



where **LEARNING** is a  
**PASSION**

**International  
Program**

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The Upper School](#)





## Exceptional Academics. Amazing American Experience.

Lake Ridge Academy is a K-12 independent day school, located in the Midwest of the United States, making it central to the east and west coasts. Our school is situated on a sprawling, 93-acre campus in a close-knit, suburban community.

Our International Program supports our school's mission to offer a culturally rich learning experience by admitting students from other countries to be part of our community. International students are invited to join us for a semester, one year, or multiple years through graduation, provided students meet all graduation requirements.

Families are attracted to Lake Ridge Academy's rigorous college preparatory academic program that offers curriculum flexibility for first-year international students, exceptional college counseling, and an established international student support system. International students are accepted starting in 8th grade through our American High School Prep Year. Home-stay living accommodations are offered to all international students, and offer the best opportunity to integrate into our culture and school community.

Our goal is to support each international student academically, socially and culturally so they can learn to live and study in the United States. Our International Program staff supports each student throughout their entire stay at our school. Their role is to oversee each student's academic progress and cultural acclimation, which includes tutoring in ESL as needed.

While the Upper School challenges students with AP and Honors courses and unique graduate certificate programs, it also supports them through a close, highly personalized community of teachers and students. With its rigorous curriculum, myriad extracurricular offerings, and focus on values and service, Lake Ridge Academy graduates are well-rounded, capable students, who are sought by and succeed at the nation's top universities.

### SCHOOL STATS:

# 8:1

Student to Teacher Ratio

# A+

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# 93

acre campus

# 40+

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

### Unique Courses Include:

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Animal Behavior
- AP Studio Art
- Honors Computer Science
- Honors Global Politics
- Honors Introduction to Developmental Biology & Embryology
- Honors Software Engineering
- Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Design & Fabrication
- Musical Theater Workshop

# Personalized College Counseling

Preparation for college is paramount at Lake Ridge Academy. Our school is proud of its rich matriculation history: 100% of our graduating seniors are accepted at four-year institutions, many of them highly selective.

Choosing a college is about finding the right mix of academics, activities, location, resources, and faculty. The process of finding that right fit begins in 9th grade. Through several formal contacts with the Director of College Counseling, freshmen learn how to build a strong academic and extracurricular profile.

In the sophomore year, the college conversation becomes more focused as students start to think about testing and scores. With the guidance of the college counselor, sophomores use Naviance to build resumes, take career assessments, and research schools.

During the junior year, students thoughtfully consider college fit during and after the junior/family meeting with the college counselor. The ACT/SAT prep class affords juniors an inside look at standardized tests and provides test-taking strategies designed to improve overall scores.

Through the required Senior Seminar, students will gain hands-on experience with all aspects of the college application process, from narrowing the list to financial aid and scholarships. With a thorough understanding of each student's unique background, needs, and accomplishments, the college counselor is well prepared to write a personalized college recommendation for each senior.

Throughout all four years, international students receive individualized attention with the goal of English proficiency. In the junior and senior years, the international student will be provided an individualized plan to find the college or university that best suits each student's talents, strengths, and needs.

Lake Ridge's wide variety of resources, including a dedicated college counselor, individualized essay-writing assistance, in-person and virtual visits from college representatives, and links to merit scholarships and financial aid opportunities ensures the student and family are well informed throughout all four years of the high school experience.

## COLLEGE PLACEMENT STATS:

**100%**

Graduation and  
College Placement

**1320**

average  
SAT score

## RECENT NOTABLE ACCEPTANCES:

- Boston University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Cornell University
- Emory University
- Fordham University
- George Washington University
- Harvard University
- Johns Hopkins University
- New York University
- Ohio State University
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Tufts University
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of Chicago
- University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Wisconsin Madison
- Vanderbilt University
- Wellesley College

## CLASS OF 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS:

<b>1</b> National Merit Scholarship Winner	<b>3</b> National Merit Scholarship Finalists
<b>3</b> National Merit Semi-Finalists	<b>3</b> National Merit Commended Scholars
<b>1</b> United States Presidential Scholar Candidate	

**"Lake Ridge Academy is like a second home for me in the United States. It is nice because everyone knows each other. For international students, your host family is an additional support and they will treat you like family. During the college application process, the college counselor will guide you through the entire process. I highly recommend using all the great resources that Lake Ridge has to offer so you can have the best and most supportive experience."**

Jason – Class of 2020



“Lake Ridge Academy is the best school I have ever been to and my experience will be in my memory forever. In this special place, I can focus on my passions and share what I think or feel. It prepared me to be a confident and well-rounded student.

Students are not afraid of making a mistake because we have the most patient and intelligent teachers standing behind us. If you are lucky enough to be here you are a unique and indispensable member of the big Lake Ridge Family.”

Cally – Class of 2020

## Intensive Study Programs

Upper School students who are passionately interested in scientific research, engineering, fine arts, or global affairs can choose to participate in one of the intensive study programs. The multi-year programs provide college-level academic experiences under the support and guidance of faculty and mentors, while giving them an invaluable glimpse at what a future career in the field could entail. Each program culminates in a review of their work, either through a thesis defense, final presentation or artistic review.

### Global and International Studies Program

The **Global and International Studies Program** develops a student’s global awareness and overall intrinsic motivation to make a positive difference by learning the tools and guidelines to advocate for policy change. In their junior year, Global Scholars focus on a specialized area of study that includes a knowledge-based presentation to a panel of experts at the end of the year. The culminating project is the defense of an extensive proposed policy paper in their senior year.

### Institute for Scientific Research

Fellows in the **Institute for Scientific Research** design and implement an original research project that continues throughout the junior and senior years. Drawing from primary literature, Fellows develop a firm background and context for their research. Data collection and statistical analysis eventually lead to the completion of a major research paper and public defense of their hypothesis and findings.



### Institute for Engineering and Innovation

The **Institute for Engineering and Innovation** provides students with the facilities and academic support to extensively explore a chosen field of engineering. The Institute is designed to introduce the participants to the engineering design process and prepare them for college level engineering coursework.

### School of Fine Arts

The **School of Fine Arts** provides talented students with greater access to a comprehensive fine arts curriculum. Areas of focus include voice, musical theater, acting, strings, visual art, and digital art. Students present two public displays of their work in their sophomore and senior years, respectively. The public display initially helps guide their focus and later serves as the graduation exit requirement.



## School Highlights

### House System

One of the biggest highlights of the Upper School is the house system which builds school spirit, classmate and faculty relationships, and leadership skills. The house system at Lake Ridge Academy is based on the English boarding school system. The four houses are the basis of the Upper School mentoring program, whose mission is to nurture faculty-student relationships. The houses participate in community building events ranging from social events, to service opportunities, to house competitions.

### Strong Faculty-Student Relationships

To prepare a child for college requires more than a rigorous academic curriculum filled with college-level courses. It also requires a faculty willing to work closely with students and to become advocates in their learning. Our teachers use a variety of teaching techniques and often engage our students in collaborative activities that call for both leadership and teamwork. International students are often surprised that many of our classes are student centered and activity based versus traditional lecture style classrooms. The relationships developed in our classrooms are enduring and studies show that positive relationships between teachers and students have long-lasting implications for both students' academic and social development.

### Time Management

The school day in the Upper School feels similar to one experienced in college. Classes meet in different buildings, requiring our students to travel throughout the campus over the course of a day. When they do not have classes, students have the freedom to choose how to use their free time. At times they will decide to meet with their teachers for extra help. Typically, they choose to be in the library or in the Upper School commons working on individual or group work. While we have checks in place to make sure that students are using their free time wisely, our alumni tell us

that this freedom of choice in our Upper School helped to prepare them for the same freedom that they encountered in college.

### Honor Code

Ethics are lived out on our campus. The Upper School honor code is guided by our school's four core values of integrity, respect, scholarship, and personal best. This honor code is written and administered by our Upper School students and is a shared set of values for our community.

### Student Clubs

Upper School students can choose from over 20 clubs and organizations including a state-level Mock Trial team, Business and Entrepreneurship Club, Engineering Club, Club Med, and Robotics. Students can find something of interest and are also encouraged to create their own club!

### Athletics - Go Royals!

Our no-cut policy enables all interested students including international to participate in athletics. In fact, 75 percent of our Upper School students participate in an interscholastic sport, and many compete in more than one sport. We offer girls and boys teams in basketball, soccer, tennis, cross country, and track and field. There is also a girls volleyball team, boys baseball team, and co-ed golf team.

### Events & Experiences

Imagine touring Europe with classmates. Taking a white water rafting trip to kick off the senior year. Or, introducing a keynote speaker to an auditorium filled with peers from other high schools at the annual Diversity Forum. These are just a few of the unique opportunities offered to Upper School students to learn something new, step out of their comfort zone and make some amazing memories.

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