

R.J. Reynolds High School



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R.J. Reynolds High School, located in the heart of Winston-Salem, NC, was founded in 1923. As the oldest continuously operating public high school in Forsyth County, Reynolds maintains the “tradition of excellence” upon which the school was founded. Reynolds is an arts magnet school that weaves arts education, arts exposure, and arts integration into the high school experience. Reynolds is among a select group of public magnet schools in NC to be recognized nationally as both a School of Excellence through the Magnet School of America Association and a Kennedy Center School of Excellence.

“Amid the pines, she proudly stands,” Reynolds serves a diverse population of 1,750 students from throughout the entire city and county. The students from our residential zone make up 70% of our student body. The remaining 30% attend through a magnet application and lottery process. Representing more than 35 countries, our student body is comprised of 33% White, 34% Black, 25% Hispanic, 5% Multi-Racial and 3% Asian students. Additionally, approximately 50% of our students qualify for the free and reduced lunch program and we are designated as a Title 1 school.

Reynolds is in the 4A Central Piedmont Athletic Conference. We support 40 athletic teams on which over 40% of our students compete proudly as they represent the Demons. From 2021-2024 RJR had 56 athletes verbally commit to play Division I, II and III sports. We have been conference champions in Field Hockey, Boys Soccer, Girls and Boys Lacrosse, Girls Basketball, Girls Wrestling and Boys Golf.

In the 2023-24 school year, 70% of Reynolds students actively participated in courses, organizations and activities related to the Arts. Our students excelled in the PTA Reflections contest, winning 8 District awards and 3 State awards. This year we hosted renowned guest artist Maya Freelon, had two successful school productions – Radium Girls and Mamma Mia! and our theatre students were recognized at the district Theta Awards. Reynolds’ A Cappella students received superior ratings at Music Performance Adjudication and a perfect score in sight reading.

RJR is the place where everyone wants to be.

ACCREDITATION

R.J. Reynolds High School is accredited by AdvancED.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	4.0
Physical Education / Health	1.0
Electives / Academic Courses	6.0
TOTAL	22.0

CURRICULUM NOTES

All students at Reynolds attend four, 90-minute classes daily on A-day/B-day, 4x4, and hybrid schedules. Our vibrant arts curriculum includes 62 distinct visual and performing arts courses and fills more than 2,100 arts class seats every day. Some of our students also attend the Career Center High School, which enriches their academic experiences through specialty Advanced Placement and Career/Technical courses. Students can take courses at Forsyth Tech Community College online or in person.

CLASS RANK

Class Rank, which is determined by weighted rank grade point average, is calculated at the mid and end of the year for grades 9-12. Weighted rank is used to identify junior marshals (top 3-5%) and honor graduates. Class rank is reported in numerical order from the student who earned the highest average to the student who earned the lowest average. Points used in calculation are awarded as follows:

MARK	A	90-100	GPA(UW)		GPA(W)	
			STD	Honors	AP/CCP	
	B	80-89	3	3.5	4	
	C	70-79	2	2.5	3	
	D	60-69	1	1.5	2	

CEEB Code: 344445

NC Public School Code: 340496

Counselor/DirectorStudents A-B
Nicole Beale**Counselors**Students C-G
Amy WilliamsStudents H-Mc
Thomas MooreStudents Md-R
Troy Li-BarberStudents S-Z
Cristen WileyCareer Development
Alisha Tuck-
Thompson**Clerk**

Carol Stewart

Registrar

Lucy Marion

Data Manager

Betsy Pittman

Asst. Principal of**Instruction**
Charmell Pettus**Asst. Principals**Anthony Grier
Paul Pressly
Lola Salamah**Arts Magnet
Director**Pamela Henderson-
Kirkland**Athletic
Director**

Bradley Fisher

Sports - Div 4ABaseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Field Hockey
Football
Golf
Indoor Track
Lacrosse
Soccer
Softball
Swimming/Diving
Tennis
Track
Volleyball
Wrestling**Student
Enrollment**
1,750

Honors Academic Curriculum			Advanced Placement Curriculum	
A Cappella	Dance III, IV	Painting II	AP Seminar	French Language
African Am. Studies	Discrete Math	Personal Finance	AP Research	German Language
Alternative Energies	Digital Photo II	Physics	Art Drawing	Gov & Politics
American Hist.	Drawing II	Piano	Art History	Human Geography
Animation	Earth/Environmental	Pre-Calculus	Art Portfolio (2-D)	Japanese Language
Anatomy & Phys.	Economics	Psychology	Art Portfolio (3-D)	Latin
Art IV	English I, II, III, IV	Seminar English I, II	Biology	Micro/Macro Econ
Band III, IV	French III, IV, V	Sociology	Calculus AB	Music Theory
Biology	German III, IV	Spanish III, IV, V	Calculus BC	Physics 1, 2, C
Ceramics	Guitar	Tech Theatre III, IV	Chemistry	Psychology
Chemistry	Japanese III, IV	Theatre Arts III, IV	Chinese Language	Spanish Language
Chinese III, IV	Jazz Band	World Geography	Computer Science Principles, A	Spanish Literature
Chorus III, IV	Latin III, IV, V	World History	English Language	Statistics
Civic Literacy	Math II, III, IV	Yearbook	English Literature	U.S. History
Civil Liberties	Newspaper	Zoology	Environmental Sci.	World History
	Orchestra III, IV		European History	

**National Merit Scholarship Program –
Classes of 2021-2024**Finalists 4
Commended 13**Scholarships – Class of 2024**Merit \$11,910,340
Athletic \$ 481,908
Grants \$ 2,164,008**R.J. Reynolds Class of 2024**51.8% attending 4-year College/University
30.2% attending Technical & Community College
18.0% pursuing Employment, Military, Other**Colleges - Class of 2024**

University of Alabama	Meredith College	Universal Technical Institute
Univ. of Alabama - Tuscaloosa	Univ. of Mississippi	Virginia Tech University
Appalachian State University	Univ. of Mount Olive	Wake Forest University
Bowling Green State University	North Carolina A&T State	Wake Technical CC
Coker University	North Carolina Central Univ.	Western Carolina University
Concord University	North Carolina State Univ.	Winston Salem State University
Davidson College	UNC - Asheville	Wofford College
Davidson-Davie CC	UNC - Chapel Hill	
East Carolina University	UNC - Charlotte	
Elon University	UNC - Greensboro	
Fayetteville State University	UNC - Wilmington	
Forsyth Technical CC	Northeastern University	
University of Georgia	Univ. of Northwestern Ohio	
Goldsmiths, Univ. of London	Univ. of Notre Dame	
Greensboro College	Old Dominion University	
Guilford College	Princeton University	
Guilford Technical CC	Salem College	
High Point University	Sewanee: Univ. of the South	
Howard University	Shaw University	
University of Illinois	University of South Carolina	
John Hopkins University	Southern Univ. and A&M College	
Johnson & Wales University	Temple University	
Lander University	University of Tennessee	
Livingston College	University of the Arts	