



American High School Prep Year

Fuel Your Passion For Learning
in 8th Grade at Lake Ridge Academy



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Highlights:

- Math, Science, and Humanities
- Technology and Art (2D & 3D)
- Theater and Music Programs
- Athletics and Clubs
- Social Development
- Community Service
- Engineering Fabrication Lab



English Language Development:

Using historical fiction as a starting point, the students will be introduced to significant events and themes in American history. With the goal of deepening their English vocabulary, the students will write at least one research paper in which they will learn such skills as finding and evaluating sources, using primary and secondary sources, note-taking, and proper citation of works used. In addition, students will participate in daily discussions about the readings, cultural differences, and self-advocacy.



ESL Support:

Students will be provided content area support to help with English language and context clues. Vocabulary, idioms, slang, and commonly used phrases in American culture are taught. Students will practice conversational English and writing skills as well as work on organizational skills and time management. They will build on the skills necessary in high school as they learn how to take notes, study, and prepare for their classes, labs and exams while sharpening their critical and analytical thinking.



Tutoring and Mentoring:

Each student will be paired with an older student to advise and tutor them in the transition to a United States independent school education. They will also have an advisor who will guide them academically as well as provide them with social-emotional support and mentorship as they transition to a new school environment.



Special Experiences:

- **Science and Engineering Symposium:** Students create their own research project to help develop their scientific inquiry, and integrate Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) concepts. Students participate in local and state competitions.
- **Sports and Clubs:** Students have many opportunities to participate outside the classroom. Examples include Lego Robotics, Engineering Club, Debate Club as well as sports.
- **Theater Program:** All Middle School students participate in the annual spring musical to help build confidence, teamwork, and performance skills.
- **Trip to Quebec City, Canada:** All eighth-graders take a bus trip to experience the culture of French Canada.



About Lake Ridge Academy:

- Our kindergarten through grade 12 independent school is located on a beautiful, 93-acre campus. Our college preparatory day school is co-educational and not religiously affiliated. International students live with host families near the school.
- Our school community is filled with passionate learners and educators. We offer a unique environment that encourages our students to achieve their best academically and socially. A Lake Ridge Academy education helps instill our core values which include respect, integrity, scholarship, and doing your personal best.
- Our Upper School (grades 9-12) is well-known for its success in preparing students for college and offers individualized college counseling. 100% of our graduates attend a 4-year college often at the most prestigious American universities.
- English language requirements for the 8th grade program: 65 TOEFL, 750 TOEFL Jr., or 215 ELTIS.

K-12 College Preparatory School

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SCHOOL STATS:

8:1

Student to Teacher Ratio

College Counseling

begins in 9th grade

100%

go on to 4-year colleges

A+

Niche A+ Rated

93

acre campus

Over 45

AP and honors courses

2020 ADVANCED PLACEMENT DATA

42%

of the scores were 5

74%

of the scores were 4 or above

95%

of the scores were 3 or above

1320

SAT Average