



Making a World of Difference

**Information and Registration Packet  
For 2010-2011 School Year  
Out of District Students**



# 2010-2011 Registration Form

## General Information

The mission of Ridgeview Charter School (RCS): Ridgeview Charter School prepares students to be confident, creative, compassionate global citizens through high expectations for learning, excellence in teaching, seamless curriculum, community service participation, and engagement of parents and community.

Ridgeview Charter School is working toward authorization by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) as a Middle Years Programme (MYP) school (see [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) for additional information). Through this program we offer for all students in grades 6-8 a rigorous, well-rounded curriculum with mathematics, language arts, humanities/social studies, science, world language (Japanese, Spanish and/or French), technology, health and physical education, and fine arts. We work in conjunction with Riverwood International Charter School to continue this program through grades 9 and 10. Our rigorous curriculum will situate our students to be successful in high school, to compete in today's global market and allow them to pursue opportunities in their future that do not yet exist.

Academic success at RCS requires dedication and motivation. All students should be capable of meeting the requirements of study, including 3 years of world language study.

Goals of the RCS Charter are:

**1. We will implement a rigorous academic program that is necessary for students to succeed in a global society.**

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP), an established, successful model, will: apply learning to real world situations; focus on global issues and cultural differences; capitalize in the latest research in teaching and learning styles; and incorporate the themes of community service, health, social education, environment, and personal creativity in every academic course.

**2. We will help students realize the benefits found in community service, enhanced interpersonal skills, and positive citizenship skills.**

The MYP curriculum will promote the value of community service and provide opportunities for service in the RCS community. The MYP curriculum and the PAWS Mentoring Program will provide students with guidance and opportunities to take personal responsibility for their social and academic performance while learning effective strategies for social, academic, and citizenship skill-building. The Charter School will mandate a learning skills program focusing on organization, time-management, and study skills.

**3. We will involve the home, the school, and the community when preparing students to enter society.**

The Charter School will mandate parental involvement and PTA membership. Parents, students, teachers, and administrators will agree to a "rights and responsibilities contract" as overseen by the Local School Advisory Committee. Our increased parental participation will result in more and varied experiences in the classroom and in the school community at large.

**4. We will create the dynamic and stimulating environment which is essential to learning.**

The Charter School requires school uniforms resulting in a greater sense of community while eliminating social dress distinctions and distractions. The PAWS Mentoring Program will effectively communicate expectations while reinforcing positive behaviors and providing a mentor for each student for personal goal monitoring and attainment. The Charter School will implement a daily time-scheduled break to channel youthful energy and provide for social interaction for the exchange of ideas and experiences.

**LOCATION AND HOURS** RCS is located at 3354 South Trimble Road, Sandy Springs, and school hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ELIGIBILITY** While RCS collects information, including prior test results, as a means of data collection to efficiently plan for needs of and advise its incoming student body, RCS, as a charter school, will enroll all interested students, unless there are more applicants than spaces available, in which case a random lottery will be used to determine enrollment. Students must currently be in 5th, 6th or 7th grade and on track for successful completion of grade level promotion requirements.

There are three attendance zones for RCS. The primary zone includes all students who reside in the Fulton County School System attendance boundaries (see website for determination of addresses in our zone). The secondary attendance zone is any student who lives in Fulton County, not including the City of Atlanta. Finally, the tertiary attendance zone is any student who resides outside Fulton County boundaries; these students are enrolled on a cost-reimbursement basis, and that cost is determined annually by Fulton County School System. **It is strongly advised that all students understand the rigor of the curriculum that is taught at RCS to ensure that the school will meet their academic needs.**

**CHARTER REQUIREMENTS** Ridgeview Charter School enrollees and their families must meet the requirements of the approved charter each school year. Failure to follow these requirements will result in the child's enrollment status being reviewed by the RCS Local School Advisory Committee and could result in withdrawal from the school. See school's website for details about these requirements.

1. Students must wear the approved school uniform.
2. Students must successfully participate in the Middle Years Programme course of study.
3. Parents/guardians must complete 10 hours of volunteer service to the school each school year.
4. Parents/guardians must join the PTA, unless there are political objections that must be stated in writing to the principal.



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## REGISTRATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

Students interested in registering at RCS must complete the registration packet and send it directly to RCS **for arrival no later than February 26, 2010 by 4pm. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this deadline.** Applications will not be accepted after February 26th regardless of the postmark date. The packet must be received in the school by this date.

### Mail or deliver applications to:

**Ridgeview Charter School  
5340 S. Trimble Rd., NE  
Sandy Springs, GA 30342**

RCS can accommodate 20 registrations from the secondary attendance zone for the 2010-2011 school year. If more than 20 registrations are submitted, Ridgeview and Fulton County School System will hold a random lottery to identify the students who are eligible to enroll. If more than 20 applications are submitted, a random lottery will take place on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 4pm, at Ridgeview Charter School in the Media Center. All registrants will receive a letter stating their lottery number before the lottery. The numbers will be randomly drawn and the selected numbers will be published on both the FCSS website and RCS website. Students with selected numbers will be notified via the home address on the registration form within one week of the lottery. Those not selected will be added to a wait list in the order they were drawn.

Zero (0) students will be selected from the tertiary attendance zone for 2010-2011. There will be no cost-reimbursement students selected for registration.

For questions or further information about the school and/or the registration process, please refer to the RCS website ([www.ridgeviewcharterschool.org](http://www.ridgeviewcharterschool.org)) or call 404-843-7710.





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### SECTION II

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I understand that the information provided will be used for placement and **advisement purposes only** and will **NOT** be used for any other purpose. I understand that **any current 5th, 6th, and 7th grader** from the secondary established attendance zone applying to RCS is eligible for the lottery, IF NEEDED, and enrollment.

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**                      **Date**

**Student achievement data for placement purposes:**

Test	Student Score (To be completed by parent and/or provided by current school)
<b>5th Grade ITBS Math</b>	* To be completed upon receipt of your scores.
<b>5th Grade ITBS Composite</b>	* To be completed upon receipt of your scores.
<b>5th Grade CogAT Composite</b>	* To be completed upon receipt of your scores.
<b>5th Grade CogAT Quantitative</b>	* To be completed upon receipt of your scores.
<b>5th Grade CogAT NonVerbal</b>	* To be completed upon receipt of your scores.
<b>Last year's CRCT Reading Score</b>	
<b>Last year's CRCT ELA Score</b>	
<b>Last year's CRCT Math Score</b>	
<b>Current Math Course</b>	

*\*If scores are released after the **February 26, 2010** deadline, then RCS will access your student's scores at registration.*





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## SECTION V

**RCS Middle School Curriculum and Required Courses** Please read the below course requirements and elective offerings and indicate your understanding of the standard school day at RCS. All students take **seven** academic classes per day, with five interdisciplinary course: Language Arts, World Language (Spanish, French, or Japanese), Math, Science, and Social Studies; and two connections courses (Visual Art, Drama, Health and PE, Career Technology, Business/Computer Skills, Orchestra, Band, Chorus, and General Music). As part of the IB Middle Years Programme, ALL students must successfully complete on a yearly basis, courses in these areas including fine arts, technology and health and physical education. Success in this rigorous academic environment will require hard work and dedication and parental support.

\_\_\_\_ I, the parent/guardian of the registrant, understand the curriculum and academic expectations at RCS.

\_\_\_\_ I, the student/registrant, understand the curriculum and academic expectations at RCS.

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Parent/Guardian                      Date

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Student/Registrant                      Date