



## Customized Learning

### We prepare students by offering:

- Small group instrument lessons for students in grades four, five, and six.
- Four co-curricular performing ensembles at the secondary level.
- Instruction by educators who are specialists in each instrumental and vocal area (band, orchestra, chorus).
- Enrichment through participation in regional and statewide festivals.
- Personalized access to local cultural resources.
- Music arrangements, by professional composers, tailored to the needs and strengths of our individual students.
- An innovative new approach to integrating music, fitness, and dance.

### Beyond...

## The Learning Environment

Students at Verner and Tenth Street Elementary receive 80 minutes of general music instruction per week. This is greater than most districts in our region.

Faculty have had extensive professional development training through organizations such as the Arts Education Collaborative, Pittsburgh Opera's Opera Academy, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, and Pennsylvania Music Educator's All State Conventions.



*The mission of the Riverview School District is to provide an excellent education within the framework of a small, diverse community. We emphasize high quality academic and vocational programs in an environment which sets high expectations for all students, promotes personal growth and fosters the development of responsible and productive citizens.*

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
- Interdisciplinary Learning Opportunities K-12
- A Wide Variety of Award Winning Extracurricular Activities

## Building Futures Since 1971

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Families in the Riverview community actively support Music Education. In fact, more than 25 percent of our students in grades four through twelve participate in performing ensembles!



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

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*Embracing Each Student's Potential*

## General Music

General Music is the foundation for basic music literacy and aesthetic growth. It provides comprehensive and sequential musical experiences for students grades K-6. Students begin with fundamental auditory and kinesthetic activities to foster understanding of the forms and structures underlying music. By sixth grade students study, analyze and perform material which develops a thorough understanding of music elements such as pitch, rhythm, form and harmony. Interactive technology is an important part of daily course work.

Strong support from our school board and administration provides students with 80 min. of music instruction in each five day cycle.

## Band

The Elementary Band is available to students in grades 4-6. These students receive instruction in small groups once a week for 20 min. Rehearsals are held before or after school several times per week. This ensemble performs at least twice each year.

The Junior-Senior High School Concert and Marching Band is the most highly populated activity in the district. The group is constantly in demand for performances, including events for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Penguins. Known as the "Big Band from the Little School," the Raider Band is the flagship ensemble of the twin boros community.

## Chorus

Chorus students focus on proper individual vocal technique, ensemble musicianship and foreign language skills. They study a diverse repertoire of music to provide students a well rounded choral experience.

Elementary Chorus meets once a week for 40 min. after school.

## Music and Dance

In music and dance students learn the history of these art forms and their importance in society by studying various genres throughout history and from around the world.

## Orchestra

The Elementary Orchestra is available to students in grades 4-6. These students receive instruction in small groups once a week for 20 min. Rehearsals are held before or after school several times per week. This ensemble performs at least three times each year.

The High School Orchestra rehearses daily in a credited orchestra class. These students often have opportunities for additional training under musicians from local universities and symphony orchestras. This ensemble performs several times each year for community festivals, senior center events, and seasonal school concerts.



## DID YOU KNOW...

- The Riverview performing ensembles are the pride of the twin communities of Oakmont and Verona. Each year, the band, chorus, and orchestra perform at local events such as the Hometown Holiday celebration, the Homecoming Parade, and the Memorial Day Parade.
- Students from Riverview consistently place highly at PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Education Association) District, Region, and State Festivals.
- The Junior-Senior High School Orchestra, Chorus, and Bands have performed at the Norfolk NATO Parade of Nations, aboard the USS Wisconsin, the Kentucky Derby Parade, the world's largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in Chicago, and on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC.
- The Riverview Jazz Band was selected to perform at the 2013 PASBA (Pennsylvania School Boards Association) Student Celebration Showcase.
- The Junior-Senior High School Orchestra, Chorus, and Bands have participated in clinics with faculty from the Cincinnati Conservatory, West Point, James Madison University, Old Dominion University, Christopher Newport University, and Norfolk State University.
- The Riverview Music Department trains student to be lifelong learners. Alumni from our programs continue to participate in artistic pursuits long after graduation!