

# SCHOOL PROFILE 2007-2008

## CAESAR RODNEY HIGH SCHOOL

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<b>Principal:</b> Mrs. Elvina C. Knight <b>Assistant Principals:</b> Mr. Matthew B. Donovan Mr. Brian A. Smith Ms. Maryann J. Szwed Mr. Jeffrey W. Visalli <b>Dean of Students:</b> Mr. George W. Fisher	<b>Guidance Department</b> Ph. 302-697-3249/Fax 302-697-7950 <b>Guidance Counselors:</b> Chair: Mrs. Julie A. Harris Mrs. Alyce K. Cooper Mrs. Renee Ivy Mrs. Candace M. Simonini Mr. Shawn Vogt	<b>CEEB Code:</b> 080005 <b>Accreditation:</b> Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges & Delaware Department of Education <b>2007/08 Total Student Body</b> Grades 9-12: 2010 Senior Class: 391
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Caesar Rodney High School is a comprehensive public high school in Camden-Wyoming (Kent County) Delaware. The Caesar Rodney School District & High School are named for a prominent local historical figure, Caesar Rodney, who cast the deciding vote in 1776 for ratification of the Declaration of Independence. The student body reflects ethnic diversity and the community reflects a multi-socioeconomic level. Camden-Wyoming is a part of the greater Dover (the State Capital) area which encompasses Dover Air Force Base, government offices, small industry and agricultural areas. The residents have a strong interest in the school programs and there is an overwhelming sense of pride in the "Rider" reputation for quality in academics, arts, athletics, and atmosphere.

**Caesar Rodney School District Mission Statement**

Recognizing the value of each individual, and building upon our commitment to excellence, the Caesar Rodney School District is dedicated to the mission of preparing students for a successful, productive, and purposeful life by:

- Providing quality educational opportunities for all students; and
- Promoting caring attitudes through the school community.

### Courses

Twenty-two (22) units are required for graduation. One unit equals 1.25 credits, and a half unit equals .625.

Course selection is as follows:

<u>Traditional Academic:</u>		<u>Career Pathway:</u>	
English	4	Academic, Visual & Performing	3
Social Studies	3	Arts, Foreign Language, or	
Mathematics	3	AgriScience, Business Tech, Family	
Science	3	Consumer Science, ROTC	
<u>Supporting Course-work:</u>		<u>Additional Academic:</u>	
Physical Education	1	Additional electives from any	3 2
Health	2	academic or vocational dept.	

Computer Literacy Competency is embedded in the curriculum.

### 2007 Test Scores

<b>SAT I</b>	Number taking:	264	Verbal Mean:	495	Math Mean:	493	Writing	476
<b>SAT I &amp; II</b>	Number taking both:	12	Verbal Mean:	587	Math Mean:	624	Writing	592

### 2007 Advanced Placement

Number of AP Courses: 16      Number of Exams Taken: 367      Total # Exams with Qualifying score (3,4,5): 162

### Delaware State Testing Program

The Delaware State Testing Program serves as the primary indicator in the statewide accountability system. The DSTP is administered annually. CRHS has achieved Superior Ratings in the last four out of five years.

### Student Achievement (2006-2007)

- 2 National Achievement Scholarship Semi-Finalists (2006)      ■ 1 National AP Scholar (2007)
- 6 AP Scholar with Distinction Awards (2007)      ■ 4 AP Scholar with Honor Awards (2007)
- 11 AP Scholar Awards (2007)      ■ 1 National Merit Scholar (2006)      ■ 1 National Merit Semi-Finalist (2006)
- 1 National Merit Commended Scholar (2006)      ■ 17 Delaware Michael Ferguson Scholars (2006)

### Honors and Awards

- † Mrs. Elvina Knight, current Principal, *Delaware Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year*, 2006-2007
- † Mrs. Alyce Cooper, *Delaware Secondary School Counselor of the Year*, 2006-2007
- † Mr. Darrell Gravatt, *Delaware State History Teacher of the Year*, 2005-2006
- † Ms. Kathleen Thomas, *Delaware State Teacher of the Year*, 2004-2005

## Honors and Awards (continued)

- † Five National Board Certified Teachers
- † Recognized by United States Department of Education as a *Superior School* for state test score performance in 2003, 2004, 2006 & 2007 and as a *Commended School* for 2005
- † Honored by The College Board as one of only 12 high schools in the nation to receive the *Siemens Foundation Award for Advanced Placement*, 2003
- † Dr. Kevin R. Fitzgerald, current Superintendent, recognized as *Delaware Secondary School Principal of the Year*, 2002-2003
- † Recognized for 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Reading & Math scores on state tests, 2003
- † Received the Lt. Governor=s *Model of School Excellence Award*, 2003
- † Mr. Eddy Seger=s (Retired Drama/Art Instructor) design chosen for the "Delaware" Quarter in the *US Mint State Quarters Series*, 1999

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## Class Rank and Grade Point Average

Final marks in all courses for which the student has received credit plus any failing marks and summer school grades are used in determining rank and grade point average. All members of the class are included in the ranking list. **No additional weight is given to CP or AP classes.**

Grade point average is calculated at the end of six semesters and eight semesters (final).

The academic criterion for the Caesar Rodney Chapter of National Honor Society is a 92 average.

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### Cumulative Average Distribution Class of 2007 (8 Semesters)

Grade: A	92-100	58
B	85-91	135
C	75-84	152
D	70-74	41
F	Below 70	10

### Post High School

(Class of 2006)

Percentage of Graduates pursuing post high school training: 73%

4 Year: 36%

2 Year: 37%

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## Curriculum

(Ninth & Tenth Gr. English, Math, Science & Social Studies are heterogeneously grouped with College Prep, Advanced Courses and Advanced Placement available to sophomores, juniors and seniors; no honors curriculum)

- ∨ Advanced Placement: The following courses have been approved by the College Board to carry the AP designation: Biology, Comparative Government & Politics, Macro Economics, Micro Economics, Spanish Language, Psychology, United States History, English Language & Composition, Statistics, Calculus AB, Latin Literature, English Literature & Composition, European History, United States Government & Politics. The following are pending College Board Approval: AP Chemistry & AP Physics
- ∨ Advanced Classes: Advanced Anatomy & Physiology, CP Literature/British & American (College Prep), Alg. II w/Trig, Advanced Chemistry
- ∨ Science: Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Marine Biology, Environmental Chemistry (all include labs)
- ∨ Math: Algebra I/Intro to Geometry, Geometry/Probability & Statistics, Algebra w/Trigonometry, Algebra II, Pre-calculus, Calculus, Intro to Calculus, Discrete Math
- ∨ Language: Four years of French, German, Latin, Spanish

Caesar Rodney has six 57 minute class periods a day, five days a week, for a two semester school year of 36 weeks.

Students have the opportunity to participate in an award-winning instrumental and choral program, along with an internationally recognized Theater Arts program.

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## Athletics (AD: Mike Schonewolf)

Students have the opportunity to compete at the varsity, junior varsity or freshmen level in the following sports.

Fall: Football, Boys Soccer, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Volleyball

Winter: Winter Track, Wrestling, Swimming, Boys & Girls Basketball

Spring: Baseball, Softball, Golf, Lacrosse, Tennis, Track, Girls Soccer

∅ State Champions 2006-2007: Wrestling

∅ State Champions 2005-2006: Wrestling

∅ State Champions 2004-2005: Wrestling

∅ State Champions 2004-2005: Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, Boys Tennis

∅ State Champions 2003-2004: Wrestling

∅ State Champions 2002-2003: Wrestling, Softball

∅ State Champions 2001-2002: Girls Track, Girls Cross Country

∅ State Champions 2000-2001: Wrestling, Boys Tennis, Girls Track

∅ Thirteen Years: Awarded Henlopen Conference A Founder=s Cup@ signifying athletic excellence in all sports.

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## General Information

Caesar Rodney High School was built in 1967 and completed a three-year renovation in 2005 to add classrooms and update the facilities. The staff of Caesar Rodney High School numbers 198 including teachers, counselors, librarians, nurses, administrators, para-professionals, and support staff.