

Maya Chen

Class of 2027 Applicant | Meridian Valley High School

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Motivated senior with a 3.95 weighted GPA seeking to study environmental engineering. Three-year varsity swimmer, founder of a campus sustainability club, and 210+ volunteer hours logged with local environmental and youth-literacy organizations.

Education

Meridian Valley High School

College-Preparatory Diploma, STEM Distinction Track

Expected May 2027

Ridgeview, CO

- Weighted GPA: **3.95/4.0** (Unweighted: 3.72/4.0) | Class Rank: **12 / 348**
- SAT: **1440** (Math 750, EBRW 690) | ACT: **32** Composite
- AP Scholar with Distinction: AP Environmental Science (5), AP Calculus AB (5), AP English Language (4), AP U.S. History (4), AP Chemistry (4)
- Relevant coursework: Multivariable Calculus (dual enrollment, Ridgeview Community College), Statistics, Studio Art

Honors & Awards

- National Merit Commended Scholar (2026)
- Meridian Valley Principal's Honor Roll – all six semesters (2024–2026)
- 1st Place, Colorado Regional Science Fair – Environmental Engineering Category (2026), for a low-cost greywater filtration prototype
- Nimbus Foundation Youth Sustainability Grant recipient, \$1,500 award to fund campus composting initiative (2026)

Leadership & Extracurricular Activities

Founder & President, EcoAction Club

Meridian Valley High School

Sept 2024 – Present

Ridgeview, CO

- Built a 40-member club from scratch; secured faculty sponsorship and a recurring student-activities budget line
- Designed and installed a three-bin composting system that diverted an estimated 1,800 lbs of cafeteria waste from landfill in its first year
- Organized a campus e-waste drive with Apex Recycling, collecting 620 lbs of electronics for responsible disposal

Varsity Swim Team, Team Captain (Senior Year)

Meridian Valley High School

Nov 2023 – Present

Ridgeview, CO

- Led daily conditioning sessions for 8 underclassmen swimmers and coordinated meet-day logistics for a 30-athlete roster
- Qualified for State Championships in the 200m Individual Medley (2025, 2026)

Section Editor, *The Meridian Compass* (Student Newspaper)

Meridian Valley High School

Aug 2025 – Present

Ridgeview, CO

- Edit and assign 4–6 science and environment features per issue; grew section readership 35% per reader survey

Volunteer & Community Service

Reading Buddy Volunteer

Vertex Youth Literacy Program

Jan 2024 – Present

Ridgeview, CO

- Tutor two elementary students weekly in reading comprehension; both advanced a full reading level, 95+ hours logged

Event Volunteer

Apex Community Food Bank

Recurring, 2023 – Present

Ridgeview, CO

- Sorted and packed donations for the monthly family food distribution, averaging 6 hours per event; over 55 total hours

Work Experience

Scoop Associate

Nimbus Ice Cream Shoppe

June 2025 – Aug 2025

Ridgeview, CO

- Handled point-of-sale transactions and inventory counts during peak summer season for a 4-person crew
- Trained two new hires on store procedures and customer-service standards; store manager cited work ethic in a written recommendation

Skills & Interests

- **Technical:** Python (AP Computer Science Principles coursework), Nimbus Excel, Adobe Photoshop, basic AutoCAD
- **Language:** Conversational Mandarin | **Interests:** Swimming, environmental policy, photography