

# Customized Learning

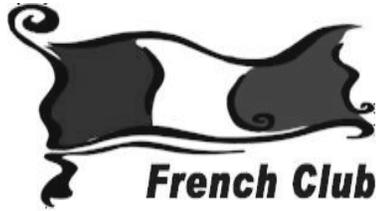
**We prepare students by offering:**

A variety of in class learning activities to help master the vocabulary.

Opportunities for our students

to interact with native speakers by participating in enrichment activities on French and Spanish Club field trips.

Activities which enable students to use the language in real world experiences such as ordering a meal at a French or Spanish restaurant, participating in a Skype call with other language students, correspond with pen pals.



Language tutors for students through the French Club, Spanish Club or National Honor Society.

Beyond...

## The Learning Environment

**What students can expect:**

The Foreign Language Department is committed to helping our language students become proficient in their language of study, to increase their multicultural awareness and develop an appreciation for other cultures.



***Recognizing the importance of providing our students with life long learning skills, the Riverview School District's vision is to prepare each student for a successful collegiate education and/or employment within the global workforce. We pledge to do this through a commitment to competitive academic programming, personalized attention, and by providing our students with a variety of learning opportunities that assist each of them with discovering their talents and potential. By committing ourselves to this vision, we strive to be one of the most academically competitive school districts in the region.***

A non-traditional public school district offering small student to teacher ratios, individualized learning, and a 21st century education through:

- Personal Attention
- Small Class Sizes
- Caring Educators
- A Wide Variety of Award Winning Extracurricular Activities
- Interdisciplinary Learning Opportunities K-12

Academics. Arts. Athletics. Opportunities.

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# R FOREIGN Language



At Riverview Junior Senior High School we offer French and Spanish levels I through IV. Students can enroll in language study in the eighth grade. Students may join the French or Spanish Club.



# Riverview School District

Situated on the Allegheny River and serving Oakmont and Verona, PA

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*Embracing Each Student's Potential*

## Spanish: Rachelle Poth

I have been teaching French and Spanish at Riverview since 1997. I earned my Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education and French from Penn State University in 1993. In 1997, I obtained my Spanish certification from Seton Hill University. I received my Juris Doctor Degree from the Duquesne University School of Law in 2006 and I also received my Master's Degree in Instructional Technology.

I am the Foreign Language Department Chair, Sponsor of the Spanish Club and I also enjoy working with students using digital tools for learning in my classroom.

## French: Rachel Lipko

Bonjour! I graduated from Norwin High School in 2002. After graduation I attended The University of Pittsburgh, where I received a Bachelor's of English Writing with a focus in Travel Journalism and a second Bachelor's of French Language and Literature. After, I received my Masters of Education from California University of Pennsylvania, becoming certified to teach both English 7-12 and French K-12.

I studied abroad with Semester at Sea, traveling all over Scandinavia and Russia. This sparked my love of travel and peaked my interest in living and working overseas. My first teaching job was at a Middle school and High School in Breil-le-Vert, France, about an hour north of Paris.

Upon arriving back in the states I accepted in position at Quaker Valley Middle School, as their French teacher and now I am excited to be teaching here at Riverview!

## DID YOU KNOW...

- There are more than 7,000 languages in the world and French and Spanish are two of the most influential.
- Research has shown that enrolling in foreign language study enhances the skills of higher order thinking, analysis, interpretation and comprehension.
- The greater the length of time one studies a foreign language is directly related to increased levels of cognitive processes.
- Learning a foreign language can make you more marketable. Students should consider taking at least 3 years of French or Spanish in high school.
- Studying a foreign language allows students to be more competitive in the today's global workforce.
- Most universities require at least two years of foreign language study and some require more.
- Studying a foreign language has been proven to increase verbal scores on tests like the SAT and the ACT.
- Learning a foreign language is helpful with other subjects including English grammar and vocabulary, math skills, reading and writing.



- More job opportunities are presented if a person has bilingual skills.
- There are many fields which require foreign language skills such as: Education, law, travel and tourism, journalism, software development and technology, medicine, translation, banking, finance, in addition to many others.

**Enroll in a foreign language today!**

