

R RIVERVIEW Reporter

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF VERONA & OAKMONT, PENNSYLVANIA



A message from the Superintendent

As stated in our recently published 2022-2025 strategic plan, the Riverview School District takes a **community-centered, artisan shop approach** toward educating students. We take this responsibility seriously, as evidenced by the everyday achievements of our students detailed in this issue.

Being a Raider **requires** students to engage on a whole new level! We maximize our opportunities to empower students to take advantage of a well-rounded, holistic, and personalized academic program. Our students not only compete, but **outpace** those from across the Commonwealth and the country in terms of their accomplishments in clubs, multiple sports, music, leadership opportunities, co-curricular activities and so much more. Students are visible in their communities, helping to serve the residents of Verona and Oakmont. These future leaders are ambassadors of our unique student-centered approach.

We are **Raider Proud** and excited for the 2023-2024 school year. Regardless of whether you have students in the district, please do not hesitate to reach out so we can continue to strengthen our connections to Verona and Oakmont and find ways of showcasing the talents of our young people to our communities and to the world.

Go Raiders!

Dr. Neil English
Superintendent of Schools



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: AUGUST 24, 2023

Verner & Tenth Street

Grades K-6

Classes Begin: 8:30 AM
Classes Dismissed: 3:05 PM

Jr-Sr High School

Grades 7-12

First Period Begins: 7:40 AM
Classes Dismissed: 2:22 PM

Forbes Road

Grades 10-12

Classes Begin
August 22, 2023



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 ext. 3021.

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



Board Policies

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.

**Public Participation in Board Meetings
Board Policy 903**

In order to permit fair and orderly expression of public comment, the Board shall provide an opportunity at each open meeting of the Board for residents and taxpayers to comment on matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the Board prior to official action by the Board.

The policy was revised and updated on March 21, 2022.

**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. Staff receive comprehensive training to identify changes in the mental health of students and families.

**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.



Check us out!

Facebook:
whatsnewatriverview

Twitter/X:
@RiverviewSD_

DISTRICT WEBSITE
www.rsd.k12.pa.us

FUND A SCHOLARSHIP!

The Riverview community awards thousands of dollars each year to well-deserving students. If you or anyone you know is interested in providing a one-time or annual charitable scholarship to our graduating seniors, please reach out to high school principal, Mr. Hewitt ehewitt@rsd.k12.pa.us

PHOTO/VIDEO PERMISSIONS

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?



- Pittsburgh Business Times recognizes Riverview as an Overachieving School District and the #3 Ranked Single A school in PA (#1 Single A School in Western PA)
- School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS) at Verner and Tenth Street have led to positive results at both schools
- Riverview students won the first-ever Pittsburgh Penguins "Score For Our Future" sustainability competition
- The Riverview Model United Nations shattered its previous record with a total of 56 awards in the 2022-23 school year. Several members of the Riverview Model UN Team also competed in international conferences in Rome and Toronto
- Riverview students competed at the National History Day state finals and earned numerous top placements. Two students qualified to participate in the national finals
- Student growth scores exceed state expectations and elementary schools with similar demographics
- Third grade students from Tenth Street Elementary and Verner's second graders participated in Phipps Conservatory's Fairfield Challenge this school year
- The 2023 Riverview High School Musical "Mel Brooks' Young Frankenstein" earned 6 Gene Kelly Award nominations, including Best Musical
- Tenth Street Elementary School installed a new gymnasium scoreboard thanks to the generous funding of the RAA
- Riverview welcomed a new athletic director this past school year, Mr. Corey Thomas
- There were many athletic accomplishments throughout the 2022-2023 school year, including:
 - The Riverview Track and Field program had a historic run at the PIAA state championship in Shippensburg when Amberson Bauer won the 800m run, earning gold and Riverview's first PIAA title in 10 years
 - Lola Abraham became Riverview's all-time leading scorer and top scorer this season in WPIAL girls' soccer. In Track and Field, Lola broke the Riverview 100m dash record set 20 years ago. She now holds Riverview records in three different athletic programs

4 Important Information

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

All taxes are collected by:

PA Municipal Service
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 2023
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:
Payments received after October 31 will be assessed a 10% penalty.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

During the 2023-2024 school term, student accident insurance will be handled by Dinnin and Parkins Insurance Agency (412-828-5122) through US Fire Insurance Company. 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 Pennsylvania Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) program serves 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 & DIRECTORY INFORMATION

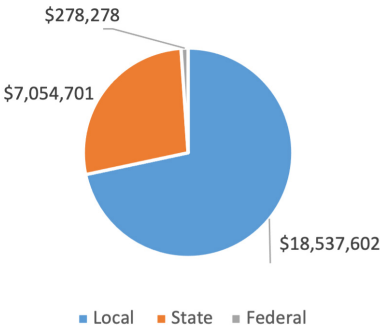
Armed Forces Act 10 of 1991 requires Superintendents to provide armed forces recruiters the same access to lists of senior students as they make available to institutions of higher education and trade schools. Information may include the prospective senior student's name, home address and telephone number. 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, 2023.

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.

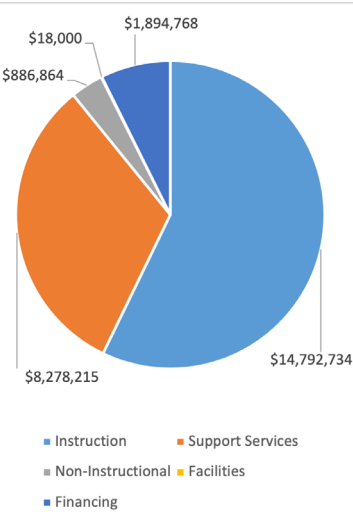
2023-2024

Revenues



Local: 71.7%
State: 27.3%
Federal: 1.1%

Expenditures



Instruction: 57.2%
Support Services: 32.0%
Non-instructional: 3.4%
Facilities: 0.1%
Financing: 7.3%

Millage Impact

Millage Impact on Property Owners

Budget Market Value
24.1409 Mills

\$25,000	\$603.52
\$50,000	\$1,207.05
\$100,000	\$2,414.09
\$200,000	\$4,828.18



TITLE I SERVICES

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 disabilities, physical challenges, emotional difficulties and giftedness. Services are provided by highly-qualified special education teachers, speech therapists, school nurses, school counselors, paraprofessionals and others with specialized training and expertise. RSD strives to provide every child with a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment. The administration and staff are dedicated to meeting the individual needs of all students, allowing them to reach their greatest potential. Please contact Dr. Christina Monroe, Director of Special Education at 412-828-1800 ext. 3021 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.

2022-23 Senior Class Awards, Scholarships and Honors

Local Scholarships and Awards

Patricia V. Black Memorial Scholarship

Taylor Billet

Fred and Sarah A. Favo Scholarship

Liam McElligott

Erica Ann Hower Scholarship

Maura Laird and Sarah Sullivan

Harry-Bennin Scholarship

Avishai Matusak

Regis Hughes Memorial Scholarship

Sarah Sullivan

MORA Scholarship

Alanna Wachocki

Oakmont Chamber of Commerce

Scholarship

Richard Calabrese

Oakmont Community Foundation
Scholarship

Nora Weitzel

Oakmont Garden Club Scholarship

Maci Orbin and Olivia Wilton

Oakmont Historical Scholarship in Memory
of Dolly Provenza

Sarah Sullivan

Oakmont Lions Club

Joseph Inzinga

Oakmont-Verona Rotary Scholarship

Joseph Inzinga and Maci Orbin

Riverside Women's Association
Scholarship

Olivia Wilton

Riverview Athletic Association David
Anderson Sports Award

Joseph Inzinga and Vincenzo Lio

Riverview Dance Club Award

**Taylor Billet, Naomi Girson, Han-
nah Harley, Kylie Longstreth, Hazel
Polesiak and Olivia Wilton**

Riverview Education Association
Community Service Scholarship

Taylor Billet

Riverview Education Association
Scholarship

Richard Calabrese, Kathleen

**Carlino, Taylor Coles, Joseph
Inzinga, Ziad Jaafar, Maura Laird,
Bella Palichat, Sarah Sullivan, Kev-
in Tomlinson, Alanna Wachocki
and Olivia Wilton**

Riverview Education Association
Scholarship

Charles Erdeljac Award for Literature,
Education and Humanitarianism

Aidan Draxinger

Riverview Education Association
Scholarship

In Memory of Ruth Alcorn

Philip Bernsdorff

Riverview Football Alumni Association
Scholarship

Kevin Tomlinson

Jan and Robert H. Shoop, Jr. Scholarship

Amberson Bauer

Donald F. Sucheich Memorial Scholarship:
Verona Volunteer Fire Department

Joseph Inzinga

Verona Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
(in Honor of Charles McKinley):

Ava Blickenderfer, Kathleen

**Carlino, Aidan Draxinger, Joseph
Inzinga, Maura Laird, David Reyn-
olds, Cameron Shane and Alanna
Wachocki**

The Christine Vilsack Memorial Scholarship
Alyssa Emanuele and Matthew

Rossi

The Trafican Family Football Scholarship
Joseph Inzinga

The Woman's Club of Oakmont Scholarship
Declan Hawk and Anna Smith

Curtis J. Young Memorial Scholarship
Liam McElligott

College & University Scholarships/Awards

Pennsylvania State University New Kens-
ington Scholarship

Jack Betler

Roanoke College Merit Scholarship



From left: Riverview Asst. Principal Dr. David Turk, Principal Eric Hewitt, Valedictorian Ziad Jaafar, Salutatorian Hazel Polesiak, and Superintendent Dr. Neil English.

Alexandria Bibza

Ohio University Honors Tutorial Scholarship

Taylor Billet

Ohio University Jeffrey M. Loewy
Scholarship

Taylor Billet

Ohio University Premier Scholarship

Taylor Billet

Ohio University Trustee Award

Taylor Billet

Point Park University Green and Gold
Award

Taylor Coles

Point Park University Founders Award

Taylor Coles

Mercyhurst University Hermann Merit
Award

Aidan Draxinger

Mercyhurst University Presidential
Scholarship

Aidan Draxinger

Southwest Regional Wrestling Committee
WPIAL District 7 Association Scholarship

Aidan Draxinger

Duquesne University Horizon Scholarship

Naomi Girson

Duquesne University Merit Scholarship

Naomi Girson

Kent State University President's
Achievement Award

Hannah Harley

Marietta College Charles Sumner Harris
Scholarship

Joseph Inzinga

Rochester Institute of Technology
Performing Arts Scholarship

Ziad Jaafar

Rochester Institute of Technology
Presidential Scholarship

Ziad Jaafar

Chatham University Trustees Merit
Scholarship

Maura Laird

Point Park University Scholarship

Liam McElligott

Kent State University President's
Achievement Award

Luke Migely

Landstar Scholarship

Maci Orbin

The Elks National Foundation Scholarship

Maci Orbin

Allegheny College NSF S-Stem
Scholarship

Bella Palichat

Allegheny College Trustee Scholarship

Bella Palichat

The Chick Evans Scholarship

Daniel Roupas

Ohio University Admission Promise Award

Anna Smith

Ohio University Excellence Scholarship

Anna Smith

Ohio University Trustee Award

Anna Smith

SERIES AND DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 20/21	BUDGET 21/22	BUDGET 22/23	BUDGET 23/24
6000 - Local Revenue				
6111-01 Current Real Estate Taxes Oakmont	14,197,669	14,607,423	15,155,752	15,866,247
6111-02 Current Real Estate Taxes Verona				
Homestead Exclusion (Deducted from Real Estate Taxes)				
TOTAL Real Estate Taxes	14,197,669	14,607,423	15,155,752	15,866,247
6113 Public Utility Realty Tax	15,500	15,500	17,000	16,099
6140 Current Act 511 Occupation Privilege Tax	21,000	21,000	21,000	18,762
6150 Current Act 511 Earn Income Tax	1,371,000	1,371,000	1,416,000	1,367,326
6411-01 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes Oakmont	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,041,168
6411-02 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes Verona				
6500 Interest Earned on Investments	100,000	100,000	-	-
6700 Athletic Events	16,000	16,000	16,000	17,000
6800 IDEIA Funds	180,000	188,000	227,000	195,000
6910 Rental Fees (Buildings etc.)	10,000	10,000	5,000	6,000
6990 Misc. Revenue	78,000	78,000	10,000	10,000
TOTAL Local Revenue	17,089,169	17,506,923	17,967,752	18,537,602
7000 - State Revenue				
7111 Basic Education Funding-Formula	3,096,001	2,652,074	2,776,250	3,020,333
7112 Basic Education Funding-Social Security	-	443,474	450,000	450,000
7140 Charter School Subsidy	-	-	-	-
7210 Homebound	-	-	-	-
7271 Special Education	700,828	702,925	724,354	769,379
7311 Pupil Transportation	200,000	190,000	190,000	160,000
7312 Nonpublic and Charter School Public Transportation	22,000	22,000	22,000	23,000
7320 Debt Service Reimbursement	192,800	200,457	201,000	187,000
7330 Health Services	22,000	22,000	22,000	20,000
7340 Homestead Exclusion	357,042	357,272	449,950	448,838
7505 Ready to Learn Block Grants	126,151	126,151	126,151	126,151
7810 State Share Social Security	400,000	-	-	-
7820 State Share Retirement	1,600,000	1,700,000	1,850,000	1,850,000
TOTAL State Revenue	6,716,822	6,416,353	6,811,705	7,054,701
8000 - Federal Revenue				
8514 Title I	210,245	186,065	186,065	186,596
8515 Title II Class Size Reduction	37,000	29,416	29,416	29,994
8516 Title III Language Instruction	700	700	700	700
8517 Title IV 21st Century Schools	12,000	14,131	14,000	14,599
8743 ESSER II - Elem and Sec School Emergency Relief	-	-	11,200	-
8744 ARP ESSER - Elem and Sec School Emergency Relief	-	-	1,183,937	23,000
8745 GEER II - Governor's Emergency Education Relief				23,389
8752 ARP ESSER Summer Programs	-	-	15,593	-
8753 ARP ESSER Afterschool Programs	-	-	15,593	-
8810 School-Based ACCESS Medicaid Reimbursement	3,000	5,000	-	-
8820 Medical Assistance Reimbursement for Admin Claiming	75,000	75,000	-	-
TOTAL Federal Revenue	337,945	310,312	1,456,504	278,278
GRAND TOTAL - Revenue Sources	24,143,936	24,233,588	26,235,961	25,870,581
6000 - Local	17,089,169	17,506,923	17,967,752	18,537,602
7000 - State	6,716,822	6,416,353	6,811,705	7,054,701
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Financials

EXPENDITURES

SERIES AND DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
1000 - Instruction				
1100 Regular Instruction	10,130,672	10,613,841	11,275,407	11,298,671
1200 Special Education/Gifted & Talented	2,830,580	2,653,145	2,716,850	2,780,553
1300 Vocational Education	589,375	557,613	561,917	650,452
1400 Other Instructional Program	162,220	72,672	75,136	63,058
TOTAL Instruction	13,712,847	13,897,271	14,629,310	14,792,734
2000 - Support Services				
2100 Pupil Personnel - Guidance	552,940	571,081	597,644	717,535
2220 Technology Support	549,896	556,552	549,640	626,819
2250 Library Services	192,292	184,311	186,357	192,590
2260/70 Instruction & Curriculum Development	361,357	305,485	405,423	403,354
2290 Instruction Staff - Other	849,541	877,730	978,829	988,283
2310 Board Services	57,000	57,000	57,000	61,564
2330 Tax Collection	179,200	170,954	169,200	169,200
2350 Legal	110,100	99,600	99,600	99,600
2360 Superintendent's Office	470,082	412,609	424,738	394,477
2380 Principal's Office	1,010,620	1,037,199	1,048,947	1,000,961
2400 Pupil Health	157,040	158,540	169,509	189,050
2500 Business Office	421,251	451,856	468,579	478,190
2600 Operation & Maintenance of Plants	1,655,980	1,728,396	1,815,176	1,869,472
2700 Student Transportation	1,057,754	1,104,011	990,226	1,067,120
2900 Other Support Services	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
TOTAL Support Services	7,645,053	7,735,324	7,980,868	8,278,215
3000 - Other Support Services - Non-Instructional				
3200 Student Activities	787,369	745,687	725,901	823,392
3300 Community Services	66,171	51,626	60,104	63,472
TOTAL Other Support Services - Non-Instructional	853,540	797,313	786,005	886,864
4000 - Site Improvement				
4200 Building Improvement	24,600	-	11,000	3,000
4300 Architecture and Engineering Services	-	-	820,000	-
4600 Existing Building Improvement Services	20,000	10,000	30,000	15,000
TOTAL 4000 Site Improvement	44,600	10,000	861,000	18,000
5000 - Debt Service				
5100 Authority Obligations/Professional Services	-	-	-	-
5110 Debt Services	1,657,900	1,569,367	1,554,770	1,566,720
5130 Prior Years Real Estate Tax Refund	75,000	75,000	130,000	130,000
5230 Capital Projects Fund Transfer	-	-	-	-
5251 Food Service Transfers	40,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
5280 Activity Fund Transfers	-	5,700	5,700	5,700
5900 Budget Reserve	114,996	93,613	238,308	142,348
TOTAL 5000 Debt Service	1,887,896	1,793,680	1,978,778	1,894,768
TOTAL BUDGET	24,143,936	24,233,588	26,235,961	25,870,581

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 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, Preschool Early Intervention, 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, Preschool Early Intervention, 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 (IP), 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 pre-hearing 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 FERA violation, contact FPCO at: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327). In order to access the final regulations online please visit: www.feder-alregister.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.

2023-24 School Calendar

August 18
Induction, New Teachers Only
August 21
ACT 80/Professional Learning Day 1 (no students)
August 22
PD Day 2 (no students)
August 23
Clerical Day 1 (no students)
August 24
First Day for Students
September 4
Labor Day (no school)
October 9
Fall Break (no school)
October 30
½ Day Clerical, ½ PD (no students)
November 6
ACT 80/Parent Conferences K-12 (no students)

Important Dates
PSSA
Eng. Lang. Arts grades 3-8: April 22-26
Math grades 3-8: April 29-May 3
Science grades 4 and 8: April 29-May 3
Keystones—Algebra, Biology, Literature
Winter 1—December 4-15 **Winter 2**—January 3-17
Spring—May 13-24

November 7
PD Day 3
November 22
First Day of Thanksgiving Break (no school)
November 27
Last Day of Thanksgiving Break (no school)
December 25
First Day of Winter Break (no school)
January 2
Last Day of Winter Break (no school)/
PD Day 4
January 15
Martin Luther King Day (no students)
January 22
Clerical Day 3 (no students)
February 19
Winter Break (no school)

Possible Make-Up Days

*One day a year will be reserved for a traditional snow day. If utilized, this day will be made up on **March 28, 2024**. All other inclement weather days will commence in a virtual learning setting.*

February 20
PD Day 5
March 28
First Day of Spring Break (no school - snow make up)
April 1
Last Day of Spring Break (no school)
April 2
PD Day 6 (no students)
April 3
½ Day Clerical, ½ PD (no students)
May 27
Memorial Day (no school)
June 6
Last Day for Students (½ Day) - Bump Up Day
June 7
Clerical Day 5 (no students)

End of Grading Periods:
October 27, January 19, March 27, June 6

Graduation Thursday, June 6, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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