Student Clubs/Extracurricular Activities 2026-2027

Activity/Location	Advisor(s)	Description of Club	How do Students Sign up?	# of Students
Homework Club **Room 106**	Katie Reed	Homework Club is a place for students to work on their homework, reading, and other projects in a casual setting. Students can work collaboratively and quietly discuss their work. They'll be able to seek support from their peers and the teacher. Students need to be working on homework or school projects to participate.	Homework Club is a club that is open to all East Ridge students. **Homework Club meets on Mondays from 3-4pm. beginning on <u>October 5th.</u>** **Signup Date: No sign up is necessary**	Unlimited
ERMS Musical	Jaime O'Karma/ Jared Bardugone/ Matt Morrison	The ERMS Musical takes place each year in the spring. Students participate in many facets, including: singing, dancing, acting and stage crew. Our student-run stage crew manages the lights, scene changes, props, sound system and microphones.	Students sign-up in early November to audition for Cast. Rehearsals are generally after school from 3:00-5:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays and some Fridays, from Mid December until March. This year there will be some rehearsals **before school** for select members of the cast. Rehearsals are every day during Tech Week the week leading up to the show. This year's show dates are April 2 and April 3, 2027 Students interested in stage crew also sign up and begin their roles in Mid January.	Unlimited
Student Council **Room 208**	Daniela Silvestri/ Allannah Greco	Student Council aims to promote school community through spirit days, fundraisers, special school-wide events, and student and faculty events. Additionally, the Student Council manages the school store. All are welcome.	Any student may attend when they can. The club meets on **the first and third Friday morning of each month**, **from 7:30-8AM** in Room 208. The first meeting is October 2nd. **Signup Date: No sign-up necessary.**	Unlimited
Chamber Orchestra **Room 119**	Summer Braithwaite	The chamber orchestra is an ensemble that combines students across grades 6-8. The Chamber Orchestra is comprised of both ERMS and SRMS students, but is made up of only string players and is typically a smaller-sized group. Chamber Orchestra performs at the Grade Level Strings concert in December, at the Chamber Orchestra and Symphonic Concert in the spring, and also at our Fantastic Festivals field trip in June. They typically perform 3 pieces per concert.	Students sign up to audition for this ensemble. They are able to sign up for auditions through the music teacher's website. Auditions are typically held once per year. **This ensemble meets Wednesday mornings at 7 am.** **Rehearsals begin on September 9th.** **Signup Date: Auditions take place in June for the following year**	Auditions determine the size of the group

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STEM Club **Room 239**	Mark Hankla	STEM club is a student directed, experiential group of students. Past examples of activities are: Tower Garden, 3D printing, Computer Aided Drafting, STEM-based activities, gardening, creation and augmentation of outdoor space and identification & labeling of local flora.	To join, visit the STEM Classroom or email Mr. Hankla at mhankla@ridgefieldps.net **Joining Code:** 4s7cvujl **The Club meets every other Monday starting on September 14th from 3:00-3:45, Room 239**	20 Students- 8th-8 students 7th-6 students 6th-6 students
Yearbook **Room 215**	Amy Jonsson and Emily Crowley	All ERMS students are welcome to join the Yearbook Club! Students help to plan the yearbook pages, and take and select pictures to include in the yearbook. Be part of a team that likes to be creative, and highlight the fun activities we do at ERMS!	Students may sign up for Yearbook by joining the **Google Classroom. Code: x77mhbtf** The club meets twice monthly from 2:50-3:45 on Tuesdays in Room 215. See Google Classroom for details and dates.	Unlimited
Wind Ensemble **Stage**	Hilary Brown	Extracurricular ensemble that performs challenging Concert Band literature. This group performs at the Veterans Day assembly, a winter concert, a spring concert, and a competition festival in June. This is a combined group, with students from both ERMS and SRMS. ERMS rehearsals are held weekly before school, with 2 ERMS/SRMS evening combined rehearsals per year.	Any ERMS student who is taking band, orchestra, or chorus may audition for this group. Instrumentation is limited to that found in a standard Concert Band. **Wind Ensemble will meet at 7:00 AM on Tuesdays starting on September 1.** **Signup Date: Please contact Mrs. Brown for audition information**	Auditions determine size of group
Jazz Band **Stage**	Hilary Brown	Extracurricular ensemble that performs various styles of jazz and rock music. This group performs a winter concert and a spring concert; additional performances may include the RHS Funkraiser, pep band for the student/faculty basketball game, and the VPA festival in June.	Any ERMS student may audition for this group. Instrumentation is limited to that of a typical big-band jazz ensemble. **Jazz Band will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 3-4, beginning September 9.** **Signup Date: Please contact Mrs. Brown for audition information**	Auditions determine size of group

Cross Country **Outdoor XC Course on ERMS Campus** **ERMS Gym**	Jennifer Jasminski/ Antonia Dominguez-Rudolph	ERMS Cross Country members will work on improving their running stamina and speed over the course of the season. Practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays. Additionally, meets throughout the season will allow students to gain experience competing with other local school districts.	The XC practice calendar and other important forms are available on our XC Google Classroom or in this form: Cross Country Intramural Form 2026.docx **Joining Code: irixmka** **Our season will begin on Monday, September 14th and will continue through Wednesday, October 28.** **The State Championship is held at Wickham Park in Manchester, CT end of Oct/beginning of Nov.**	60 students
Chamber Singers **Room 123**	Kimberly Russell	Chamber Singers is an auditioned, extracurricular chorus made up of selected students in grades 6-8. Typically, this group performs at the Veterans Day assembly, a winter concert, a spring concert, and a competition festival in June.	Any ERMS student who is enrolled in chorus, band or orchestra may audition for this group. Students who were in Chamber Singers last year are automatically enrolled and do not need to audition again. **Chamber Singers will meet on Monday mornings at 7:00 am beginning on September 14th.** **Signup Date: Please contact Dr. Russell for audition information at krussell@ridgefieldps.net**	Auditions determine size of group
Handball **Gym**	Matt Donigian	Students will be able to participate in competitive, organized games of coed basketball and or handball.	Forms will be in the main office and given out to students in PE classes. **The Club meets on Mondays and Wednesdays ...beginning on Monday, November 30th to December 16th, 2:50-3:50 p.m.** **Signup Date: 2nd week of November**	30 students
Morning Show **Room M-2**	Antonia Dominguez-Rudolph/ Devin Samaha	The Morning Show is the daily newscast that keeps students and staff informed of the “what’s happenings” at ERMS and other newsworthy topics.	8th graders can form their own group of three or four. See Mrs. Dominguez-Rudolph or Mr. Samaha for more information or email them at adominguezrudolph@ridgefieldps.net or dsamaha@ridgefieldps.net. Schedule is determined based on number of students.	Four Grade 8 students only to host, per cycle. Three 6 and/or 7th graders for running tech.

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Orchestral String Sectionals **Room 119**	Summer Braithwaite	Symphonic String Sectionals is a combination of players across grades 6-8. This group targets specific sections of the chamber and symphonic orchestras to work on section specific repertoire.	Students sign up to audition for this ensemble. They are able to sign up for auditions through the music teacher's website. Auditions are held three times a year. **Information is available by contacting Miss Braithwaite directly as sectionals rotate.** **Signup Date: Auditions are June, September and December**	Auditions determine the size of group
Symphonic Orchestra **Room 119**	Summer Braithwaite	The symphonic orchestra is an ensemble that combines students across grades 6-8. The Symphonic orchestra combines string players from both ERMS and SRMS and is made up of approximately 100 musicians.	Students sign up to audition for this ensemble. They are able to sign up for auditions through the music teacher's website. **This ensemble meets on Thursday mornings at 7 am.** **Meetings begin on September 10th.** **Signup Date: Auditions are June, September and December**	Auditions determine size of group
Outside the Lines **Room 109**	Emily Crowley	Outside the Lines is a club for students that are artistically inclined. It will focus on creative writing, drawing, painting, collaging, and amateur photography. Each week, we will focus on a different topic and method of creating. We will work together to produce a cumulative project at the end of the school year. *We do not discriminate against art forms, so songwriting and musical collaboration are also welcome.	**The Club meets on Mondays, beginning 9/28 from 3:00-3:45 PM** **Club runs from September 28 to the end of the year** **Email ecrowley@ridgefieldps.net to sign up** **Google Classroom Code: bvnjokpz**	25 students, first come, first served (little wiggle room on numbers)
True Colors GSA (All Genders and Sexualities Alliance) **Room 232**	Lexi Lainchbury	This club provides a safe space for students to talk about topics and current events related to Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgendered, Questioning (LGBTQ) individuals and families. The aim is to educate and promote school wide and community understanding of LGBTQ issues, including discussing and planning strategies for improving school climate regarding name-calling, bullying, and harassment of LGBTQ students, their families, and their allies. This club is currently in place at RHS. It is our hope that GSA will foster friendships for our middle school students.	The Club meetings will be determined based upon members availability. In the past we have had morning and afternoon meetings Please complete this form if you are interested in more information: GSA sign up Google classroom code: wlsqi2e Meetings begin in **October** Students may also stop by room 232 at any time for more information! **For more information contact us via email alainchbury@ridgefieldps.net**	Unlimited

Knitting/ Crocheting **Room: 115**	Sara Dalton and Marjorie Mosia	Knitting and Crocheting Club is for students who want to learn these crafts and make beautiful items from yarn. Students will have fun becoming makers, learning new stitches, creating items to keep, sharing with family and friends, and donating to charity. All levels are welcome, especially beginners!	**The Club will meet on <u>Wednesdays</u> from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Room 115** **Crochet and Knitting Club Google Classroom** Joining Code: qgd2onqf **Meetings run from October to May** **For more information contact Sara Dalton at <u>sdalton@ridgefieldps.net</u>**	Unlimited
Debate Club at SRMS (room 203) or virtually	Marc Perry (SRMS teacher)	Do you like to learn about and discuss important ideas? Then this is the club for you! Under the direction of an SRMS faculty member, students will work together as teams to polish skills in public speaking, research, and debate. In addition to weekly meetings, this club will require additional independent time to research, organize, and practice debate techniques.	Debate Club is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. It meets on Mondays from 3-4:15 beginning on 9/28 at SRMS in room 203. ERMS students can attend in person if they have a ride to SRMS or virtually via a Google Meet. Pick up is at 4:15 in front of SRMS. The club will start on 9/28 and run until early April. Students who attend virtually would click on the Google Meet link on the Google Classroom page. The code to join is **g6dqgzcf.** The 2-3 competitions are on Saturdays from 9:30-4:30ish. Google Classroom Code=**g6dqgzcf** Interested students/families can email Marc Perry at mperry@ridgefieldps.net.	Unlimited
Flag football **Gym / Field**	Jason Meyers	Players will learn and practice the skills associated with flag football. Time will be allotted for drills, conditioning, and game play.	Forms are located on the ERMS website, in the gym, and in the main office. **Practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:50-4:00 in August/September beginning on 8/31 through 9/23.** **Signup Date: first week of school**	Unlimited

No Place for Hate **Room: 242**	Jaime O'Karma and Tara Walsh	A program created by the ADL (Anti-Defamation League). The club's goal is to create an inclusive and equitable school climate. It is student-driven. Three key points are: ● building inclusive and safe communities in which respect and equality are the goals, and where all students can thrive ● empowering students, faculty, administration, and family members to take a stand against bias and bullying ● sending a clear, unified message that all students have a place where they belong and should be treated equitably	**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!** Runs from September 29- April 30 Meeting time: lunch period (you'll eat your lunch in the meeting) Meeting dates: as needed to prepare for activities, no more than once per month **Students may stop by room 242 at any time for more information.** **For more information, contact us via email twalsh@ridgefieldps.net or jokarma@ridgefieldps.net**	Unlimited
Spring Running Club **ERMS Gym**	Jennifer Jasminski & Jason Meyers	ERMS Track & Field club members will work on improving their fitness, running stamina and speed over the course of the season as well as hurdles and relay handoffs and will also practice the jumping & throwing field events. Practices will be held once a week on Wednesdays beginning after April break until June 3. (8 weeks).	The calendar and other important forms and information are available on our Google Classroom at the **beginning of March**. **First day: Wednesday, Apr 15, 2026, 2:50-3:45** **ERMS XC Google Classroom** **https://classroom.google.com/c/MTYyNDE0NTc1Nzla?cjc=irixmka** **Joining Code: irixmka** **Registration form**	60 students
HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)	TBD	HOSA is a student-led club that we are piloting this year for students who are interested in pursuing careers in the healthcare field.	Starting Monday, October 6, 2025 then every other Monday from 2:50-3:45.	
Dungeons and Dragons **Library**	Chris Staiano	Dungeons & Dragons is a collaborative storytelling game in which players can create their own characters and set out together on a fantastic adventure. One player takes the role of the Dungeon Master (DM) and guides the story, describing its settings and inventing challenges for the other players' characters to overcome. The DM is the narrator. The other players imagine that they are the characters they have created as they explore the	**Club will start October 20, 2026 then every other Tuesday from 2:50-3:40** **Signup by emailing:** **cstaiano@ridgefieldps.net** Class Code: ef7aqcs3 **https://classroom.google.com/u/0/c/ODE1MjYyMzY0NTQ2**	Unlimited

		game-world and shape the story by making choices along the way. Open-ended, a D&D adventure can continue for hours, days, weeks, or even longer, limited only by the power of the participants' imaginations.	No experience needed… open to everyone.	
Tiger Mentor Program	TBD			
Select Artists Club	TBD			
FBLA	TBD			
Coding/Math Club	TBD			