

Riverview High School

Student Handbook

2025-2026



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WELCOME

Dear Students,

Welcome to Riverview High School. Whether you are new to our building or have previously attended we hope you will find Riverview High School to be welcoming and memorable. As a Ram we hope you take pride in your school and its environment. It is important that you take responsibility for reading this handbook so that you are ready for the first day of school. As you read, you will have a clear understanding of our expectations and what services and benefits you may expect from our school.

Sincerely, Principal Erin Haughey







SCHOOL MISSION AND VISION

MISSION: Riverview High School is “Committed to developing skills and behaviors for student success.”

VISION: Riverview High School is committed to meeting its mission by:

1. Offering programs and services that support the learning, interests, and personal goals of all our students. We believe there are many paths to success and happiness.
2. Operating in an environment that expects and promotes our RAM 4 values. Our values are shared by our students, staff, and families and permeate throughout our campus and programs.

PHILOSOPHY: These rights apply to all humans – students and staff – throughout the entire school day, including to and from the school’s property.

-  The right to develop one’s own personality (so long as it does not interfere with the rights of others) without disrespectful criticism or pressure from cliques.
-  Freedom from physical abuse and mental abuse such as name calling, intimidation, or harassment.
-  Freedom from being set apart or mocked because of race, religion, physical strength, size, features, friendship groups, age, culture, handicap, financial status, clothing, classroom performance, or any other reason.
-  The right to privacy and freedom from being harassed in the classroom; the right to be treated respectfully.
-  The right to an education means that teachers are free to teach, and students are free to learn without being interrupted by inconsiderate or unruly students.
-  The right to respect personal and school property. Our school is a safe place for property as well as people.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DUTIES</u>	<u>OFFICE #</u>
Erin Haughey	Principal	English/Reading	1-104
Kathy Wilks	Assistant Principal	Curriculum, Math	5-331
Jay Lorenz	Assistant Principal	Administration, Athletics, Arts	5-231
Ashley Hernandez	Assistant Principal	IB, Science, Cysis, Student Alpha (IB), A-B	5-307
Josh Grant	Assistant Principal	World Language, CTE, Student Alpha C-K	5-131
Dennis Pinna	Assistant Principal	Social Studies, ESOL, Student Alpha L-R	5-207
Troy Thompson	Assistant Principal	ESE, Student Alpha (ESE), S-Z	1-111

STUDENT SERVICES TEAM– School Counselors, Registrars, Liaisons

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DUTIES</u>	<u>OFFICE #</u>
Carla Mueller	Counselor	A-De	5-131
Kimberly Wiery	Counselor	Di-J	5-131
Kristen McMahon	Counselor	K-O	5-207
Katherine Borriello	Counselor	P-R, IBCP	5-231
Kathryn Sperber	Counselor	S-Z	5-207
Carla Harding	Counselor	IBDP, A-L	5-331
Rose Beach	Counselor	IBDP, M-Z	5-331
Paige Phelps	Counselor	504 Coordinator	5-231
Blanca Lepow	Registrar	Enrollment, Withdrawal	1-138
Tina Asadorian	Registrar	Cysis Enrollment, FTE	1-139
Kim Belli	ESE Instructional Facilitator		1-110
Heather Miller	ESE Instructional Facilitator		1-112
David Zaehler	Behavior Coach		1-130
Kim Wortz	Psychologist		1-109

Guidance services are available for all enrolled Riverview students. Please request appointments to meet with your counselor. Services include assistance with educational planning, goal setting, career and college advisement, educational interpretation, social concerns, and/or personal issues. Guidance counselors and administrators are organized primarily by the student's last name.

CHAPTER 1: SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES/PROCEDURES

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Students may possess an electronic device at schools, however according to Florida law and SCS Board Policy, students may not use such devices during instructional time except when expressly directed by a teacher solely for educational purposes. Teachers shall designate an area for such devices during instructional time. The School Board is not responsible for preventing theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to electronic devices or technology brought onto its property or vehicles or used during or for a school-related purpose. [Refer to Sarasota County School Board Policy 5.38.](#) The regulation of electronic devices and other technology shall always be consistent with state and federal law.

- Students may not use any electronic devices, including headphones or other technology during school, on school vehicles or property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view websites that are otherwise blocked to students at the school. Students may never use School Board devices or technology to do so, regardless of location. In exceptional circumstances, with permission from a supervising school district employee, a student may use an electronic device or technology for communication.
- Students may not possess any electronic device or other technology during testing, unless explicit authorization is given, regardless of the student's location during the testing or who owns the device, even if the device or technology is turned off or the student does not use it. Violation of this rule will result in the student's test being invalidated.
- If an electronic device or technology disrupts a class or students, for example by ringing, flashing, or vibrating, the student possessing the device or technology will be subject to disciplinary action. Any student who uses an electronic device or technology in a manner that materially disrupts classwork or involves substantial disorder or the invasion of the rights of others, including by threatening, bullying, harassing, discriminating against, or intimidating another student or district staff member through email, social network posting, or other electronic messages or technology, also will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the school administration.
- Personally owned electronic devices and technology used in violation of school rules will be confiscated and returned to the student's parent or guardian.

TECHNOLOGY USE: Technology and electronic devices are an integral part of a student's educational experience and must be used in a way that is consistent with the goals of Sarasota County Schools' acceptable use policy and [Social Media guidelines](#) consistent with state and federal law, regardless of who owns the device or technology. Technology includes, but is not limited to computers, smartphones, smart devices, other electronic devices, software, e-mail, the Internet, other network resources, cell phones, and cameras. Student's use of technology is a privilege; students are responsible for using technology appropriately. This includes the use of school district equipment away from school grounds.

The following are also inappropriate and/or illegal uses of technology:

- Accessing social media platforms using internet access provided by the school district, except when expressly directed by a teacher solely for educational purposes, [per Board Policy](#).
- Using the TikTok platform or any successor platform on district-owned devices, through internet provided by the school district, or as a platform to communicate or promote any district school sponsored club, extracurricular organization, or athletic team, [per Board Policy](#).
- Transmission of any material in violation of federal, state, or local law, or School Board policy, regulation, or Code of Student Conduct while using a School Board-owned device or technology, during school, while on school property or vehicles, while using School Board networks, or during school-sponsored activities. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted material; threatening, obscene, or pornographic material; vandalizing data, test questions and/or answers; student work products; trade secrets; and computer viruses, “worms” or “trojans.”
- Utilizing technology for commercial activities while using a School Board-owned device or technology, during school, while on school property or vehicles, while using School Board networks, or during school-sponsored activities, unless explicitly permitted by the School Board or its designee.
- Downloading and/or printing music, games, images, words, videos or inappropriate files or content while using a School Board-owned device or technology, during school, while on school property or vehicles, while using School Board networks, or during school-sponsored activities.
- Modifying the original pre-set software or hardware on any School Board-owned technology or device, including, but not limited to loading software applications not authorized by the school board; changing the computer name; changing or removing operating system and extensions; altering security/filtering software; altering the pre-loaded operating system or application; or taking apart the computer for access to internal parts, accessing or altering password.
- Using applications (apps) including video conferencing, social media, chats, e-mail, instant messaging, web pages, or other technology or communication operations in a manner that materially disrupts classwork or involves substantial disorder or the invasion of the rights of others.
- Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to the School Board’s network or non-School Board, computer servers, or data files.
- Using profanity, obscenity, discussing drugs, or using other languages which may be offensive to another user, or reposting and copying personal communications without the author’s prior consent, while using a School Board-owned device or technology, during school, while on school property or vehicles, while using School Board networks, or during school-sponsored activities.
- Attempting to log on to the district’s network using another person’s identity.
- Bypassing or attempting to bypass the district’s filtering software, including the use of proxies or VPNs.
- Using computers, networks, and online telecommunication systems in a manner that materially disrupts classwork or involves substantial disorder or the invasion of rights of others, including but not limited to engaging in plagiarism, reproduction of state- or teacher- made tests, textbooks, teaching materials, non-authored text, cheating and theft of ideas.
- Accessing, posting, or recording distributing offensive, threatening, bullying, harassing, obscene, inflammatory, or pornographic material while using a School Board-owned device or technology, during school, while on school property or vehicles, while using School Board networks, during school-sponsored activities, or while off-campus in a manner that materially disrupts classwork or involves substantial disorder or the invasion of rights of others.

- Using network access to destroy information that belongs to others.
- Copying software or other copyright-protected materials in violation of copyright laws.
- Using the School Board network, technology, or devices for any illegal activity or private business purposes or accessing inappropriate Internet sites including social media applications (apps).
- “Hacking” into the school’s computer systems or unauthorized modification of computer settings. These acts will be considered vandalism and disruption of a school function and will be treated as such.
- Using technology to threaten, harass or bully other students or staff while using a School Board-owned device or technology, during school, while on school property or vehicles, while using School Board networks, during school-sponsored activities, or while off- campus in a manner that materially disrupts classwork or involves substantial disorder or the invasion of rights of others.
- Using a School Board computer, applications (apps), tablets, electronic devices, video, camera, technology, network, or program in any manner other than for appropriate educational purposes, without explicit authorization.
- Students should have no expectation of privacy either when using school district computer equipment or network services as activities, files, and transmissions are being logged and monitored as appropriate.

Violations will result in serious disciplinary actions, which may include an arrest if any criminal law is broken. Examples of such violations would be computer hacking or trespassing, harassment, or threats via computer or computer fraud.

DISCRIMINATION/HARRASSMENT/BULLYING

Students have a RIGHT to:

- Attend school in an environment where all students and adults are treated equally, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.
- Attend school in an environment free from discrimination, hostility, bullying and/or harassment, including sexual harassment or when based on another protected classification.

Students have a RESPONSIBILITY to:

- Treat others fairly and with respect.
- Conduct themselves and their activities in such a manner that they treat others equally on account of race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, age, disability, veteran or military status, marital status, pregnancy, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by federal or state law or School Board policy.

Conduct that constitutes bullying and harassment, as defined herein, **is prohibited**. The district upholds that bullying or harassment of any student or school employee is prohibited as follows:

- During any education program or activity conducted by a public K-12 educational institution.
- During any school-related or school-sponsored program or activity.
- On school bus or other transportation of or provided by a public K-12 educational institution; or
- Using data or computer software that is accessed through a computer, computer system, or

computer network of a public K-12 educational institution.

- In any other context permitted by state and federal law or when it involves speech or conduct that materially disrupts classwork or involves substantial disorder or invasion of the rights of others.

Incidents of bullying or harassment **shall be reported** to the school's administration as per School Board Policies [2.70](#), [2.71](#), [2.71a](#), [2.72](#). The principal or principal's designee will investigate all reports of bullying that have been deemed a violation of the policy pursuant to the steps outlined in [2.70](#), [2.71](#), [2.71a](#), [2.72](#).

A maximum of ten (15) school days shall be the limit from the initial filing of incidents to the completion of the investigative procedural steps. The highest level of confidentiality possible will be upheld regarding the submission of a complaint or a report of bullying and/or harassment and the investigative procedures that follow. Consequences and appropriate remedial action for students who commit acts of bullying or harassment may range from positive behavioral interventions up to and including suspension or expulsion, as outlined in the Code of Student Conduct. School staff will put in place appropriate measures, such as a safety plan to ensure safe re-entry into the school setting after a substantiated bullying or harassment event. Safety plans include monitoring interventions put in place to prevent further acts of bullying or harassment.

CONDUCT OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL (BULLYING/HARASSMENT): The District's Bullying and Harassment Policies [2.70](#) and [2.71](#) "applies to all members of the district community and to all forms of discrimination and harassment committed by or against a member of the district community when the conduct occurs:

1. On school property, or
 2. During or in relation to a school-sponsored program or activity regardless of location.
- The district may also address discrimination and harassment that occurs outside of the school-sponsored program or activity but has continuing adverse effects within those programs or activities, including by providing supportive measures to address the safety of students and employees.

Please refer to the Human Resources web page for more information regarding the reporting of discrimination or harassment at: <https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/o/scs/page/hotlines>.

STUDENT SEARCH AND SEIZURE/ DETAIN

- **School principal or principal's designee** may search students reasonably suspected of being in possession of contraband or other prohibited items while on school district property or wherever students are under the official supervision of district employees, such as on field trips, at extracurricular activities, or while being transported to and from such places either by school bus, by approved drivers, or by other means of conveyance. [F.S.1006.9](#).
- **School principal or principal's designee may conduct** a search of a student, a student's possessions, a student's locker, or any other storage area on school property without a warrant when school personnel have reasonable suspicion that illegal, prohibited, or harmful items or substances, or stolen property, may be concealed on a student's person or in a storage area.
- **School principal or principal's designee** will attempt to obtain consent from a student to

search for illegal, prohibited, harmful items or substances, or stolen property, but may proceed with a search without a student's consent, upon reasonable suspicion of a prohibited or illegally possessed substance or object.

- This subsection does not prohibit the use of metal detectors or specially trained animals during a search for illegally possessed substances or objects. [See School Board Policy 5.31](#).
- An instructional or administrative staff member is authorized to temporarily detain a student when there is reasonable suspicion that the student has violated a school board policy. This authority permits appropriate search procedures by administrative staff or designees, including searches of vehicles parked on school campuses, and supervised canine searches of student lockers, vehicles, purses, shoes, socks, pockets, backpacks, or other storage areas, the use of metal detectors and the seizure of suspect items. [See School Board Policy 5.31](#).

OPEN GATE/METAL DETECTORS

Every student, parent, and visitor will go through the Open Gate weapons detection system. The Open Gate system is a weapons detection system so it will not pick up cell phones, keys, jewelry, wallets, etc. However, if a student has a laptop or tablet or musical instrument, it will need to be handed to the staff member at that station before going through the system.

- If a student goes through the system and it goes off, the student will hand his/her backpack to the staff member at the station and then walk through the system again before going to a table for the staff member to look in their bag. Please note if a student has more than three 3 ring binders and/or spiral notebooks in their bag, it will set off the system. If students can keep their binders and/or notebooks in the classroom (or at home), please let students.
- Metal detectors may also be used as a part of a search for prohibited articles in the event a staff member has reasonable suspicion to conduct a student search.
- Please be mindful when packing your backpack. If the detector turns red, your backpacks and personal items will be searched.

Items that commonly set off the system:

Laptops	Instruments	Steel toed boots
3 Ring Binder	Tin Can (like Altoid cans)	Battery Graphing Calculators
Umbrellas	Makeup mirrors or clutches	Metal Water Bottles

Click this link: [Open Gate Infographic](#) for more information

BUS TRANSPORTATION PRIVILEGES

In Sarasota County, we seek to provide a safe and effective transportation program for students that ride the school bus. Students, parents, and guardians must be aware that the school bus program is a privilege. As such student misconduct can result in the revoking of the bus privilege.

Per state statute 1006.09: *“The principal or the principal’s designee may suspend any student transported to or from school at public expense from the privilege of riding on a school bus for violation of district school board transportation policies, which shall include a policy regarding behavior at school bus stops, and the principal or the principal’s designee shall give notice in writing to the students parent and to the district school superintendent within 24 hours.”*

Please be aware that when a student’s behavior on the school bus meets any of the following criteria, they may be suspended from the school bus in accordance with [F.S. 1006.09 \(9\)](#)

- Disobedient
- Disrespectful
- Violent
- Abusive
- Uncontrollable
- Disruptive

Students with Disabilities or Students with Section 504 plans may be suspended per district procedures. The removals count toward IDEA’s ten-day limit of removals from school if the parent or their designee is unable to bring the student to school during a bus suspension, regardless of the student having specialized transportation as a related service or not. Schools are required to adhere to procedures for Manifestation Determination Hearings should a student exceed ten days of combined out of school suspension, in school suspension without services provided, and bus suspension resulting in a student’s absence.

Please follow this link: [SCSB Bus Procedures](#) for all policies and procedures pertaining to bus transportation.

DISCIPLINE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Actions and behaviors by students may result in disciplinary office referrals being written. Riverview High School believes restorative actions and consequences need to be in place for students who behave in ways which take away from the learning environment.

Riverview also believes in progressive discipline for similar behavior patterns. All incidents are looked at in totality and within the situation's context when determining consequences and/or restorative actions. [The Code of Student Conduct](#) is set up to ensure that Principals and the Principal designee are consistent with administering discipline and interventions for infractions of the Code of Student Conduct.

In the event a parent does not agree with the disciplinary consequences from an Assistant Principal they may appeal the discipline to the Assistant Principal of Administration. This appeal will not dictate whether the behavior occurred but rather the level of the discipline given in the situation, unless disregard to details from the Assistant Principal is found.

[The Code of Student Conduct](#) outlines Sarasota County Schools implementation of school board policies and statutes to guide the best practices regarding student behavior. Student behaviors that violate the Code of Student Conduct are on a scale from a minor infraction (level 1) to a severe Zero Tolerance infraction (Level 4). All student behaviors are aligned with the district's discipline policy, from least severe (Level 1) to most severe (Level 4).

The range of consequences for each offense appears in the **Behaviors and Consequences Chart on pages 30-55** in [The Code of Student Conduct](#).

Please review all discipline policies and procedures in [The Code of Student Conduct](#).

PROHIBITION OF WEAPONS

No student, while on school property, school transportation, or in attendance at a school- sponsored function, shall be in the possession of any article prohibited by law or rules of the district/school, or any article which could reasonably be considered as a weapon. Any student who brings a weapon may be expelled from the regular school for not less than one year and referred to law enforcement or the juvenile justice system for criminal prosecution.

Violations include, but are not limited to firearms, explosive devices, or other weapons as defined by Chapter 790, Florida Statutes the possession, sale, distribution, display, transfer or use of any firearm, explosive device, or other weapons, whether operable or inoperable, loaded or unloaded.

Examples include guns, BB pistols, firecrackers, bullets, facsimile guns, smoke bombs or shock devices, etc. Violations also include the possession of any object or material deliberately used to damage property, intended for use or that may be used to inflict harm or intimidate any person. This includes the possession of a knife of any size or length, a box cutter or any other sharp object, mace, pepper spray or any aerosol chemical propellant.

Weapons Possession as defined by SESIR Reporting guidelines and as contemplated by F.S. 790.001 (6) and (13), Possession of a firearm or any instrument or object as defined by F.S. 790.001 (6) and (13), that can inflict serious harm on another person or that can place a person in reasonable fear of serious harm.

Examples:

- Student or other possessing a firearm or knife.
- Student or other wielding a knife, pocketknife, or other sharp or pointed implement as a weapon.

PROHIBITION OF DRUGS/ALCOHOL:

No student, while on school property or school transportation, or in attendance at a school- sponsored function, shall possess, use, store, sell, distribute or be under the influence of any substance (Including alcohol) and defined as a controlled substance under state or federal law, regardless of whether prescribed or authorized.

These include, but are not limited to, marijuana, hallucinogens, inhalants, or any substance which requires a physician's prescription or authorization, or any substance, synthetic or otherwise, designed to create a sense of euphoria or intoxication, or any substance represented by or that mimics or imitates an illegal or controlled substance, such as "designer drugs."

No student, while on school property, school transportation, or in attendance at a school-sponsored function, shall possess, use, store, sell or distribute any equipment or device for the purpose of preparing, measuring, or using controlled substances, "designer drugs", or other unauthorized or drugs. These include, but are not limited to, items listed in F.S. 499.005, and items that may be determined to be drug paraphernalia or electronic cigarettes under the criteria set out in Florida Statutes and/or school/ [School Board Policy 5.322](#).

SESIR defines drug use as the use or possession of any drug, narcotic, controlled substance, or any substance when used for chemical intoxication. "Use" means the person is caught in the act of using, admits using or is discovered to have used during an investigation.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Riverview High School students have choices when expressing themselves through their dress and appearance. To best prepare students for success beyond high school, it is a student's responsibility to follow the expectations for appropriate clothing and appearance while on school grounds during regular school hours.

The Sarasota County School Board has established a reasonable dress code for the school setting. We appreciate you supporting our mission to provide a learning environment that empowers students to be respectful and responsible citizens.

STUDENT ID'S: Students are REQUIRED to wear IDs while on the campus of Riverview High School. Student IDs are issued at orientation at the beginning of the year. IDs are also issued from Jimmy Ford in 5-207 after orientation.

- If students do not come to school with their ID's, they will be issued a new ID and charged \$5 to their school account.
- Students must always wear IDs while on campus from 7:00-3:30.
- Students are expected to scan IDs for school transportation, purchasing items in the cafeteria, and checking out at the media center.

Students have a RIGHT to:

- Wear appropriate clothes or the school uniform, if those clothes or the way the clothes are worn are appropriate for the school setting, adhere to the school dress code, are not dangerous to health or safety, and do not disrupt the learning environment.
- Learn without disruption to the school or classroom environment.

Students have a RESPONSIBILITY to:

- Comply with the school dress code.
- Always wear their current/valid student ID (visible).
- Be respectful of their peers regardless of what they are wearing.
- Come to school fully clothed and wear clothes which are not dangerous to health or safety, do not disrupt the learning process, and stay within the school dress code.

Dress in a way not offensive to others at school or at school-sponsored events, including, but not limited to:

- exposed undergarments
- jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants worn below the hips
- jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants with rips above the mid-thigh
- excessively short skirts, shorts, or dresses that at any time expose underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner
- pajamas or slippers excessively low-cut tops
- see-through clothing (includes mesh material mid-thigh and above) clothing of an ethnic or racially offensive nature

- items or markings which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs; as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990.
- items which encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons, or support discrimination on account of race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, age, disability, veteran or military status, marital status, pregnancy, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by federal or state law or School Board policy.
- Clothing must cover the mid-riff when standing naturally
- Sleeveless shirts must have straps with a minimum width of one inch (about two fingers) and the gap below the armpit cannot be excessive of three inches (about four fingers)

The Sarasota County School District has established procedural guidelines for student dress, in accordance with [School Board Policy 5.37](#).

The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress will be final. Refusal to comply with the school's dress code policy is an infraction under this code.

Visit this link: [SCSB Dress Code Guidelines](#) for an infographic regarding the Sarasota County School Board dress code guidelines.

CHAPTER 2: RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL POLICIES/PROCEDURES

LEAVING CLASS DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME:

To leave the classroom during instructional time, students must:

- Follow the teacher's procedure for leaving their classroom.
- Sign out on the staff members iPad.
- Be WEARING their school ID when leaving class during instruction.
- Be in possession of the teacher's hall pass lanyard. Each building will have different color lanyards indicating which classroom you are coming from.
- Students may not leave for the bathroom during the first 5 minutes and last 5 minutes of class.
- Students going to the clinic will also need to be signed out on the iPad.
- If students are found without BOTH lanyards, they must return to class immediately to retrieve the lanyards.
- Students found out of area and/or skipping class, they will be escorted to the in-school suspension room.
- Students should not be gone from the classroom for more than 5-7 minutes. Security will be called if they have not returned within that timeframe. Students who abuse time out of the classroom will be placed on **Pass Restriction** by their administrator.

LUNCH

Riverview High School is a **closed** campus. This means all students remain on campus during the school day. Students may NOT eat in the courtyard or in the hallways. Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria or on the outdoor patio.

Students wishing to eat lunch with a designated teacher will need to get a laminated hall pass from the teacher and be ready to show it to security in the hallways every day.

Students are expected to clean up after themselves and leave no trash on their tables. If students continue to leave trash or throw food, the administrator who is in that lunch period will assign lunch detentions or further discipline if repetitive.

Students who leave campus are subject to discipline including, but not limited to suspension. Each student shall have 30 minutes for lunch.

Due to long-standing regulations established by the National School Lunch Program and the Sarasota County School District, **the only food that may be purchased on school campuses by students, parents, or guardians is food that is sold in school cafeterias or other authorized locations on campus. The school will not accept Door Dash (Uber Eats, Grub Hub, Etc.) deliveries for students during school hours. Food delivery purchases may not be made by students or families on school campuses until at least 30 minutes after the end of the school day.**

Riverview High School Parking Policy (2025-2026)

Parking at Riverview High School (RHS) is a privilege, not a right. All vehicles must be properly registered and insured. Please review the following parking procedures with your parents or guardian.

These policies will be strictly enforced, and violations may result in serious consequences.

Parking Eligibility and Guidelines

- Students must have a valid 2025-2026 parking pass before parking on campus.
- Parking passes are available only to RHS juniors and seniors.
- Parking in unauthorized areas (visitor, teacher, or admin lots) will result in fines and disciplinary action.
- Parking fines and referrals will be reported to RHS administration and added to student obligations. An email will be sent to both student and parent to be made aware of the infraction. Students have two weeks to pay their obligation, or their parking pass will be suspended or revoked.

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Consequence</u>
1st Violation	Warning
2nd Violation	\$20 fine added to student obligations
3rd Violation	\$30 fine added to student obligations
4th Violation	Revocation of parking pass

Parking Lot Rules and Regulations

- The parking lot is an unauthorized area during the school day. Student may not return to their vehicles for any reason (no exceptions).
- Upon arrival to school, students must exit their vehicles immediately and report to their designated area.
- Leaving campus with being signed out by a parent may result in the revocation of the parking pass and additional consequences.
- Creating or using a fake, duplicated, or a parking pass from a previous year, will immediately go to the 3rd violation fine (\$30) and/or possible loss of future parking privileges.
- Lost or misplaced tags will incur a \$10 replacement fee per instance.
- Tags are non-transferable. If you withdraw from RHS or switch to a full online schedule, you must return your tag to 5-131.
- When a senior graduates, that pass cannot be transferred to a younger sibling or friend. If a student is caught with another student's pass, that student will be fined and/or may not be allowed to purchase a parking pass the following year.
- Tags must be clearly displayed on the rear-view mirror. Improper display may result in a fine.
- If you change vehicle, you must submit updated documentation to administration within one week.
- All state and local laws apply while on campus.
- Students with revoked or denied parking privileges will not receive temporary permits.
- RHS is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items in vehicles. Keep your vehicle always locked.

- Students enrolled via School Choice are not guaranteed a parking spot.
- Report all on-campus accidents to your administrator and School Resource Officer (SRO).
- RHS administration reserves the right to adjust parking regulations as needed.

Parking Fines and/or Suspension or Revocation of Parking Privileges

- Parking without a valid parking permit.
- Failure to display the parking pass appropriately.
- Students with a parking permit who are chronically late to school or absent from first period.
- Being in the parking lot or vehicle during school hours without authorization
- Transferring or receiving a parking tag illegally.
- Parking in unauthorized areas
- Exceeding the 5 MPH speed limit or driving recklessly on or near campus.
- Displaying inappropriate content on your vehicle.
- Playing loud or disruptive music on campus.
- Leaving campus without proper dismissal procedures.

Riverview High School Attendance Procedures

Students have a RESPONSIBILITY to:

- Attend classes daily and be on time.
- Provide notification from a parent/guardian when absent.
- Abide by school bus rules and regulations.
- Request make-up assignments from teachers upon their return to school after an absence and to complete this work within a reasonable length of time, as specified in school and district attendance procedures and the Student Progression Plan.

Absence Procedure

- Absence notes must be submitted through FOCUS within 3 days of the absence.
- Notes must include:
 - o Student's full name
 - o Date of absence
 - o Reason for absence (including medical documentation)
- Handwritten or emailed absence notes will not be accepted.

Pre-Arranged Multi-Day Absence Procedure

- Parent/guardian must email a request to: 0181-attendance@sarasotacountyschools.net and the

student's administrator.

- Email must include:
 - Student's full name
 - Dates of absence
 - Reason for absence (including any documentation)
- Unless it is an emergency, this email must be sent at least one week prior to the student's absences.
- Student must complete a blue passport sheet (available in the attendance office) with signatures from each teacher no later than 48 hours before the absence.
- Once approved by administration, attendance will be notified, and absences excused.
- Students must complete all assignments within one full calendar day for each day missed.

Acceptable Reasons for an Excused Absence

- Student illness (documented by a parent/guardian or doctor)
- Religious holiday or service
- Medical or therapeutic appointments (with documentation)
- Death or major illness in the immediate family
- Subpoena or mandatory court appearance
- School-related travel for athletics or extracurricular activities.

Unexcused Absences

- Under state law, a student with 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days is a habitual truant. The student may be treated as a child needing services, and the parent/legal guardian may be subject to criminal prosecution.
- After 15 unexcused absences within a 90-day period, student names will be reported to the Department of High Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV).
- Students who hold a Florida driver's license or learner's permit may have their privilege suspended if they accumulate excessive unexcused absences. Students who have not yet received their driver's license or learner's permit may be unable to obtain one.

Early Dismissal Procedure

- Early dismissal requests must be emailed to 0181-attendance@sarasotacountyschools.net before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the dismissal.
- The email must include:
 - Student's name
 - Date and time of dismissal
 - Reason for leaving (include medical documentation)
- This email MUST come from the parent email address listed in FOCUS.
- Before dismissal, students must visit the attendance office to receive an early dismissal pass.
- Upon dismissal, student must sign out on the iPad system.
- If the student returns to campus the same day:
 - Report to the attendance office
 - Sign in on the iPad system to your destination classroom.
- Parents may remain in their vehicles; students will meet them out front after signing out.

- Students who are not feeling well must be dismissed through the clinic.
- No dismissals after 1:45 p.m. unless previously arranged.

Tardy Procedure

- Tardy notes must be submitted through FOCUS.
- Note must include:
 - o Student's full name
 - o Date and approximate time of arrival
 - o Reason for tardy (include medical documentation if due to an appointment)
- First period begins at 7:40 a.m.
 - o Students arriving during 1st period go directly to class and sign in on the classroom iPad.
- Tardy sign-in begins during second period.
 - o Student will sign in on the iPad in attendance and go directly to class.
 - o Acceptable reasons for excused tardies follow the same rules as excused absences.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND HOMECOMING, PROM, AND/OR GRAD BASH

1. No more than **9 unexcused class day absences** per semester
 - **Student cannot have 4 or more unexcused class day absences in order to attend Homecoming.**
2. No more than 21 tardies per semester
 - **Student cannot have more 9 tardies in order to attend Homecoming.**
3. No Out of School Suspensions
4. No serious discipline referrals (SESIR events): VAPE/Tobacco, Alcohol, Drug-related, Bullying, Fighting, Harassment, Battery, etc.
5. No current Second Chance Behavior Contracts

*Each case will be reviewed by their administrator

VISITORS

A student is not allowed to bring visitors to school. Parents are always welcome and are encouraged to make an appointment for any visitations or conferences. All visitors are subject to any state laws governing the state of Florida. All visitors must immediately report to the front office.

LOST AND FOUND

Any student who finds lost articles is asked to take them to the Attendance Office where the owners can claim them.

CHAPTER 3: ACADEMICS/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Riverview has a commitment to provide quality education to all its students. To achieve this goal, students must consistently attend school.

All students are expected to be in all classes. Attendance and promptness to class is the responsibility of each student and their parents or guardians. Attending classes and being on time allows students to benefit from Riverview's programming.

Continuity in the learning process is seriously disrupted through a student's excessive absences. Students who have good attendance generally achieve higher grades, enjoy school more, and are more employable after leaving high school. The lack of good attendance causes students to achieve a level below their potential, and these students frequently experience difficulty in school.






Therefore, to ensure the highest level of student success, Riverview High School will work cooperatively with parents, guardians, and students to promote increased student attendance. This policy will be based on state attendance standards, clear and enforceable guidelines, and positive motivation for good attendance.

It is the responsibility of students to ensure that they are meeting all graduation requirements.

Failing a graduation requirement requires the student to enroll online through Sarasota Virtual Academy, FLVS.net or, when available, through the PB Program during the school day. Students, their families, and guardians are strongly encouraged to work closely with school counselors to ensure that you are maintaining a course of study that will enable you to meet all graduation requirements.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

It is very important that you select your courses carefully. For more details, please review Sarasota County School's [Student Progression Plan](#) for your child's cohort. The ONLY schedule changes that will be allowed during the FIRST week of school are the following:

-  Students who have not taken a course pre-requisite
-  Students who have missing classes
-  Students who did not get required teacher approval of a course
-  Course level placement
-  Academic overload

Click this link: [Courses to Graduate](#) for information on what courses are needed for graduation

COLLEGE DUAL ENROLLMENT

Students who meet the prerequisites may earn high school and college credit simultaneously by taking specified dual enrollment courses. Student eligibility requirements include a 3.0/3.3 unweighted grade point average and satisfactory scores on an approved placement examination.

To take a DE course on the SCF or USF campus, students must submit an SCF/USF application and test scores to the college by their designated deadline. Please consult the Guidance Pathways book on the district website under the Student/Parent tab for further details.

State College of Florida and the University of South Florida and the Sarasota County School District have an articulation agreement that permits individual high schools to establish courses, which meet state high school performance levels as well as community college standards. Upon satisfactory completion of a designated course State College of Florida or USF will award semester credit hours, which will be accepted by universities and colleges in Florida and, in many instances, institutions of higher learning outside of Florida.

Suncoast Technical College (STC) Co-ENROLLMENT Students who meet the pre-requisites may earn high school vocational credits toward graduation. Students will also earn credits toward certification in a vocational field. Students may apply to go to STC for their Junior and/or Senior year. Student eligibility requirements include a 2.0 unweighted GPA, good attendance, and passing scores on the FSA and Algebra 1 EOC. Most programs are two years in length.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

The IB Program is a two-year university preparatory course of study, encompassing the last two years of high school. The program was originally established to fulfill the high academic standards of an increasingly more mobile society, as well as to foster global tolerance. In recent years, the IB has become even more valuable regarding the shifting of international curriculum standards, enhanced skills needed for university success, and humankind's growing interdependence on one another. Because the IB Program is so rigorous, Sarasota County, like most other United States school districts, offers two years of additional study as preparation for the IB Program. Students enroll in Riverview's Preparatory IB program in grades nine and ten and then are candidates to advance to IB grades eleven and twelve.

International Baccalaureate Career-Related Programme (IBCP)

The IB Career-Related Certificate Program incorporates the vision and educational principals of IB into a unique program specifically developed for students who wish to engage in career-related learning. The program's framework is comprised of at least two IB courses alongside career-related studies of International Business, Engineering, Computer Programing, JROTC, Marine Science or Theater Arts. The program offers students the opportunity to earn college credit through the IB examination process and industry certification in their career area. Students will apply to enter the IBCP program in their Junior year.

Career and Technical Education Program sequences for IBCP

Can be started in the 9th grade. Students may take pathways in the following areas: Computer Programming, Engineering, Digital Media, Marine Science, Theatre Arts, Construction.

REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

Period 1: 7:45 – 7:47 (Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence) 7:47 – 7:50 (Announcements) 7:50 – 8:37 (47 minutes)		
Period 2: 8:41 – 9:28 (47 minutes)		
Period 3: 9:32 – 10:19 (47 minutes)		
<i>Period 4 Lunch Scenario</i>	<i>Period 5 Lunch Scenario</i>	<i>Period 6 Lunch Scenario</i>
Period 4 Lunch: 10:19 – 10:49	Period 4 Class: 10:23 – 11:10 (47 minutes)	Period 4 Class: 10:23 – 11:10 (47 minutes)
Period 5 Class: 10:53 – 11:40 (47 minutes)	Period 5 Lunch: 11:10 – 11:40	Period 5 Class: 11:14 – 12:01 (47 minutes)
Period 6 Class: 11:44 – 12:31 (47 minutes)	Period 6 Class: 11:44 – 12:31 (47 minutes)	Period 6 Lunch: 12:01 – 12:31
Period 7: 12:35 – 1:22 (47 minutes)		
Period 8: 1:26 – 2:15 (49 minutes)		

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

In keeping with the School Board rule regarding employability skills, attendance will now become part of every student's grade. Twenty percent (20%) of the grade will be based on the development of the following positive work habits: attendance, punctuality, bringing required materials, maintenance of an assignment notebook, completion of homework, appropriate dress for class, attitude of cooperation with staff and students, and time in class devoted to the appropriate task. These skills will be clearly outlined in a course Fact Sheet developed by the instructor of every course. The Fact Sheet will define teacher expectations and methods of documentation.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS / TELEPHONE

The student must inform the Registrar if a change of home address or telephone number occurs. Transportation will only bus to the official home address.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued at the end of each nine-week quarter. Report cards are distributed electronically through FOCUS.

RELEASE OF STUDENT EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

School Board policy prohibits the release of educational records (other than directory information) of a student without written consent of the parent/guardian or student if 18 years of age.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is a regular part of every class. All students are expected to complete all assignments. Students with absences will have the same number of days absent to complete missing assignments (Example: If the student is absent for 6 school days, the student will have 6 school days to complete their missing assignments beginning on the first day they return to school) . This includes any students who are out of school suspended.

ATHLETICS

Student Conduct at Athletic Events: Students are expected to exhibit proper behavior at both home and away events. This includes no fighting, booing, heckling, throwing, loitering in the immediate area before or after an event. School policy prohibiting the use or possession of illegal substances such as e-cigarettes, vapes, alcohol applies at all events in which the school is involved regardless of the site. Students on out-of-school suspension may not attend any school-related activity.

Athletic/Interscholastic Activities Eligibility: To be eligible for athletics and interscholastic activities, a student must remain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in all courses taken which are required for graduation. A student's eligibility is determined after each semester (not a nine-week grading period).

Athletic Participation: Prior to participating in athletics, the Florida High School Athletic Association requires that a student must complete an athletic packet, which can be found on the website or picked up in the Athletic Department office.

Acknowledgement Form: All student-athletes and parents must sign an acknowledgement form from the Student-Athlete Handbook. Students will be given the form on the first day of practice and will have 3 days to turn in the signed form. If students do not turn in the completed form within 3 days, they will be excluded from practice until it is complete. All forms must be turned in to the Athletic office.

Visit our [social media pages for athletics](#).

Need to buy game tickets?

<https://gofan.co/app/school/FL6029>

CLUBS

All clubs are student created and student run. Staff merely provides a safe place and supervision. Staff do not create, recruit or form student clubs. No tax dollars are used to support our school clubs; RHS clubs are self-funded through fundraising and club dues. Club sponsors kindly volunteer their time and are not paid for sponsoring clubs. RHS students have the opportunity to attend clubs of their choice and we appreciate and honor the diversity of Riverview's community and student body. All Riverview clubs follow the Equal Access Act of 1984.

2025-2026 Approved Clubs / Groups

1. Academic Olympics
2. Alternative Club
3. American Red Cross Club
4. Animal Welfare Club
5. Anime Club
6. Architecture Club
7. Asian Culture Club
8. Better Together Club
9. Career Association
10. Coexistence Club
11. Computer Science Club
12. Creative Writing Club
13. Crochet Club
14. Culinary Arts Club
15. Culinary Culture Club
16. DECA
17. FBLA
18. Geography Club
19. Graphic Design Club
20. Green Canvas Club
21. History Bowl
22. Interact Club
23. Jewelry for St. Jude's
24. Jewish Student Association
25. JROTC
26. Key Club
27. Kindness Club
28. Marine Club
29. Medical Exploration Club
30. Mock Trial
31. Model UN

32. NAMI
33. Nursing Research Society
34. Operation Smile
35. Orchestra
36. Papillon Club
37. Paws in Action
38. Photography Club
39. Politics Club
40. RHS Chess Club
41. RHS FACES Autism
42. RHS Senior Citizen Care Club
43. Riverview Rowdies Spirit Club
44. Riverview Surf Club
45. Riverview Travel Club
46. R-Stores
47. Science Olympiad
48. Spanish Club
49. Speech & Debate Club
50. Sports Analytics Club
51. Students for Sustainability
52. Tartan Yearbook
53. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes
54. The Lavender Society
55. The Wishing Crane Project Club
56. Theatre Club
57. TSA (Technology Students Association)
58. UNICEF
59. Women Empowerment Club
60. Young Americans for Freedom Club

Are you interested in starting a new club?

Visit our school website to check out the guidelines and documents necessary to start a new club.

<https://www.rhsactivities.com/new-clubs>