:	9TH Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	D/F GRADES NOT CLEARED	SUBJECT OMISSION NOT CLEARED
<b>ACADEMIC SUBJECTS</b> 15 classes – 7 in grades 11-12						
<b>HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE</b> 2 classes						
<b>ENGLISH</b> 4 classes						
<b>MATHEMATICS</b> Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II or Algebra II/Trigonometry 3 classes – 4 recommended						
<b>LAB SCIENCE</b> Biology, Chemistry, Physics 2 classes						
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE</b> 2 classes – 3 recommended						
<b>VISUAL &amp; PERFORMING ARTS</b> 1 class						
<b>ONE COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVE</b> (1 class in addition to those listed above) Visual & Performing arts (Band, Choir, Drama, Art) History Social Science English Advanced Mathematics Laboratory Science Third year Foreign Language Two years different Foreign Language						

NOTE: High school courses in mathematics and foreign language completed in 7th or 8th grade will count toward the 15 course requirement.

## GRADING SCALE

A+	-	97-100%	C+	-	77-79%
A	-	93-96%	C	-	73-76%
A-	-	90-92%	C-	-	70-72%
B+	-	87-89%	D+	-	67-69%
B	-	83-86%	D	-	63-66%
B-	-	80-82%	D-	-	60-62%
			F	-	0-59%

## GPA SCALE

A	-	4.0
B	-	3.0
C	-	2.0
D	-	1.0
F	-	0.0

## BELL SCHEDULE

### Regular Schedule:

1st	8:00	-	8:50
2nd	8:55	-	9:40
Break	9:40	-	9:50
3rd	9:50	-	10:35
4th	10:40	-	11:25
5th	11:30	-	12:15 (MS Lunch)
6th	12:20	-	1:05 (HS Lunch)
7th	1:10	-	1:55
Break	1:55	-	2:05
8th	2:05	-	2:50

### Chapel:

HS 1st	8:00	-	8:40
MS 2nd	8:00	-	8:40
HS 2nd	8:45	-	9:25 (MS Chapel)
MS 1st	9:30	-	10:25 (HS Chapel)
Break	10:10	-	10:20
3rd	10:35	-	11:20 (and MS SSR)
4th	11:25	-	12:00
5th	12:05	-	12:40 (MS Lunch)
6th	12:45	-	1:20 (HS Lunch)
7th	1:25	-	2:00
Break	2:00	-	2:10
8th	2:10	-	2:50

## ATHLETICS

RCS offers many opportunities for students interested in athletics. To be eligible, a student must maintain a 2.0 GPA and show satisfactory conduct. In order to participate in a sporting event, whether practice or a game, a student must attend classes on the day of the event unless other prior arrangements have been made with the school.

To participate in the athletic program, a student must have a yearly physical examination and statement of insurance on file at the Athletic Department before he or she may try out for any team or squad. The necessary forms are available in the Athletic Office. For more information regarding athletics, please contact our Athletic Director Jim Cleveland at 510-317-8998 or [JimCleveland@rcs.edu](mailto:JimCleveland@rcs.edu).

### Athletic Offerings:

Basketball (Boys and Girls)  
Track and Field (Boys and Girls)  
Cross Country (Boys and Girls)  
Soccer (MSHS Boys and Girls)

Softball (HS Girls)  
Volleyball (Boys and Girls)  
Tennis (HS Girls)  
Baseball (HS Boys)

## RCS Global's Homestay Program

General Information about the RCS Global Homestay Program is outlined below. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions at [EvanBarnhart@rcs.edu](mailto:EvanBarnhart@rcs.edu) or 510-317-8990.

RCS Global will:

- Screen and place students with a pre-approved family
- Visit the family's home once a month to meet with the student and the family
- Work with the student and the family to promote a positive homestay experience
- Recommendation for mandated medical insurance if student does not already have it

RCS Global Host families will provide:

- Food
- Housing
- Transportation (including initial airport pickup)
- Bed (students may share a room)
- Drawers or space for the student's belongings
- Quiet place to study
- Lots of tender, loving care

RCS Global's Homestay program cost:

\$16,995 for a 10 month homestay

A \$5,000 non-refundable deposit must be paid to RCS to find a host family. The remaining balance must be paid in full by July 31. All homestay fees must be paid prior to arrival in the United States.