

Riverview

2021-2022

Reporter

SERVING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITIES OF VERONA & OAKMONT, PENNSYLVANIA

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

August 26, 2021

VERNER & TENTH STREET

Grades K-6

Classes Begin 8:30 AM

Classes Dismissed 3:05 PM

HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 7-12

First Period Begins. 7:40 AM

Dismissal. 2:22 PM

FORBES ROAD

Classes Begin

August 23, 2021



In what was arguably the most difficult year in the history of public education, Riverview stood firm against relentless adversity to end the 2020-21 school year with success and hope for the future.

Thanks to supportive parents, passionate educators and curious students, we successfully navigated the challenging hybrid system while providing programs and services many doubted would be feasible amid a pandemic.

Despite these odds, we staged numerous student programs and events including a safe and successful student musical, a beautiful prom for our upperclassmen and an in-person graduation ceremony that celebrated our immensely talented and prepared senior class before their loved ones.

We now enter Riverview's 50th anniversary with battle scars that have made us stronger and more resilient than ever. All year long, we will be commemorating a half-century of incredible achievement in our Riverview communities of Verona and Oakmont. We cannot wait to have our students back in our classrooms "live and in person!"

Go Raiders!

Dr. Neil English, Superintendent



2021 STATE OF THE DISTRICT

Each summer, the Riverview School District provides the community with an annual State of the District Report. The report includes updates on the status of current educational programs and financial resources. Residents are encouraged to visit the District website to review the detailed report. The report will be out later this summer and can be found on the "Superintendent" and "School Board" tabs.

DISTRICT WEBSITE

www.rsd.k12.pa.us

Our website serves as our primary communication tool. We encourage people to visit the site often!

ON FACEBOOK?

So are we! Check us out at <https://facebook.com/whatsnewatriverview/>

WHAT'S NEW AT RIVERVIEW?

If you would like to receive email updates about school happenings, please email your contact information to:

whatsnewatriverview@rsd.k12.pa.us.

TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS

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

NEW TO THE DISTRICT?

Welcome! We are honored to meet the educational needs of your child. Please contact the secretary at the school where your child will attend for assistance. Important enrollment documents can be found at www.rsd.k12.pa.us.

Did you know that...

- US News & World Report ranks Riverview Jr.-Sr. High among top 100 High Schools in Pennsylvania (#98) for 2021
- Pittsburgh Business Times recognizes Riverview as an Overachieving School District
- The Riverview Model United Nations team had one of its most successful seasons ever. Students placed first in numerous categories during meets at Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh
- 17 Riverview students competed at the National History Day state finals
- Riverview is a designated Live Well Allegheny School District
- Riverview has been named a Best Community for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants
- Students were recognized at the Board level for:
 - * Musical achievement
 - * Community service for homeless population
 - * Student Awards: NHSCA All-American, National Honor Society
 - * Drives for local food banks
- There were many athletic accomplishments throughout the 2020-2021 school year, including:
 - * Varsity Golf - WPIAL Playoffs Qualifiers
 - * Girls Cross Country - Qualified for WPIAL Championships, Top 10 Finish
 - * Boys Cross Country - Section Champs, Qualified for WPIAL Championships, 2nd Place Finish
 - * Girls Varsity Basketball - WPIAL Playoffs Qualifiers
 - * Boys Varsity Basketball - WPIAL Playoffs Qualifiers
 - * Boys Varsity Track - Section Champions, 3200M Relay - WPIAL
 - * Girls Varsity Track - WPIAL Playoffs Qualifiers
 - * Varsity Baseball - WPIAL 1A Runner Up, PIAA Playoffs Qualifiers
 - * Multiple individual honors
- Verner has earned multiple Attendance Award recognitions
- Rachele Poth, RSD teacher, is a published author and released a new book, "True Story: Lessons That One Kid Taught Us," in December 2020
- Ken Kubistek, RSD teacher, was nominated for a National teacher's award from National History Day
- Riverview student athletes earned Distinguished Athletic Awards
- The District participates in many Regional STEM Partnerships
- All RSD schools earned Common Sense Media designations
- AP, SAT and ACT test scores, participation continue to increase





STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

During the 2021-2022 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 interscholastic sports. (\$90/yr.)

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

Enrollment for student accident insurance can be found on the Riverview website under the Resources tab, under Student-Family Supports/Important Links & Forms K-12 voluntary waiver.

CHIP HEALTH INSURANCE

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. More information about these programs is available at www.highmarkbcbs.com.

ACT 10 OF 1991 - ARMED FORCES

Armed Forces 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 30, 2021. Directory information can be released by the school district. Information such as a 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.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Information such as a 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 any agency, including the Armed Services. If you wish to restrict release of your child's directory information to any agency, including Armed Services, please submit your request in writing to your Building Principal.

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

All taxes are collected by:

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

Thank you for supporting our schools. Please keep in mind that it is the responsibility of the property owner to pay school taxes on time.

If you have not received a bill, or if you have paid off your mortgage this year, please contact the tax collector as soon as possible for assistance.

TIMELINE /DUE DATES:

July 2021
Tax Notices Mailed

August 31
2% Discount – if paid in full

October 31
Total Tax Amount Due

Payment Plan is available, using the following Due Dates:

- August 31
- October 31
- December 31 must be paid in full

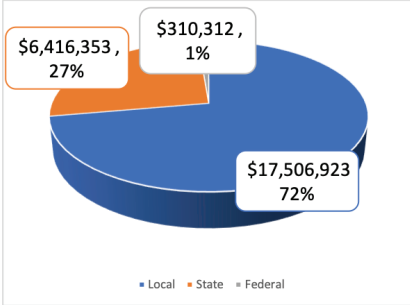
Please note:

- a 10% charge for late payments is assessed.



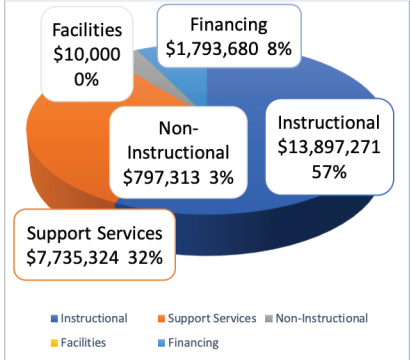
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REVENUES



Local **(72%)**
 State **(26%)**
 Federal **(1%)**

EXPENSES



Instructional **(57%)**
 Support Services **(32%)**
 Non-Instructional **(3%)**
 Facilities **(~0%)**
 Financing **(8%)**



Millage Impact on Property Owners

Budget Market Value (23.2719 Mills)

\$25,000.....	\$581.79
\$50,000.....	\$1163.60
\$100,000.....	\$2327.19
\$200,000.....	\$4654.38

TITLE I SERVICE SUMMARY - 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. David Zolkowski, Federal Programs 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.

The Verner Elementary Title I Schoolwide 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.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Dr. Christina Monroe, Director of 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 are dedicated to meeting the individual needs of all of their pupils, allowing them to reach their greatest potential.

Please contact Dr. Christina Monroe, Director of Special Education at 412-828-1800 ext. 4070 or cmonroe@rsd.k12.pa.us for more information about Special Education services in the Riverview School District.

GIVING BACK - HOW CAN WE HELP?

An ongoing goal for the Riverview School District is to instill in students a philosophy of community service. As such, all students are required to engage in planned activities that allow them to serve the community in meaningful ways and understand the importance of giving back.

If you or your organization is in need of assistance with something that our students may be able to help you with, please contact one of our school principals.

EMERGENCY & INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

Riverview uses a Notification Service to send a telephone message to student homes providing important information about school events or emergencies. Parents should make certain that all contact information is current. In an emergency it is important to keep the telephone lines open. Parents are requested NOT to call the schools and should seek updates on the district website.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Parents are invited and encouraged to communicate with Dr. Neil English to learn more about district initiatives, activities and programs.

Dr. English welcomes and encourages communication from parents and guardians. Feel free to reach out via the Superintendent page of the Riverview website.

WELLNESS COMMITTEES

The Riverview School District recognizes that student wellness and proper nutrition are related to students' physical well-being, growth and development. The District is committed to providing a school environment that promotes student wellness, proper nutrition, and regular physical activity. We are proud that each of our schools has an established Wellness Committee. We encourage participation in this program for the betterment of our students and the wider community. If you are interested, please email wellness@rsd.k12.pa.us for next steps.

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. Christina Monroe 412 828-1800 x4070.

GOLD CARDS ISSUED TO SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior citizens are reminded that complimentary "GOLD CARD ACTIVITIES PASSES" are available at the District Administration Office located at 701 Tenth Street. Passes entitle holders to free admission to most school events. To qualify, residents must be 65 or older, or retired due to a disability. We encourage you to enjoy the talents of our students and thank you for your support!



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



Please review the following important notices and board policies. Policies, in their entirety, can be found on the Riverview School District website at www.rsd.k12.pa.us.

Bully Prevention Board Policy 249

Riverview is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for students. Bullying is prohibited. Please report any signs of bullying behavior to an administrator. Anonymous reports can also be made by clicking the "Report Bullying Here" links on the District and each school's web page.

Suicide Awareness, Prevention & Response Board Policy 819

The Board is committed to protecting the health, safety, & wellness of the community.

Records Management Board Policy 800

A records management policy was adopted on June 18, 2012.

Sexual Harassment Board Policy 103.2

The District strives to provide a safe, positive climate for students and staff. Harassment in any form is not tolerated.

Volunteers Board Policy 916

The District encourages and appreciates those who volunteer in our schools. Parental and community involvement helps to support student learning. State regulations require volunteer clearances.

SAFE 2 SAY SOMETHING

To report a safety concern or observation to the school district please visit our website at www.rsd.k12.pa.us. Complete the Safe2Say Something form by clicking on the link located at the top right hand corner of the page.

2021 SENIOR CLASS AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS



Local Scholarships and Awards 2021

Fred and Sarah A. Favo Scholarship

Jakob Killmeyer

Carol Harvanek Memorial Scholarship

Matthew Frazier

Erica Ann Hower Scholarship

Tenaeja Sheffey and Zoey Metz

Regis Hughes Memorial Scholarship

Alexis Allis

MORA Scholarship

Lauren Dugan

Oakmont Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Ava Cherry

Oakmont Community Foundation Scholarship

Vincent Surra

Oakmont Garden Club Scholarship

Jakob Killmeyer and Sydney Wilson

Oakmont Historical Scholarship, in memory of Frederick R. Favo

Anthony Tominello

Oakmont Lions Club

Lauren Dugan

Oakmont-Verona Rotary Scholarship

Victoria Dietrich and Jack Migely

Nelva K. Peffer Memorial Scholarship

Mason Ochs

Riverside Women's Association Scholarship

Lauren Dugan

RAA David Anderson Sports Award

Gideon Deasy and Zoey Metz

Riverview Dance Club Award

Alyse Johnson and Zoey Metz

Riverview Education Association Scholarship

Melina Brewer, Gideon Deasy, Victoria Dietrich, Lauren Dugan, Alyse Johnson, Jakob Killmeyer, Michael Lewis, Zoey Metz, Jack Migely, Olivia Rossi, Anthony Tominello and Sydney Wilson

Riverview Education Association Scholarship - Charles Erdeljac Award for Literature, Education and Humanitarianism)

Elizabeth Shoop

Riverview Education Association Scholarship

Tenaeja Sheffey

Riverview Football Alumni Association Scholarship

Ryan Aber

Jan and Robert H. Shoop, Jr. Scholarship

Gideon Deasy

Donald F. Sucheich Memorial Scholarship:

Miya Tominello

Verona Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, in honor of Charles McKinley

Melina Brewer, Lauren Dugan, Jakob Killmeyer, Tenaeja Sheffey, Anthony Tominello and Sydney Wilson

The Woman's Club of Oakmont Scholarship

Alyse Johnson and Anthony Tominello

Curtis J. Young Memorial Scholarship

Connor Melle

VALEDICTORIAN
Sophia Bear



SALUTATORIAN
Alyse Johnson

College and University Scholarships and Awards 2021

- Carnegie Mellon University Undergraduate Grant
Gideon Deasy
- Chatham University 1869 Academic Excellence Scholarship
Sydney Wilson
- Chatham University Interview Day Award
Sydney Wilson
- Chatham University Rachel Carson Scholarship
Sydney Wilson
- Chatham University Scholarship
Alexis Sykes
- Duquesne University Academic Scholarship
Dominic Scassera
- Duquesne University Merit Scholarship
Dominic Scassera
- Duquesne University Academic Scholarship
Aidan Sebastian
- Duquesne University Horizon Award
Aidan Sebastian
- Lock Haven University Merit Scholarship
Mason Ochs
- Mercyhurst University Grant
Melina Brewer
- Mercyhurst University Herrmann Merit Scholarship
Melina Brewer
- Mercyhurst University Presidential Scholarship
Melina Brewer
- Mount Aloysius College Mercy Presidential Scholarship
Alexandria Lawson
- Mount Aloysius College Foundress Academic Excellence Award
Angela Lawson
- Mount Aloysius College Mercy Presidential Scholarship
Angela Lawson
- Ohio State University Scarlet and Gray Grant
Lauren Dugan
- Ohio University Excellence Scholar Award
Eleni Wyrick
- Ohio University Next Generation Award
Eleni Wyrick
- Ohio University Promise Award
Eleni Wyrick
- Ohio University Scripps Innovation Scholar Award
Eleni Wyrick
- Pennsylvania State University Music Performance Scholarship
Alexio Ciorra
- Pennsylvania State University Provost Award
Alexio Ciorra
- Point Park University Grant
Ava Cherry
- Point Park University Institution Grant
Ava Cherry
- Point Park University Merit Scholarship
Ava Cherry
- Point Park University Trustee Scholarship
Ava Cherry
- Point Park University Aspirant Award
Tenaaja Sheffey
- Rochester Institute of Technology Presidential Scholarship
Jack Migely
- Rochester Institute of Technology Grant
Anthony Tominello
- Rochester Institute of Technology Performing Arts Scholarship
Anthony Tominello
- Rochester Institute of Technology Presidential Scholarship
Anthony Tominello
- Rochester Institute of Technology Recognition Scholarship
Anthony Tominello
- St. Vincent College Community Scholarship
Michael Lewis
- St. Vincent College Endowed Scholarship
Michael Lewis
- St. Vincent College First Generation Scholarship
Michael Lewis
- St. Vincent College Nowicky Minority Scholarship
Michael Lewis
- St. Vincent College Pittsburgh Region Legacy Scholarship
Michael Lewis
- St. Vincent College Resident Grant
Michael Lewis
- University of Pittsburgh Success Match Grant
Jakob Killmeyer
- University of South Carolina-Columbia Merit Award
Lauren Hornsby
- Westminster College Blue and White Award
Zoey Metz
- Wheeling Jesuit University Academic Scholarship
Matthew Frazier

REVENUES

SERIES AND DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2018-2019	BUDGET 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022
6000 – Revenue From Local Sources				\$14,607,423
6111-01 – Real Estate Taxes Oakmont	13,235,462	13,818,336	14,197,669	
6111-02 – Real Estate Taxes Verona				
Homestead Exclusion (Deducted from Real Estate Taxes)				
TOTAL Real Estate Taxes	\$13,235,462	\$13,818,336	\$14,197,669	
6113-00 – Public Utility Realty	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500
6143-00 – Occupational Privilege Tax	23,000	23,000	19,000	21,000
6151-00 – Earned Income Tax	1,141,000	1,341,000	1,371,000	1,371,000
6153-00 – Real Estate Transfer Tax	160,000			
6411-01 – Delinquent Taxes Oakmont Real Estate	1,210,000	1,210,000	1,310,000	1,100,000
6411-02 – Delinquent Taxes Verona Real Estate				
6510-00 – Interest Earned on Investments	21,000	21,000	55,000	100,000
6710-00 – Athletic Events	15,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
6831-00 – IDEIA Funds	181,000	177,030	180,000	188,000
6910-00 – Rental Fees (Buildings etc.)	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
6941-00 – Tuition Payments	0	0	0	0
6990-01 – Retiree Benefits (Fund Balance)	0	0	0	0
6990-02 – Misc. Revenue	85,000	65,000	78,000	78,000
TOTAL Local Revenue	\$16,132,992	\$16,859,836	\$17,089,169	\$17,506,923
7000 – Revenue From State Sources				
7110-00 – Basic Subsidy	2,908,277	3,034,126	3,096,001	2,652,074
7112-00 – Basic Subsidy - Social Security	0	0	0	443,474
7140-00 – Charter School Subsidy	0	0	0	0
7210-00 – Homebound	0	0	0	0
7271-00 – Special Education	679,776	700,828	700,828	702,925
7290-00 – Other Subsidies (Liquid Fuels Tax)	0	0	0	0
7310-00 – Transportation	191,000	179,000	232,000	212,000
7320-00 – Debt Service Reimbursement	196,120	192,800	192,800	200,457
7330-01 – Medical Services	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
7340-00 – Homestead Exclusion	355,711	357,042	357,042	357,272
7501-00 – Accountability Block Grants	126,151	126,151	126,151	126,151
7810-00 – Social Security	360,000	390,000	365,000	0
7820-00 – Retirement	1,600,000	1,590,000	1,600,000	1,700,000
TOTAL State Revenue Sources	\$6,594,884	\$6,628,822	\$6,716,822	\$6,416,353
8000-00 – Revenue From Federal Sources				
8514-01 – Title I	212,182	185,255	210,245	186,065
8560-00 – Title V	0	0	0	0
8515-00 – Title II Class Size Reduction	36,614	37,000	37,000	29,416
8516-00 – Title III Language Instruction	731	700	700	700
8517-00 – Title IV 21st Century Schools	0	12,000	12,000	14,131
8810-00 – Medical Assistance	0	3,000	3,000	5,000
8820-00 – Medical Claims Reimbursement	100,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
TOTAL Federal Revenue Sources	\$312,955	\$337,945	\$310,312	\$310,312
GRAND TOTAL – Revenue Sources				
6000 – Local	\$16,132,992	\$16,859,836	\$17,089,169	\$17,506,923
7000 – State	\$6,282,935	\$6,594,884	\$6,628,822	\$6,416,353
8000 – Federal	\$280,340	\$349,527	\$312,955	\$310,312
GRAND TOTAL – Revenue Sources	\$23,077,403	\$23,801,613	\$24,143,936	\$24,233,588

EXPENDITURES

SERIES AND DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2018-2019	BUDGET 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022
1000 – Instruction				
1100 – Regular Instruction	9,209,630	9,709,560	9,760,842	10,613,841
1200 – Special Education/Gifted & Talented	2,573,961	3,064,310	2,830,580	2,653,145
1300 – Vocational Education	561,778	542,228	539,375	557,613
1400 – Other Instructional Programs	41,515	122,179	162,220	72,672
TOTAL 1000 – Instruction	\$12,386,884	\$13,438,277	\$13,712,847	\$13,897,271
2000 – Support Services				
2120 – Pupil Personnel - Guidance	537,324	547,119	552,940	571,081
2220 – Technology Support	590,629	525,525	549,894	554,952
2250 – Library Services	332,292	242,100	192,292	184,311
2260/70 – Instruction & Curriculum Development ..	418,208	277,503	361,357	305,485
2290 – Instruction Staff – Other	763,595	858,373	849,541	877,730
2310 – Board Services	24,000	48,700	57,000	57,000
2330 – Tax Collection	205,700	187,200	179,200	169,200
2350 – Legal	152,300	136,300	110,100	99,600
2360 – Superintendent’s Office	522,927	537,968	470,082	412,609
2380 – Principal’s Office	1,089,862	984,939	1,010,620	1,037,199
2400 – Pupil Health	169,854	166,988	157,040	158,540
2500 – Business Office	407,674	416,487	421,251	451,856
2600 – Operation & Maintenance of Plants	1,674,791	1,718,056	1,655,980	1,728,396
2700 – Student Transportation	1,102,044	1,030,000	1,057,754	1,104,011
2900 – Other Support Services	20,000	20,000	0	20,000
TOTAL 2000 – Support Services	\$8,013,200	\$7,697,258	\$7,597,636	\$7,735,324
3000 – Other Support Services – Non-Instructional				
3200 – Student Activities	698,869	668,316	787,369	745,687
3300 – Community Services	78,015	79,550	66,171	51,626
TOTAL 3000 – Other Support Svcs –Non-Instruct ..	\$776,884	\$747,866	\$853,540	\$797,313
4000 – Site Improvement				
4200 – Building Improvement	7,500	64,000	24,600	10,000
4300 – Architecture and Engineering Services	15,000	9,000	0	0
4600 – Existing Building Improvement Services.....	0	0	20,000	0
TOTAL 4000 – Site Improvement	\$22,500	\$73,000	\$44,600	\$10,000
5000 – Debt Service				
5100 – Authority Obligations/Professional Services ...	60,000	5,000	0	0
5110 – Debt Services	1,357,029	1,438,788	1,657,900	1,569,367
5130 – Prior Years Real Estate Tax Refund	65,000	65,000	75,000	75,000
5230 – Capital Projects Fund Transfer	0	600,000	0	0
5251 – Food Service Transfers	60,000	40,000	40,000	50,000
5280 – Activity Fund Transfers	6,700	6,700	0	5,700
5900 – Budget Reserve	330,000	269,724	114,996	93,613
TOTAL 5000 – Debt Service	\$1,878,729	\$2,445,212	\$1,887,896	\$1,793,680
TOTAL BUDGET	\$23,078,197	\$24,143,936	\$24,143,936	\$24,233,588

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 x3010; Tenth Street Elementary 412-828-1800 x2010; or Riverview Junior/Senior High School 412-828-1800 x1010) or the Director of Special Education at the District Central Office 412-828-1800 x4010.

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 exists 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: Dr. Christina Monroe, Director of Special Education, 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 re-evaluation, 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 Dr. Christina Monroe 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 maturity 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 maturity 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.

2021-2022 School Calendar

August 20

Induction (New Teachers Only)

August 23

ACT 80/Professional Learning (no students)

August 24

PD Day 1 (no students)

August 25

Clerical 1 Day

August 26

First Day for Students

September 6

Labor Day

October 11

Fall Break

November 1 Make-Up Days:

Clerical Day 2 (no students)

November 2

PD Day 2 (no students)

November 3

ACT 80/Parent Conferences (no students)

November 24

First Day of Thanksgiving Break (no school)

November 29

Last Day of Thanksgiving Break (no school)

December 23

First Day of Holiday Break (no school)

December 31

Last Day of Holiday Break (no school)

January 17

PD Day 3/Martin Luther King Day

January 24

Clerical Day 3

February 21

Winter Break - Presidents' Day (no school)

March 31

Clerical Day 4 (no students)

April 1

PD Day 4 (no students)

April 14

First Day of Spring Break (no school)

April 18

Last Day of Spring Break (no school)

May 30

Memorial Day

June 8

Last Day for Students (1/2 Day)

June 9

Clerical Day 5 (no students)

Make-Up Days:

February 21

April 14

April 18

REPORT CARDS:

Grades due Nov. 2 Report Cards available Nov. 6

Grades due Jan. 29 Report Cards available Feb. 1

Grades due April 1 Report Cards available April 2

Grades due June 11 Report Cards available June 12

TEST DATES:

PSSA

Eng. Lang. Arts grades 3-8: Apr. 25-29

Math & Science grades 3-8: May 2-13

KEYSTONES

Algebra, Biology, Literature

Winter Wave 1: Dec. 5-16

Winter Wave 2: Jan. 4-18, 2023

Spring: May 15-26, 2023

May 17-28, 2023

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