

Curriculum

It is the goal of Cedar Ridge High School that all students will graduate from a rigorous, relevant academic program that equips them with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to succeed in both post-secondary education and 21st century careers as an active and engaged citizen. (North Carolina State Board of Education Policy defining academic rigor, relevance, and relationships).



To that end, the following programs are available for students of Cedar Ridge High School that offer adaptive, differentiated approaches to students with specific academic needs and goals:

- College/University Preparation Program
- College Technical Preparation Program
- Career Preparation Program
- Occupational Preparation Program
- International Baccalaureate Programme
- Exceptional Children's Program
- North Carolina Scholars Program
- College Board Advanced Placement Courses Program
- Dual Enrollment Programs with Alamance Community College and Durham Technical Community College
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Services

These programs offer adaptive, differentiated approaches to students with specific academic needs and goals. If you would like more information, please contact our guidance department at (919) 245-4000 ext. 21025.

Pyramid of Intervention

As educators at Cedar Ridge High School, we feel that it is imperative to identify students that may not be experiencing academic success as early as possible. By implementing the CRHS Pyramid of Intervention, we have established a process that identifies students that may be in need of additional resources. At Cedar Ridge High School, we have more than 20 interventions that will assist our students, including:

Advisory: The advisory program is designed to increase the level of contact that each student has with the CRHS community. Advisory sessions are conducted on a regular schedule offering a variety of grade level specific activities to promote academics and personal growth, and allow opportunities for building relationships between staff and students. Advisors help support academic progress, dispense important and specific grade level information, (i.e. college planning career planning, study skills, and communication skills), celebrate accomplishments and success, and coordinate remediation and exam preparation.

Freshman Academy: Freshman Academy is intended to ease the transition for rising freshman to the high school environment. This program includes activities such as Freshman Day, Freshman Seminar and team building.

PLC Watch List: The PLC Watch List is a record of students identified by teachers for targeted interventions developed by a Professional Learning Community. Teachers, coaches, guidance counselors, advisors, and administrators monitor each watch list to ensure that all students receive the support necessary for each student to be successful.

Success Plan: The Success Plan is an Orange County Schools system-wide document completed by teachers to identify concerns about student performance and strategies for addressing those concerns. The success plan is reviewed periodically to monitor and/or revise as needed.

CRHS Highlights

Cedar Ridge High School is striving to solidify itself as a Professional Learning Community, a powerful staff development approach and a potent strategy for school change and improvement. The literature on Professional Learning Communities consistently gives attention to five attributes of such organizational arrangements: supportive and shared leadership, collective creativity, shared values and vision, supportive conditions, a systematic approach of interventions (CRHS Pyramid of Intervention) and shared personal practice (DuFour, R., DuFour, R., Eaker, R., Many, T., *Learning by Doing: A Handbook for Professional Learning Communities at Work, 2006*).

At Cedar Ridge High School, we believe that the influence of establishing effective Professional Learning Communities within the school environment can positively impact student achievement and enhance rapport between staff and students. During the 2007-2008 school year, Cedar Ridge High School was able to achieve a number of accolades due to the collaboration of teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community members, including the following:

- Established High Growth for the 2007-08 school year
- North Carolina Department of Public Instruction School of Progress
- ABC Composite Score of 78.4%
- Awarded the North Carolina Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development "Lighthouse School Award" for its commitment to excellence in teaching and learning
- Closed the achievement gap in a total of nine areas, including Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Biology, Civics & Economics, English 1, and Geometry
- Increased 10th grade writing score to 85.8%, well above the state average
- Increased number of students enrolled in International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, and Honors Courses
- Reduced failure rates at each grade level
- Implemented the Pyramid of Intervention to offer a wide range of opportunities for student success
- International Baccalaureate diploma rate up to 79%
- SAT scores above state and national average

Athletics

Cedar Ridge High School is a member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association and the Mid-State 1A/2A Conference. The following sports are available for students: Men's Cross Country, Women's Cross Country, Football, Women's Volleyball, Men's Soccer, Women's Tennis, Cheerleading, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Wrestling, Indoor Track, Men's Swimming, Women's Swimming, Women's Soccer, Men's Track, Women's Track, Baseball, Softball, Men's Tennis, Lacrosse, and Golf.

Extra-curricular activities

Cedar Ridge High School encourages each student to engage in a variety of learning experiences outside of the classroom. The following clubs and organizations are available to students:

- Biology Club
- D.R.E.A.M. Team
- Disc Golf Club
- Environmental Club
- French Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Film Club
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Future Farmers of America
- Gospel Choir
- Health Occupations Student Association
- History Club
- Human Relations Council
- Improv Club
- International Peace Club
- International Thespian Society
- Key Club
- National French Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- National Spanish Honor Society
- National Technical Honor Society
- Orange County Junior Classical League
- Peer Mentors
- Random Acts of Kindness
- Red Cross Club
- Red Wolves Service Club
- Renaissance Club
- Robotics Team
- Spanish Club
- Step Team
- Student Government Association
- SURGE
- TRI-M Music Honor Society
- Tobacco Reality Unfiltered
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Young Democrats Club
- Young Republicans Club

School Demographics

Grade 9	303
Grade 10	263
Grade 11	229
Grade 12	251
TOTAL:	1046

Caucasian: 73.8%
African-American: 16.5%
Hispanic: 5.0%
Multi-racial: 2.7%
Asian: 1.5%
Other: 0.5%

Grade levels served: 9-12
Calendar: Traditional
Schedule: 4X4 Block Schedule
Enrollment: 1046
Student capacity: 1000
Facility: 206,900 square feet
Property: 71.01 acres
School colors: Dark Red/Silver
School mascot: Red Wolf
Instructional day: 8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
80 certified staff members
20 classified staff members
1 School Resource Officer



Cedar Ridge High School

*Building a Tradition of Excellence by
Creating **Responsible, High-achieving**
Students*

Cedar Ridge High School

Cedar Ridge High School opened in the fall of 2002, graduating its first class in 2004. Cedar Ridge High School is one of two comprehensive public high schools in the Orange County Schools and maintains a dual enrollment relationship with area colleges and actively collaborates with various community agencies and organizations.

In addition, over 50% of the certified staff at CRHS have advanced degrees with 15 teachers holding IB certification and 17 teachers holding AP certification, while 13 teachers are Nationally Board Certified. Cedar Ridge High School is accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Community

Orange County is the western most county in the Research Triangle Park. The school district is in close proximity to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University, North Carolina State University, Elon University, and North Carolina Central University, as well as several other two-year institutions, two medical research facilities, over 300 high-tech corporations, and a major airport. Though convenient to larger urban areas, Orange County offers its residents a strong economic environment and a high quality of life, while maintaining a small town atmosphere.

Administrative Team

Mr. Gary Thornburg
Principal

Mr. John Wheeler
Assistant Principal

Ms. Danielle Ford
Assistant Principal

School Resource Officer

Deputy Hal Durham

Grade Level Guidance Counselors

Mrs. Tammy Havekost - 11th/12th Grade
Mrs. Elizabeth Tricomi - 11th/12th Grade
Mrs. DJ Pappas - 9th/10th Grade
Mr. George Rubenstein - 9th/10th Grade

Athletic Director

Mr. Jim Pappas

Career Development Coordinator

Ms. Dianne Evans

Exceptional Children Facilitator

Mrs. Candice Gidcumb

International Baccalaureate Coordinator

Mr. Jacson Lowe



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Vision

Cedar Ridge High School fosters a technology-rich environment where all students reach their full potential.



Preparing Red Wolves for the World Ahead

Mission Statement

Cedar Ridge High School will strive to create respectful, confident, and capable citizens who will continue to learn, serve, compete and contribute to an ever-changing global society.