

Riverview Reporter

2015-2016

SERVING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITIES OF OAKMONT AND VERONA, PA

Celebrating Serious Success!



2015-2018 Riverview Strategic Plan

After over a year of committee work involving 100+ school district stakeholders, the Riverview administration submitted its new Strategic Plan to the Department of Education and was granted state approval. While the state document is comprised of over 110 pages, a more "Reader Friendly" version has been created to assist Oakmont and Verona parents, residents, and other stakeholders with understanding the Riverview School District's Strategic Plan and vision for the future.

A copy of this Strategic Plan communique can be found on our website under the Resource tab. Please take some time to learn more about our District's vision, mission, goals, action steps and the activities and opportunities provided to our students who attend our schools.

Riverview students will be provided with a family copy during the first week of school. Residents can also obtain copies by contacting Elissa at 412-828-1800 extension 4040 or via email at emiller@rsd.k12.pa.us. Additional copies will also be available at the Oakmont Carnegie Library and other public spaces throughout the school district area.



Riverview School District is Proud of its
Tenth Street Elementary School
3rd Grade Number 1 Ranking



First Day of School for Students

Monday, August 24, 2015
FULL DAY OF SCHOOL
Lunch Will Be Served

VERNER & TENTH STREET

Grades K-6
Classes Begin 8:30AM
Classes Dismissed 3:05PM

HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 7-12
Homeroom Begins 7:41AM
Dismissal 2:20PM

FORBES TRAIL

Classes Begin
August 24, 2015

#1 Ranking! Tenth Street Elementary School

Congratulations to our Tenth Street Elementary School family for being Ranked #1 for 3rd grade PSSA scores (Pittsburgh Business times) out of over 300 elementary schools in the region! We are proud of our students and our Riverview team including parents, staff and the community.

Verner Elementary Named "Opportunity School"

Student achievement data analyzed over the past two years resulted in Verner Elementary School being the ONLY public school in Allegheny County being awarded the title of "Opportunity School". PennCan designated Verner as an Opportunity School and boasts that the school community uses strategies and resources that close the achievement gap for ALL students. The report celebrates the teachers and school leaders who create "Opportunity Schools" and encourages others to learn from these schools. Congratulations Verner Elementary school family!



Academics. Arts. Athletics. Opportunities.



Riverview High School Ranked #8 Locally and #30 in Pennsylvania

The Riverview School District proudly congratulates the Riverview Junior Senior High School for earning top rankings by U.S. News and World Report for its ability to prepare students for college. The report analyzes current student achievement data, socioeconomically and minority student achievement data, and college readiness data to rank high schools across the nation.

Breakfast & Lunch Prices

Elementary Breakfast
\$1.25

Elementary Lunch
\$2.25

Secondary Breakfast
\$1.50

Secondary Lunch
\$2.50

If you have any questions,
call the Food Services Dept. at
412-828-1800 ext. 1012.

Work in Progress!

Over the summer months several construction projects were completed across the school district. Projects included replacing heat exchange units, windows, concrete and flooring, as well as repairing roofs. Upgrades were also made to window glass and the high school library. To finance these projects, the District took advantage of low interest rates by refunding a 2005 bond and issuing a 2015 bond. The new issue was wrapped with the refunding of the 2005 bond and had a minimal impact on current payments throughout the life of the bond. The projects were completed to protect our investment in the District's facilities.

VOLUNTEERS

The District encourages and appreciates those who volunteer in our schools. Parental and community involvement helps to support student learning. If you plan to volunteer at a Riverview School District school this year, please be aware that there are new and revised State regulations regarding clearances for volunteers. For more information, please visit the NEW Volunteer section of our website.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Riverview Board of School Directors passed Policy No. 800 Records Management on June 18, 2012. The policy, in its entirety, is listed on the Riverview School District website.

Superintendent/Parent Workshops

Parents are invited and encouraged to join Superintendent, Dr. DiNinno, to learn more about District activities and programs through informal discussions. Refreshments will be served and the workshops will take place on the following dates:

September 2, 2015 at 10:00am-11:00am-Central Office Conference Rm
October 26, 2015 at 6:00pm-7:00pm-High School Library Conference Rm
March 2, 2016 at 10:00am-11:00am-Central Office Conference Rm
April 11, 2016 at 6:00pm-7:00pm-High School Library Conference Rm
May 4, 2016 at 10:00am-11:00am-Central Office Conference Rm

Reservations can be made by emailing Linda Tamburro at LTamburro@rsd.k12.pa.us

Special Education Services

Mrs. Mary Ann Plance, Special Education

In keeping with Riverview School District's mission, students with diverse learning needs are supported as they participate in the Riverview school experience. Riverview School District offers a range of services to meet the varying needs of students who may have learning difficulties, physical challenges, emotional difficulties and giftedness. Services are provided by special education teachers, highly qualified teachers, speech therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, school nurses, counselors, paraprofessionals and others with specialized training and expertise. RSD strives to provide every child with a free and appropriate education in the least restrictive environment. The administration and staff is dedicated to meeting the individual needs of all of their pupils, allowing them to reach their greatest potential. Please contact Mrs. Mary Ann Plance, Special Education Coordinator at 412-828-1800 ext. 3021 or mplance@rsd.k12.pa.us for more information about Special Education services in the Riverview School District.

Title I Services Summary for 2015-16 School Year

Mr. David Zolkowski, Title I Coordinator

Title I is a federally funded program designed to ensure that all children have an opportunity to access a high quality education. The goal of this federal program is to close the achievement gap for all students. Schools are identified and authorized to implement the Title I schoolwide program based on the percentage of students receiving free and/or reduced meals.

Verner Elementary Schoolwide Title I program allows all students to be eligible for additional academic support. Federal funds are used to support and enhance the overall school program. Title I funds may be used to upgrade the entire school's educational program so that the overall education of ALL children who attend the school can be improved.

If you are interested in further information about Title I Schoolwide services in the Riverview School District, please contact Mr. David Zolkowski, Federal Programs Coordinator at 412-828-1800 ext 2021 or dzolkowski@rsd.k12.pa.us.

Swipe System

Those visiting our schools this year will find a new swipe card system has been installed at each building entrance. The swipe system permits access to visitors after a license screening is completed. The new security system also tracks visitor entrance and exit times and dispenses a Visitor Badge. The system was purchased through the use of Safe School grant monies and has added another layer of security and safety for our students and staff.

Discrimination Policy

Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities by recipients of federal financial assistance. Title IX regulations require recipients to designate a Title IX coordinator, adopt and disseminate a nondiscrimination policy, and put grievance procedures in place to address complaints of discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs and activities. Questions related to Title IX should be directed to Dr. Ashley Coudriet 412 828-1800 x4070.

ATHLETIC Schedules

Thank you for supporting Riverview athletic teams and programs. We are proud of our student athletes and encourage you to join us as we cheer on the Raiders. Schedules for all teams are available at the high school office from Mrs. Sandy Savinda upon request at (412) 828-1800 ext. 1011 or on our website at www.rsd.k12.pa.us. Click on Athletics, then schedules.

NEW TO THE DISTRICT?

Welcome! Thank you for choosing Riverview. We are honored to meet the educational needs of your child. If you are new to the District, please contact the secretary at the school where your child will attend for assistance with registration.

You may also visit our website at www.rsd.k12.pa.us to obtain information and important enrollment documents.

Registration Requirements Include:

- Photo ID
- Birth Certificate and Immunization Records
- Proof of Residency:
 - Own your Home
Mortgage/Deed with 3 utility bills (or bill of sale)
 - Rent your Home
Lease Agreement with 3 utility bills showing current address

	<p>Riverview Appoints New Administrators</p> <p>Verner Principal, Mrs. Mary Ann Plance</p>	
<p>Director of Technology/ School Safety, Mr. Robert Rizzo</p>		

Student Transportation

AM BUS PICK-UP TIMES AND LOCATIONS

RV1

BUS STOPS	TIME
First & Center	7:15 am
First & South	7:18 am

RV2

BUS STOPS	TIME
Second & South	7:15 am
Second & Center	7:18 am

RV3

BUS STOPS	TIME
Grant & W. Railroad	7:15 am
All Stops around Hill on Center	7:20 am

All return trips will leave High School
 2:20 pm
 Activity Bus (daily) 2:50 pm

FORBES ROAD

BUS STOPS (AM CLASSES)	TIME
ARBlvd. at Wildwood	6:40 am
Second at South	6:42 am
Second at Center	6:43 am
First at Center	6:44 am
ARBlvd. at Center	6:45 am
ARBlvd. at California	6:46 am
ARBlvd. at Pennsylvania	6:47 am
Hulton at 5th Street	6:50 am
Tenth Street School	6:52 am

The Bus will pull off from Tenth Street School at 6:55 am in the event a student is running late.

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

ABC Transit and/or Non-Public school staff will contact parents of non-public school students with transportation arrangement details.

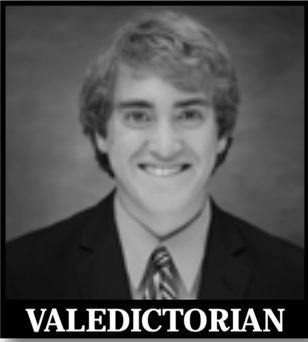
NOTE: Questions on bus transportation can be directed to Ms. Tammy Good at 412-828-1800, ext. 4020.

REVENUES

SERIES AND DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2012-2013	BUDGET 2013-2014	BUDGET 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016
6000 – Revenue From Local Sources				
6111-01 – Real Estate Taxes Oakmont	\$8,670,484	\$9,210,104	12,029,583	11,827,840
6111-02 – Real Estate Taxes Verona	2,072,884	1,914,896		
Homestead Exclusion (Deducted from Real Estate Taxes)	(355,404)	(355,461)	(355,506)	
TOTAL Real Estate Taxes	\$10,387,964	\$10,769,539	\$11,674,077	\$11,827,840
6113-00 – Public Utility Realty	14,600	14,700	14,000	14,000
6143-00 – Occupational Privilege Tax	19,400	17,500	14,500	14,500
6151-00 – Earned Income Tax	975,000	1,036,000	1,000,000	1,200,000
6153-00 – Real Estate Transfer Tax	140,000	170,000	170,000	200,000
6411-01 – Delinquent Taxes Oakmont Real Estate	500,000	500,000	525,000	525,000
6411-02 – Delinquent Taxes Verona Real Estate				
6510-00 – Interest Earned on Investments	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
6710-00 – Athletic Events	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
6831-00 – IDEIA Funds	202,584	200,000	200,000	200,000
6910-00 – Rental Fees (Buildings etc.)	20,000	13,000	10,000	10,000
6941-00 – Tuition Payments	0	0	0	0
6990-01 – Retiree Benefits (Fund Balance)	0	0		
6990-02 – Misc. Revenue	1,000	1,000	65,000	65,000
TOTAL Local Revenue	\$12,370,548	\$12,751,739	\$13,702,577	\$14,086,340
7000 – Revenue From State Sources				
7110-00 – Basic Subsidy	\$3,307,860	\$2,835,557	\$3,010,159	\$3,001,531
7110-00 – Block Grants				
7140-00 – Charter School Subsidy	0	0	0	0
7210-00 – Homebound	0	0	0	0
7271-00 – Special Education	633,420	630,011	633,420	772,946
7290-00 – Other Subsidies (Liquid Fuels Tax)	0	0	0	0
7310-00 – Transportation	113,050	158,000	158,000	158,000
7320-00 – Debt Service Reimbursement	267,215	389,500	389,500	389,500
7330-01 – Medical Services	24,069	24,000	23,500	23,500
7340-00 – Homestead Exclusion	355,404	355,461	355,506	355,458
7501-00 – Accountability Block Grants		49,349	49,349	78,689
7810-00 – Social Security	0	338,400	338,080	338,080
7820-00 – Retirement	538,200	727,000	943,000	800,000
TOTAL State Revenue Sources	\$5,239,218	\$5,507,278	\$5,900,514	\$5,917,704
8000-00 – Revenue From Federal Sources				
8514-01 – Title I	\$172,813	\$154,031	\$186,832	203,635
8560-00 – Title V	0	0	0	0
8670-00 – Drug Free Schools	0	0	0	0
8515-00 – Title II Class Size Reduction	55,741	53,723	53,663	53,724
8690-01 – Title II Educational Technology	0	0	0	0
8810-00 – Medical Assistance	128,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
8820-00 – Medical Claims Reimbursement	9,600	9,600	8,000	8,000
TOTAL Federal Revenue Sources	\$366,154	\$317,354	\$348,495	\$365,359
GRAND TOTAL – Revenue Sources				
6000 – Local	\$12,370,548	\$12,751,739	\$13,702,577	14,086,340
7000 – State	5,239,218	5,507,278	5,900,514	5,917,704
8000 – Federal	366,154	317,354	348,495	365,359
GRAND TOTAL – Revenue Sources	\$17,975,920	\$18,576,371	\$19,951,586	\$20,369,403

EXPENDITURES

SERIES AND DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2012-2013	BUDGET 2013-2014	BUDGET 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016
1000 – Instruction				
1100 – Regular Instruction	\$7,665,372	\$7,849,070	\$8,420,102	\$8,590,615
1200 – Special Education/Gifted & Talented	1,707,738	1,828,579	1,982,216	2,117,079
1300 – Vocational Education	496,570	534,344	593,931	560,547
1400 – Other Instructional Programs	75,192	102,226	2,464	2,415
TOTAL 1000 – Instruction	\$9,944,872	\$10,314,219	\$10,998,713	\$11,270,656
2000 – Support Services				
2120 – Pupil Personnel - Guidance	\$453,979	\$476,141	488,669	535,593
2220 – Technology Support	506,078	545,741	561,109	611,447
2250 – Library Services	255,430	264,121	276,845	285,960
2260 – Instruction & Curriculum Development	163,014	167,231	202,966	268,952
2290 – Instruction Staff – Other	669,937	628,425	610,390	658,350
2310 – Board Services	0	0	7,800	23,800
2330 – Tax Collection	49,200	49,550	29,600	25,500
2350 – Legal	93,700	93,700	139,200	139,200
2360 – Superintendent’s Office	395,772	417,723	436,248	394,041
2380 – Principal’s Office	814,297	867,284	855,202	949,039
2400 – Pupil Health	210,038	225,133	238,738	266,613
2500 – Business Office	266,945	270,978	308,121	315,140
2600 – Operation & Maintenance of Plants	1,470,643	1,512,255	1,563,008	1,590,531
2700 – Student Transportation	656,553	774,706	762,399	782,280
2900 – Other Support Services	18,400	17,800	17,800	16,000
TOTAL 2000 – Support Services	\$6,023,986	\$6,310,788	\$6,498,095	6,862,446
3000 – Other Support Services – Non-Instructional				
3200 – Student Activities	697,236	634,755	678,619	566,680
3300 – Community Services	35,908	38,588	76,036	77,350
TOTAL 3000 – Other Support Svcs –Non-Instruct . .	\$733,144	\$673,343	\$754,655	\$644,030
4000 – Site Improvement				
4200 – Building Improvement	\$7,000	7,000	50,000	500,000
4300 – Architecture and Engineering Services	0	0	0	0
4600 – Existing Building Improvement Services.	0	0	129,600	9,000
TOTAL 4000 – Site Improvement	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$179,600	\$509,000
5000 – Debt Service				
5100 – Authority Obligations/Professional Services . . .	16,700	17,100	14,700	13,000
5110 – Debt Services	1,230,958	1,234,661	1,235,461	1,214,941
5130 – Prior Years Real Estate Tax Refund	3,000	3,000	100,000	100,000
5251 – Food Service Transfers	12,760	12,760	25,000	42,000
5280 – Activity Fund Transfers	3,500	3,500	6,700	6,700
5900 – Budget Reserve	0	0	138,662	183,033
TOTAL 5000 – Debt Service	\$1,266,918	\$1,271,021	\$1,520,523	\$1,559,674
TOTAL BUDGET	\$17,975,920	\$18,576,371	\$19,951,586	\$20,845,806



VALEDICTORIAN

Joshua Killian



SALUTATORIAN

Brooke Riscoe

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Jake Cappa Memorial Football Scholarship Tyler Nigro
and Dillon Provenza
- Dunlay Family Scholarship Evan Lesnick
- Fred and Sarah A. Favo Scholarship Julia Alcorn
- Regis Hughes Memorial Scholarship Kelly Botta
- Kiwanian Club of Verona-Rosedale. . . Maggie Carroll and Stefani Ionadi
- MORA Scholarship Sean Blacksmith
- Oakmont Garden Club Scholarship Brooke Riscoe
- Oakmont Community Foundation Scholarship Aubrianna Patsey
- Oakmont Historical Scholarship Dillon Provenza
In Honor of John and Mary Holden
- Oakmont/Verona Rotary Scholarship Taylor DeLay
- Tammy Preece Memorial Award Kelly O'Donnell
- Riverside Women's Association Scholarship Brooke Riscoe
and Emily Walker
- Riverview Athletic/Administration Award Hannah Larkin
and Evan Lesnick
- Riverview Athletic Association/David Anderson Sports Award
Joshua Killian and Aubrianna Patsey
- Riverview Dance Club Award Julia Alcorn, Courtney Brown,
Olivia Dolan, Maria Mastrocesare, and Mary Elizabeth Tillman
- Riverview Education Association Scholarship Olivia Dolan,
Keelie McKinney, Autumn Rietzel, Raymond Rogers, Leah Sero,
Christian Snyder, Michael Swenson, and Mary Elizabeth Tillman
- Riverview Education Association Scholarship Zane Crowell
Charles Erdeljac Award for Literature, Education & Humanitarianism
- Riverview Education Association Scholarship
In Memory of Ruth Alcorn Maria Mastrocesare
- Riverview Football Alumni Association Scholarship Jacob Massack
- Donald F. Suhevich Memorial Scholarship
- Verona Volunteer Fire Department Sean Blacksmith
- Verona Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
In Honor of Charles McKinley Julia Alcorn, Amedea Baldoni,
Kelly O'Donnell and Gina Santoriello
- Verona Fall Festival Scholarship Kimberly Gauger,
Dillon Provenza and Leah Sero
- Verona Fall Festival Scholarship
In Memory and Honor of Stanley Adamski Hannah Larkin
- John and Vasiliki Viores Memorial Award Gianna Sgro
- Helen White Memorial Scholarship Noah Arndt
- The Woman's Club of Oakmont Scholarship
William Gonsowski and Stefanie Ionadi
- Curtis J. Young Memorial Award Andrew Zentgraf

AWARDS,

- COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS
- Chatham University Merit Scholarship
- Clarion University Scholarship
- College of Wooster Covenant Scholarship
- College of Wooster Dean Scholarship
- Drexel University AJ Drexel Scholarship
- Duquesne University Merit Scholarship
- Edinboro University President's Excellence Award
- Kent State University Award

- Kent State University Merit Scholarship
- Kent State University President's Scholarship
- Kent State University Trustee Scholarship

- Juniata College Elizabeth Baker Award
- Juniata College Grant
- Lauren E. Elden Educational Trust Award
- Martin Luther King Scholarship
- Melville Alexander Eberhart Memorial Scholarship
- Ohio State University
National Buckeye Scholarship
- Ohio State University Provost Scholarship
- Point Park University Founder's Scholarship
- Point Park University Honors Scholarship
- Point Park University Track Scholarship
- Point Park University Trustee Scholarship
- Riverset Star Student Award Scholarship
- Robert Morris University Justice Scholarship
- Robert Morris University Merit Scholarship
- St. Vincent College Alumni Grant
- St. Vincent College Trustee Award
- Temple University Merit Scholarship
- Temple University Founders Scholarship
- University of Dayton Merit Scholarship
- University of Pittsburgh Merit Scholarship
- Waynesburg University Honor Scholarship
- Westminster Blue and White Scholarship



2015 SENIOR CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Scholarship Kelly O'Donnell
 Kimberly Gauger
 Scholarship Emily Walker
 Scholarship Emily Walker
 Scholarship Nick Schon
 Scholarship Maggie Carroll
 Excellence Award Noah Arndt
 Julia Alcorn, Autumn Rietzel
 and Raymond Rogers
 Scholarship Raymond Rogers
 Scholarship Julia Alcorn
 Scholarship Julia Alcorn
 and Autumn Rietzel
 Award Sean Blacksmith
 Sean Blacksmith
 Award Brooke Riscoe
 Brooke Riscoe
 Scholarship Brooke Riscoe
 Mary Elizabeth Tillman
 Scholarship Mary Elizabeth Tillman
 Scholarship Ashleen Costello
 Scholarship Kasey DeRiggi
 Scholarship Leah Sero
 Scholarship Taylor DeLay, Leah Sero
 Scholarship Olivia Dolan
 Scholarship Maria Mastrocesare
 Scholarship Gina Santoriello
 William Gonsowski
 William Gonsowski
 Nicholas Soilis
 Scholarship Stefanie Ionadi
 Scholarship Joshua Killian
 Scholarship Zane Crowell
 Scholarship Lauren Ault
 Scholarship Jacob Massack

RIVERVIEW SPECIAL HONORS

American Legion Award (Eighth Grade)
 Jocelyn Ostrowski and Christian Snyder
 Chatham College Women in Sports Award Maggie Carroll
 Tessa Favo, Jocelyn Ostrowski,
 Aubrianna Patsey, Mary Elizabeth Tillman
 Curtis Young Memorial Award Emily Walker
 John Philip Sousa Award Raymond Rogers
 Lion's Club Scholar Athlete Award
 Joshua Killian and Mary Elizabeth Tillman
 Louis Armstrong Jazz Award Christian Snyder
 Murphy's Music Award Joshua Killian
 Northern Athletic Directors Tri-Athlete
 Award Nominees Hannah Larkin and Evan Lesnick
 Patrick Gilmore Award Joseph Kelly and Nicholas Schon
 Principal's Leadership Award Ethan DuVall and Kelly O'Donnell
 Rachel Carson Book Award - Chatham University. Tessa Favo
 Rensselaer Medal of Honor Joshua Killian
 Skidmore College Book Award Christian Snyder
 Tri Sport Scholar Athlete Joshua Killian and Hannah Larkin
 University of Rochester Awards
 Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award Emily Walker
 Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony
 Award for Humanities and Social Studies Andrew Zentgraf
 Kodak Young Leadership Award Gina Santoriello
 Xerox Award for Innovation
 and Information Technology Jocelyn Ostrowski
 Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame East Boros Chapter Scholar Athlete
 Scholarship Nominees Joshua Killian and Jocelyn Ostrowski
 Riverview Educators Special
 Achievement Award Stefanie Ionadi and Aubrianna Patsey
 Williams College Book Award Joshua Killian
 WPIAL Scholar-Athlete Nominees
 Aubrianna Patsey and Christian Snyder

(Award information used is that known at the time of printing)

Riverview High School

CLASS OF 2015 GRADUATE DATA

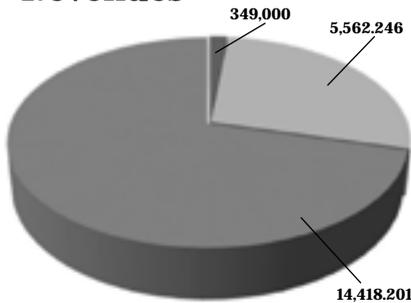


Community College	14	18%
Private 2-year College/University	0	0%
State University	10	13%
State Related Commonwealth University	13	17%
Private 4-year College/University	16	21%
Post-Secondary School (degree)	0	0%
Post-Secondary School (non-degree)	2	3%
4-year College/University (outside Pennsylvania)	12	15%
Military	1	1%
Entered Work Force	5	6%
Other	5	6%
Total	78	100%

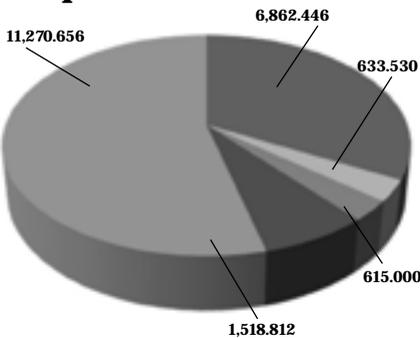
- #### Post Secondary Education Summary
- 87% of graduating class continuing education beyond high school.
 - 66% of graduating class attending 4-year college/university.
 - 21% of graduating class attending 2-year community college, technical or tradeschool.

2015-2016

Revenues



Expenditures



Millage Impact on Property Owners

2015-16 Budget Market Value
(22.4462 Mills)

\$25,000	\$561.16
\$50,000	\$1,122.31
\$100,000	\$2,244.62
\$200,000	\$4,489.24

1. These amounts can be reduced by 2 percent if paid by the end of August.

2. You may qualify for a property tax refund of up to \$650 from the state depending on income level.



2015-2016 Budget Includes ZERO Tax Increase and Maintains All Programs/Staff

The District is pleased to announce that Finance Chair, Mr. Ernie Tillman, was able to work closely with the District's Business Manager to facilitate the board's development of a 2015-2016 budget that includes NO increase in taxes, maintains all existing staff, and continues necessary services for our students. While many surrounding Districts are faced with furloughs and other cuts, Mr. Tillman's and the boards efforts have resulted in continued high quality services for our students while maintaining a fiscal responsibility to our tax payers.

Student Accident Insurance

During the 2015-2016 school term Student Accident Insurance will be handled by Dinnin and Parkins Insurance Agency (412-828-5122) through US Fire Insurance. Two individual school-approved plans are available to assist with fees associated with doctor, hospital and dental expenses incurred after an accident.

Plan 1: Insurance for full 24-hour a day protection—not limited to school connected accidents, but also at home or away—a continuous plan from the day of premium to the opening day of the following year. Excludes all interscholastic sports. (\$90.00 per year).

Plan 2: Insurance for the hours and on the days when school is in session—also included is participation in or attendance at all school sponsored activities. Excludes all interscholastic sports. (\$22.50 per year).

Application for student accident insurance can be found on the Riverview website under the Resources tab in the right column.

CHIP

The CHIP program reaches those families who are without health insurance because their income is too high for Medical Assistance or they do not have private insurance. Many families are not aware of their potential eligibility for enrollment in CHIP. In addition to this state program, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield also offers Special Care, an income-based program for adults and children. People who do not qualify for income-based programs may benefit from an individual plan. Information about Highmark individual health insurance programs is available at www.highmarkbcbs.com. More information is also available at Central Office.

Act 10 of 1991

Act 10 of 1991 requires superintendents to provide armed forces recruiters the same access to lists of senior students as they make available to institutions of higher education and trade schools. Information may include the prospective senior student's name, home address and telephone number. Students not wishing to have their name included on this list should send a written request to the High School Guidance Department by **September 15, 2015**. Directory information can be released by the school district. Information such as student's name, home address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in activities/sports, height, weight, attendance, honors and like information may be released to the US Armed Services Recruitment. If you wish to restrict releases of your child's directory information to any agency, including the Armed Services, submit your request in writing to the High School Guidance Department by **September 15, 2015**.

Taking of Photographs

During the school year, photographers may be taking pictures or video of students in various activities or for honors and awards. If you do not want your child's picture to appear in any public forum, please fill out the form that your child receives on the first day of school and return it by **September 15, 2015**.

NOTE: Information regarding the Family Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA and Student Privacy) is available at the Administrative Office 701 Tenth Street, Oakmont, PA 15139.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Riverview School District real estate property tax notices were mailed to Verona and Oakmont property owners in July 2015. Every property owner is encouraged to pay the tax by the end of August to take advantage of the 2% discount. The face or the total amount of the tax is due by the end of October 2015. The School District also allows property owners to make installment payments. These payments are due by August 31, October 31 and December 31, 2015. A 10% charge will be added to all late payments.

Please remember that it is the responsibility of the property owner to pay school taxes on time. If you have not received a tax bill or if you have paid off your mortgage in the previous year please contact the tax collector as soon as possible. Note that all Riverview real estate taxes are collected by PA Municipal Service. They are located at 336 Delaware Avenue in Oakmont. Their phone number is 412-828-5586. If you have other questions concerning your Riverview School District property tax bill please contact Ms. Tammy Good, Business Manager at 412-828-1800 x4020. Thank you for supporting our local schools.

TAX COLLECTORS

Verona and Oakmont PA Municipal Services
336 Delaware Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139 412-828-5586

In Case of Inclement Weather

Riverview has made arrangements with KDKA and other Pittsburgh radio and television stations to notify our students on those days when school will be closed due to weather conditions. Information will also be posted on the District's website at www.rsd.k12.pa.us In an emergency, it is important to keep the telephone lines of all of our schools open. Parents and students are requested NOT to call the schools.

Gold Cards Issued To Senior Citizens

Riverview reminds senior citizens that complimentary "Gold Card Activities Passes" are available which entitle the holder to free admission to most school sponsored events. To qualify for a pass, residents must be 65 years of age or older, or be retired due to disabilities. Passes are available at: Riverview School District Administrative Office, 701 Tenth Street, Oakmont, PA 15139

Join us as we cheer on the Raiders during an athletic competition, enjoy some excellent music at one of our concerts, or relax while observing student artwork. We are proud of our students' talents and want to share them with you!



Bully Prevention

Riverview is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for students. We recognize that bullying creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation, and detracts from the safe environment necessary for student learning. Therefore bullying is prohibited. Please report any signs of bullying behavior to an administrator.

UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT

The district strives to provide a safe, positive climate for its students and staff. Therefore, it is the policy of the district to maintain an environment in which harassment in any form is not tolerated.

DISTRICT WEBSITE

www.rsd.k12.pa.us

We continue to develop our school website. We ask and encourage people to visit the website often and to use it as a communication tool. It is meant to keep you informed.

Parent Notification Service

Our Information System includes a Notification Service that enables us to send a telephone message to student homes providing important information about school events or emergencies. We use this system to notify parents of school delays or cancellations due to inclement weather. In the event of an emergency at school, parents can have peace of mind knowing that they will be informed, as appropriate, by phone.

What parents need to know about receiving calls through the Parent Notification Service

- Caller ID will display the school's number when a general announcement is delivered.
- Caller ID will display 411-411-4111 if the message is a dire emergency.
- The system will leave a message on any answering machine or voicemail.

The successful delivery of information is dependent upon accurate contact information for each student, so please make certain that the building secretary has your most current phone numbers. If this information changes during the year, please let us know immediately.

Annual Public Notice of Special Education Services and Programs, Services for Gifted Students and Services for Protected Handicapped Students

(Revised July 2014)

Notice to Parents

According to state and federal special education regulations, annual public notice to parents of children who reside within a school district is required regarding child find responsibilities. School districts are required to conduct child find activities for children who may be eligible for services via Chapter 14/IDEA. For additional information related to Chapter 14/IDEA, the parent may refer to Chapter 14/IDEA or the website <http://www.pattan.net/>. School districts are also required to conduct child find activities for children who may be eligible for services via Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For additional information related to Section 504/Chapter 15 services, the parent may refer to Section 504, Chapter 15, and the Basic Education Circular entitled implementation of Chapter 15. Also, school districts are required to conduct child find activities for children who may be eligible for gifted services via 22 PA Code Chapter 16. For additional information regarding gifted services, the parent may refer to 22 PA Code Chapter 16. If a student is both gifted and eligible for Special Education, the procedures in IDEA and Chapter 14 shall take precedence.

This notice shall inform parents throughout the Riverview School District of the child identification activities and of the procedures followed to ensure confidentiality of information pertaining to students with disabilities or eligible young children. In addition to this public notice additional information is published on the district web site. Children ages three through twenty one can be eligible for special education programs and services. If parents believe that their child may be eligible for special education, the parent should contact the principal of the local school (Verner Elementary 412-828-1800 extension 3010; Tenth Street Elementary 412-828-1800 extension 2010; or Riverview Junior/Senior High School 412-828-1800 extension 1010) or the Special Education LEA at the District Central Office 412-828-1800 extension 4010.

Children age three through the age of admission to first grade are also eligible if they have developmental delays and, as a result, need Special Education and related services. If children are less than the age of beginners and at least 3 years of age, they are considered to have a developmental delay when difficulties exist in the areas of cognitive, communicative, physical, social/emotional and self-help development. If you have questions regarding difficulties your child may be experiencing please contact the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, Project DART, 475 E. Waterfront Drive, Homestead, PA 15120, 412-394-5739.

Evaluation Process

Identification activities are performed to find a child who is suspected as having a disability that would interfere with his or her learning unless special education programs and services are made available. These activities are sometimes called screening activities. The activities include: Review of group data, conducting hearing and vision screening, assessment of student's academic functioning, observation of the student displaying difficulty in behavior and determining the student's response to attempted remediation. Input from parents is also an information source for identification. These activities take place at the child's school throughout the school year. Parents of school age children may request an evaluation by contacting: Mrs. Mary Ann Plance, Special Education LEA, Riverview Administration Office, 701 Tenth Street, Oakmont, Pa. 15139 or at 412-828-1800 extension 4010. Parents of preschool age children, age three through five, may request an evaluation in writing by addressing a letter to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, Project DART, 475 E. Waterfront Drive, Homestead, PA. 15120.

Consent

School entities cannot proceed with an evaluation or reevaluation, or with the initial provision of special education and related services, without the written consent of the parents. For additional information related to consent, please refer to the Procedural Safeguards Notice which can be found at the PaTTAN website, www.Pattan.net or your local school. Once written parental consent is obtained, the district will proceed with the evaluation process.

Program Development

Once the evaluation process is completed, a team of qualified professionals and parents determine whether the child is eligible. If the child is eligible, the individualized education program team meets, develops the program, and determines the educational placement. Once the IEP team develops the program and determines the educational placement, school district staff, intermediate unit staff, or charter school staff will issue a notice of recommended educational placement/prior written notice. Your written consent is required before initial services can be provided. The parent has the right to revoke consent after initial placement.

Students identified as eligible for special education are entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) available at no cost to parents. Services designed to meet the needs of eligible students include the annual development of an Individualized Education Program (IEP), a triennial re-evaluation, and special education services in or outside of the regular education classroom. In addition, some students will need services outside of a regular school. The decision about the type of services needed and the location is made by the IEP team, based on the student's identified needs, abilities, and chronological age. Some students will need related services such as transportation, physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech and language services to benefit from the educational program. Before a student can begin to receive special education services, parents will be asked to sign a Notice of Recommended Educational Placement (NOREP). If parents agree with the services offered, their signature and agreement are recorded on this document. If parents disagree, they may seek to resolve differences by requesting a prehearing conference, mediation, and/or a due process hearing. Further information can be obtained by calling Mrs. Mary Ann Plance at 412-828-1800 or by visiting <http://parent.pattan.net/>.

Services for Students in Nonpublic Schools

Public school education may be accessible to resident students attending nonpublic schools on a dual enrollment basis in a special education program operated in a public school. A multidisciplinary evaluation which determines the child's eligibility for services must be conducted and, if eligible, an individualized education program (IEP) plan is developed. Parents of nonpublic school students who suspect that their child is disabled and in need of special education may request a multidisciplinary evaluation of their child through a written request to the building principal or director of special education.

Services for Protected Handicapped Students

The Riverview School District will provide to each protected handicapped student without discrimination or cost to the student or family those aids, services, or accommodations which are needed to provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain benefits of school programs and extracurricular activities to the extent appropriate to the student's abilities. To qualify as a protected handicapped student, the child must be of school age with a physical or mental handicap which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to an aspect of the school program. Services for protected handicapped students are distinct from those applicable to disabled students enrolled in special education programs. Protected handicapped students fall under Pennsylvania's Chapter 15, also known as Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. In contrast, students with disabilities who qualify for special education are covered by regulations contained in Pennsylvania's Chapter 14. While both Chapter 14 and 15 provide services to students, there are technical differences between the two. Additional information about evaluation procedures and provision of services to protected handicapped services is available by contacting the building principal.

Confidentiality of Information

Riverview School District maintains records concerning all children enrolled in the school, including students with disabilities. All records are maintained in the strictest confidentiality. Your consent, or consent of an eligible child who has reached the age of majority under State law, must be obtained before personally identifiable information is released, except as permitted under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA-C.F.R., Part 99), most recently amended December 2011. The age of majority in Pennsylvania is 21. Each participating agency must protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information at collection, storage, disclosure, and destruction stages. One official at each participating agency must assume responsibility for ensuring the confidentiality of any personally identifiable information. Each participating agency must maintain, for public inspection, a current listing of the names and positions of those employees within the agency who have access to personally identifiable information.

For additional information related to student records, the parent can refer to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA): "FERPA General Guidance for Parents" on the Family Policy Compliance Office Web site: <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/parents.html>. If you have questions or wish to report a potential FERPA violation, contact FPCO at: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327). In order to access the final regulations on-line please visit: www.federalregister.gov.

This notice is only a summary of the Special Education services, evaluation and screening activities, and rights and protections pertaining to children with disabilities, children thought to be disabled, and their parents. For more information or to request evaluation or screening of a public or private school child, contact Mrs. Judene Sykes in the Special Education Office, 701 Tenth Street, Oakmont, Pa. 15139 or 412-828-1800 extension 4010 or the Special Education page on the district website: www.rsd.k12.pa.us.

The school entity or charter school will not discriminate in employment, educational programs, or activities based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, handicap, creed, marital status or because a person is a disabled veteran or a veteran of the Vietnam era. No preschool, elementary or secondary school pupil enrolled in a school district, Intermediate Unit, or charter school program shall be denied equal opportunity to participate in age and program appropriate instruction or activities due to race, color, handicap, creed, national origin, marital status or financial hardship.

2015-2016 School Calendar

August 18, 19, 20 and 21
PD Days 1, 2 & 3/Clerical Day 1
August 24
First Students' Day
September 7
Labor Day (no school)
October 12
PD Day 4 (no school)
October 29
End of First Nine Weeks
November 2
Clerical Day 2 (no school)
November 3
Act 80/Parent Conferences K-12 (no school)
November 25
First Day of Thanksgiving Break (no school)

November 30
Last Day of Thanksgiving Break (no school)
December 24
First Day of Holiday Break (no school)
January 1
Last Day of Holiday Break (no school)
January 15
End of Second Nine Weeks/
First Semester
January 18
PD Day 5 (no school)
January 19
Clerical Day 3 (no school)
February 15
PD Day 6 (no school)

March 23
End of Third Nine Weeks
March 24
First Day of Spring Break (no school)
March 28
Last Day of Spring Break (no school)
March 29
Clerical Day 4 (no school)
May 30
Memorial Day (no school)
June 2
End of Fourth Nine Weeks -
Last Day for Students
June 3
Clerical Day 5 (no school)

MAKE-UP SNOW DAYS:

November 25, January 18,
March 24, February 15,
March 28

REPORT CARDS:

Grades due Nov. 2 Report Cards issued Nov. 3
Grades due Jan. 22 Report Cards issued Jan. 25
Grades due Mar 30 Report Cards issued Apr 1
Grades due June 3 Report Cards issued June 7

TEST DATES:

PSSA Eng. Lang. Arts grades 3-8: 4/11-4/16
PSSA Math grades 3-8: 4/18-4/22
PSSA Science grades 4 and 8: 4/25-4/29
Keystones—Algebra, Biology, Literature
December 2-16, January 6-20, May 16-27

Administrators & School Telephone Numbers

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(412) 828-1800 ext. 4050

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*Director of Student Achievement/
Customized Services*
Dr. Ashley Coudriet
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Technology Coordinator
Mr. Robert Rizzo
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TENTH STREET ELEMENTARY

(Grades K-6)
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VERNER ELEMENTARY

(Grades K-6)
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