



Making a World of Difference

**Information and Registration Packet
For 2010-2011 School Year**

**for Current Out of District Students,
for siblings of current Out of District students
whose parents are Fulton County Employees,
or for new students of Ridgeview Charter School Employees
Only**



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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 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. (Hours will change with 2010-11 school year but have not been set by the district; an additional 10 minutes will be added to the school day.)

ELIGIBILITY Students who live outside our primary attendance zone and who are currently enrolled at RCS automatically continue in 2010-11 with submission of this completed application.

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 currently enrolled at RCS and who live outside our attendance zone must complete the shortened 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 office by this date.

Mail or deliver applications to:

**Ridgeview Charter School
c/o Karen Cox, Principal
5340 S. Trimble Rd., NE
Sandy Springs, GA 30342**

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



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Please complete all sections of the Registration Form and return to RCS by February 26, 2010. Any mail received after this date, regardless of postmark, will not be accepted.

SECTION I

Student Information:

Last Name	First Name	Middle
Street Address	City	Zip Code
School Now Attending:		
Birth Date:	Current Grade Level:	

Parent/Guardian Information:

Last Name	First Name	Middle
Mailing Address (if different from above)	City	Zip Code
Parent/Guardian Email	Phone Number(s)	
Is Parent/Guardian a current Fulton County (not in the City of Atlanta) Resident?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Is Parent/Guardian a current teacher or employee in FCSS? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
If "Yes", where? _____		
Sibling currently enrolled at RCS _____ Name		

Both the parent/guardian and student must sign this form to confirm that both parties agree to the conditions of registration and enrollment at RCS.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

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. Students must currently be in 6th or 7th grade and on track for successful completion of grade level promotion requirements.



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SECTION III

Transportation Agreement

I, the registrant's parent/guardian, understand that I am responsible for providing transportation to and from RCS and that Fulton County Public Schools does not currently provide transportation to RCS for applicants outside our FCS Attendance Zone 1.

The school hours are Monday through Friday and are determined each year before the start of the school year. If a student is late to school it will count as an unexcused tardy. If a student is not picked-up by 30 minutes after dismissal, disciplinary actions may be taken.

I will provide or find transportation for my student, _____ and understand that RCS and Fulton County Public Schools does not provide any transportation assistance for applicants living outside our FCS Attendance Zone 1. I understand that it is my responsibility to pick up my child after school by 30 minutes after dismissal of school or an after school activity in which my child participates.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

SECTION IV

Enrollment Agreement

I, the registrant's parent/guardian, understand that there is limited enrollment in RCS and that by submitting this registration packet I am stating my intention to enroll my child in RCS for the 2010-2011 school year. If my student is eligible and declines to attend RCS after acceptance into the school, we understand that we have potentially kept another student from eligibility for enrollment. It is therefore very important that my student and I have discussed enrollment at RCS and have fully agreed to attend the school, if accepted.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

