

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The Riverdale High School sports program includes teams in 15 different sports. Membership on teams is open to all students, grades 9-12, who maintain a 2.0 GPA. Students must have the following items turned in before they may participate:

- Athletic participation form with proof of insurance
- Physical exam
- Athletic statement of risk

AVAILABLE SPORTS

- Football (Boys)
- Volleyball (Girls)
- Cross Country
- Cheerleading
- Swimming
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Wrestling (Boys)
- Baseball (Boys)
- Softball (Girls)
- Golf
- Tennis
- Track
- Bowling
- Lacrosse

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to be in school. The Riverdale High School attendance policy is as follows...

Compulsory Attendance

All children who have attained the age of 6 by February 1st of any school year, or who is older than 6 years of age, but have not attained the age of 16, are required to attend school regularly during the entire school term unless otherwise exempt by law.

Absences

A student who is not actually present in school or a class shall be counted absent from school. If a student is scheduled to attend/participate in a school sponsored event off campus and he/she does not attend, he/she will be considered absent from school.

When a student returns to school following an absence, he or she is **expected to bring a written note** from the parent/guardian explaining the absence. A note from a physician may be required for students with extended absences. Students who fail to bring a note within three (3) days will have the absence permanently recorded as unexcused, and suffer the consequences as prescribed in the discipline code. Unexcused absences will affect the student's academic grades, ability to receive credit, and may result in the loss of driving privileges. Trips or extended absences must be prearranged with the approval of the principal or his/her designee only.

Attendance Recording

High school students shall be counted in attendance when they are present in their assigned class(es).

Excused Absences

According to law, students may not be absent from the school without permission of the principal or the principal's designee. Absence from school may be excused, by the principal or the principal's designee for the following reasons or as otherwise provided by law: religious instruction; religious holidays or holy days, sickness; injury, death in the family, or long-term illness verified by a physician's note, field trips, athletic events, state mandated tests, class meetings that are held for the entire student body; school based award ceremonies, award breakfasts or lunches from local, community, or state sponsored clubs, court date(s), internal suspensions, and/or activities approved by the School Board of Lee County.

Excessive Absences

All absences, whether excused or unexcused, shall be considered when determining "excessive absences." In grades 9 through 12, **ten or more days absent from school per semester OR ten or more absences in a specific class per semester are considered "excessive absences."**

Tardiness to School

Students are required to be in class by 7:05 AM. From 7:05-7:15, tardy students should report directly to class. After 7:15, however, tardy students must sign in at the Attendance Office.

The following reasons will be considered **excused**:

- Personal illness or illness in the immediate family
- Bus breakdown or accident
- Extremely bad weather
- Involvement in an auto accident
- Emergency at home
- Medical appointment
- Religious ceremony

Truancy

Truancy is defined as "...the absence of a student within compulsory attendance age with the knowledge and/or consent of the parent." When truancy continues to occur after the school has exhausted all strategies available to obtain compliance to the compulsory attendance law, the student will then be referred to the judicial system as provided by law. The judicial system will take steps necessary to ensure the student's attendance in school and will ensure that the parents/guardian meet their responsibilities. The parent and the student will be afforded the opportunity to meet with school personnel in an effort to solve the attendance problem before this referral is made.

Event/Athletic Participation

In order to attend and/or participate in any athletic, extracurricular, or social event, a student must be in attendance at school for **at least 50% of class periods on the day of the event.**

Make-Up Work

The student will work with the teacher to make up any missed assignments, tests, homework, etc., whether for excused or unexcused absences, up to the specified absence limit. Immediately upon return to the school from an absence, the student shall be given: **the number of days missed plus one additional day** to submit the make-up work for full credit.

Parent Responsibilities

Whenever a student is absent, the parent/guardian of the student shall:

Provide a note specifying the date(s) and the reason(s) for the absence upon the student's return to school. This note must be provided within three (3) days from the student's return to school.

By law, the responsibility for school attendance of children, within the compulsory attendance age limits, rests primarily with the parent/guardian.

If a student, of any age, does not reside with his or her parent/guardian, the parent/guardian must provide the attendance office with a notarized statement indicating who is responsible for the student's attendance, grades and safety.

Parents/guardians who are in violation of the obligation to ensure the attendance of their children in school are criminally liable pursuant to Florida law.

School Responsibilities

Schools shall state in each school handbook the specific guidelines for parents/guardians to follow when reporting an absence to the school.

Each time a student is absent from school, the school shall make a good faith effort to contact the parent/guardian by telephone or by mail.

Parents/guardians shall be invited to meet at school to discuss and resolve the attendance problem prior to the student reaching the excessive absence limit. Schools shall develop a written plan to encourage and recognize good attendance for students of all racial and ethnic groups in the system.

Students who miss a semester examination due to illness or other satisfactory excuse should have the opportunity to make up the semester examination. **Exams are not given prior to the scheduled date and time.** Exams must be made up within 90 calendar days of the originally scheduled date. Parents and/or students should contact the school Guidance Office to arrange for exam make-ups.

Car Crashes

Reporting of a vehicular accident on school campus

Upon being involved in a vehicular accident on school campus, students shall remain on scene and report the incident to the school resource officer and/or a school faculty member who will locate the school resource officer. In the event of an emergency, student should call 911 and report the accident so that

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proper emergency services can respond. If the accident is not an emergency and the school resource officer and a school faculty member cannot be located then students call 239-477-1000 to report the incident to LCSO dispatch.

MOBILE PHONE / ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students may utilize personal electronic mobile devices in designated areas for educational purposes when deemed appropriate by appropriate school personnel. Students that **bring personal mobile electronic devices to school do so at their own risk. The District accepts no responsibility if a device is lost, stolen, misplaced, damaged or confiscated.** Students are responsible for charging and maintaining their personal mobile electronic device(s) and the District assumes no responsibility for same. This includes the use of anti-malware software, if applicable, on the personal mobile electronic device. For the purposes of this policy a personal electronic mobile device shall include, but not be limited to the following:

A privately owned laptop, tablet computing device, netbook, notebook, e-Reader, iPod touch (or similar), or mobile/smart-phone.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Riverdale High School operates a **closed campus**. Students shall remain on campus from the time they arrive until the end of their scheduled day. Students leaving campus without permission will receive appropriate disciplinary action. All visitors must sign in at the front office and receive a visitor’s pass.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR GRADES 9-12

- Art Club
- A-Team
- Band/Color Guard
- Chorus/Ensemble
- Culinary Club
- Drama Club
- Eastwind (Yearbook)
- FBLA-Future Business Leaders of America
- FCA-Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- FGCU Scholars Club
- French Club
- Interact Club
- JROTC/Academic Bowl Team/Adventure Unit/Leadership Bowl/Drill and Rifle Teams
- La Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica
- Latin Rhythms Dance Group
- Math Club/Mu Alpha Theta
- National Honor Society
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Quilting Bee
- Student Council Association
- HOSA
- LGTB

DISCIPLINE

The purpose of discipline is to help the development of self-control and promote responsible behavior and good citizenship. **Students at Riverdale High School are expected to be mature enough to conduct themselves in a responsible manner that will bring credit to themselves and Riverdale High School.**

Infractions of rules shall result in discipline by the individual teachers and/or the administration, including all those designated by the principal to administer discipline. Discipline will be administered according to the School District of Lee County Discipline Policy. **It is the responsibility of each Riverdale High School student to become completely familiar with both the School District of Lee County Discipline Policy and the District Code of Student Conduct** It is important to know that, subject to laws and rules of the state and the district, the principal or his/her designee has the authority to take additional or more severe action when, in his or her opinion, the nature of the offense warrants.

DRESS CODE

It is the responsibility of each student to be in compliance with the dress code for Riverdale High School. Research has shown that there is a direct correlation between student dress and student behavior. Students must be neat, clean and properly dressed. No student will be permitted to wear clothing that creates a disturbance to the learning environment. Students who choose to dress inappropriately will be subject to disciplinary action.

The following are general guidelines to ensure that Riverdale High School students are appropriately dressed for school. Specific questions should be addressed to an assistant principal.

- Shoes shall be worn at all times. Slippers are not appropriate footwear for school.
- Apparel shall be adequate in both length and coverage to be considered appropriate for school. Short-shorts, “Daisy Dukes”, etc. are not acceptable.
- Pants shall be worn fastened at the waist.
- Shirts or blouses shall be appropriately fastened in accordance with the design of that shirt or blouse. The length shall extend beyond waist level.
- Transparent or see-through tops, bare midriff, strapless, low-cut clothing or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage or are of a suggestive nature are prohibited; halters, backless dresses or tops, tube tops, spaghetti strap, muscle shirts, or any clothing which may be distracting are prohibited.
- Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could likely cause injury-such as chains, bracelets, rings, chokers with or without spikes or studs are prohibited. Wallet chains of any length are prohibited.
- Apparel, emblems, insignias, badges or symbols that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, firearms, or any other illegal activity are prohibited.
- Apparel, symbols, or any item, which may be gang-related, may not be displayed on a student’s person or in the student’s possession.
- Adornments that, in the principal’s judgment could cause injury, be a safety risk, or cause a disruption to the school environment may not be worn. Examples of prohibited adornments include, but are not limited to, hoops or rings attached to the nose, eyebrow, cheeks or lips.
- Pajama bottoms or clothing of lycra or spandex may not be worn.
- The wearing on campus of hats, caps, headgear or sunglasses except in conjunction with designated school-approved uniforms or at authorized athletic practices or activities is prohibited. There may be exceptions for medical conditions and physical education classes held outside. The principal will determine these exceptions.
- Clothing with slogans or advertising which by its controversial or obscene nature disrupts the educational setting is prohibited.
- Blankets, pillow, gloves, and/or, stuffed animals are not appropriate for school.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL USE

By definition, a drug/alcohol violation is the storing, possessing, selling, purchasing, distributing, using or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or any substance defined as a controlled substance. This includes but is not limited to, marijuana, hallucinogens and/or inhalants, as well as any substance that requires a physician’s prescription, and any other over-the-counter medication without parent approval and school notification. Substances represented to be an illegal substance such as “designer drugs” or any substances that resemble an illegal substance or have the effect of altering behavior or action. A controlled substance is defined in Chapter 893 of the Florida Statutes. Any violations will result in a Level III disciplinary action as mandated by the School District of Lee County.

FIGHTING

Student safety is of the utmost importance at Riverdale High School. Any student who is involved in a fight will receive a referral for a Level III offense and administrative review. Any student who fails to stop fighting when told to do so will receive a referral for a Level III offense and administrative review. Students who willfully observe, provoke and/or fail to leave the scene of an altercation will also be externally suspended from school. Fights that are classified as a major disruption of a school function could result in arrest and possible expulsion.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

All financial obligations must be paid prior to students being eligible to participate in school activities.

GANG ACTIVITY

Any student demonstrating any gang related behavior or activity (bandanas, tattoos, hand signs, t-shirts with symbols, notebook drawing, graffiti, etc.) will result in a Level III disciplinary action.

GRADING SCALE

A	Outstanding Progress	90-100%
B	Above Average Progress	80-89%
C	Average Progress	70-79%
D	Lowest Acceptable Progress	60-69%
F	Failure	0-59%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

See school website.

GUIDANCE

School counselors offer a wide range of guidance services including testing, counseling, scheduling, registration, and dissemination of information. The guidance department offers an up-to-date selection of college catalogs and reference material on financial aid and scholarships.

HONOR ROLL

Riverdale High School recognizes two honor rolls. They are determined by computing the point value of all letter grades earned by a student during a nine week period. The following scale is used by the school district in determining a student’s grade point average:

A = 4.0 B = 3.0 C = 2.0 D = 1.0 F = 0.0

Students whose grade point average is a 3.5 or above will be listed on the “A” Honor Roll. Students whose grade point average is 3.0 to 3.49 will be listed on the “B” Honor Roll.

Level 3 classes will be awarded weighted credit as follows:

- Advanced Placement--.04/semester
- Dual Enrollment--.04/semester
- Honors Classes--.02/semester
- International Baccalaureate--.04/semester

Students may also be recognized for their hard work with one of two school-based awards. Students with a cumulative, weighted GPA of 4.0 or above are awarded the **SUPERINTENDENT’S Award** and an **Academic Letter**. Students with a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.5 to 3.99 are awarded the **PRINCIPAL’S Award**.

LOCKERS AND LOCKS

All students are given the option to purchase the use of a locker and a lock. A nonrefundable fee of \$5 is required before a locker and a lock will be issued. Only **school locks** may be placed on hall lockers.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found is located in the Student Affairs Office.

MATERIALS

Although the school provides the materials and supplies for basic instructional activities, additional supply items may be required by your student’s teachers to enhance his/her educational program. We appreciate your commitment to the education of your child, and with your help we can provide a great program for the students at Riverdale High School.

MEDIA CENTER/LIBRARY

The Riverdale High School Media Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:05 AM to 1:35 PM, or later by request.

Printing Requirements for Students

- Students must purchase a prepaid print card in order to print on any printer in the building
- Students will be able to purchase prepaid cards in increments of \$5 or \$10 in the Media Center or Technology Office
- Charges are as follows:
 - Single-sided Black & White printed page--10¢
 - Single-sided Color printed page--25¢

OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALIST

- Provides career counseling, which includes college and scholarship information, vocational and military placement
- Registers student visitations for various career fields
- Conducts workshops on employability skills and career information
- Arranges for college and career speakers to visit Riverdale
- Assists students in job placement before as well as after graduation
- Coordinates National, State and County testing such Pre and Post-FSA, AP, CELLA, PERT and EOC testing

PARENT CONFERENCES

Appointments with teachers and/or counselors may be made by calling the guidance department at (239) 694-4141 Ext. 213.

PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The School Advisory Council serves as an advisory board to the administration. Meetings focus on legislation, school improvement, parental concerns and budgetary issues.

The School Advisory Council meets regularly at Riverdale High School. Representatives are elected and the membership includes parents, community members, faculty, administration and students.

All Sports Booster Club

The Riverdale High School All Sports Booster Club is a non-profit organization comprised of parents and friends who are interested in all sports activities at Riverdale. The All Sports Booster Club members organize and operate fund-raisers, chaperone, work in concession stands and foster pride in the athletic programs.

Riverdale Band Boosters

The Riverdale Band Boosters is a nonprofit organization comprised of band parents whose primary goal is to support the band students and the band program. Parents work the Band Booster concession stand during football season and hold other fund-raisers during the year to raise money for band trips, instrument repairs, sheet music and year-end awards. Anyone interested in promoting band activities is invited to contact Mr. Shannon Golden, Band Director, 239-694-4141.

Volunteer Program

Volunteers are an integral part of the Riverdale High School program. Specific areas of need include the cafeteria, guidance offices and occasionally, as teacher helpers. Please contact the school, 694-4141, if you would like to volunteer at Riverdale High School.

IB Parent Meetings

The IB Parent Organization (IBPO) holds monthly meetings, various fundraisers, seminars, and has guest speakers. The IBPO is directly responsible for fundraising monies needed to organize end of year- grade level parties for each class, scholarships and the Senior CAS trip. These parties include refreshments, entertainment, and location in some cases. The students work extremely hard during the school year and these parties are a small reward for their immense dedication. The Parent Organization also purchases IB stoles at graduation, and supplies and refreshments for various events throughout the year.

PARENTLINK

Parentlink is the district’s communication system that allows you to access your grades, homework, discipline, and attendance information via your telephone, e-mail, or the internet.

- The phone number for Parentlink is (239) 337-3347
- The web address is <http://Parentlink.leeschools.net>
- Parents can sign up for secure access to their student’s information which is accessible from any computer connected to the internet. Parents use one Login and Password to view information online for **all** of their students in the district
 - **Parent Login ID** is the 8 digit student ID of the oldest child in the Lee County School District plus the student’s first and last initial. Parentlink creates a separate Login/Password for each parent or guardian.
 - **Parent Password** is the birth date of the oldest child in the Lee County School District in the format: MMDDYY.

PARKING

Parking is available for academically-eligible upperclassmen students in designated areas after obtaining a permit. All financial obligations must be paid before a permit is issued. The permit fee is \$30 (or \$60 for a spot with student’s name on it) and may be purchased in the Student Affairs Office.

PASSES

No student passes will be written during the first 10 minutes or the last 10 minutes of every class period. This is a school-wide policy and will be followed by all teachers and staff.

PUBLICATIONS

Newsletter

The parent newsletter is published every two months to keep parents informed of activities and events at Riverdale High School. Newsletters may be found online on the school’s website.

Yearbook

The Riverdale annual yearbook, called The *Eastwind*, is reserved by full payment during the first semester. The yearbooks are delivered during the latter part of the second semester. Photographs of students, teachers and staff, extracurricular activities and other school events are included. The yearbook staff is comprised of students who are enrolled in the publications course.

REPORT CARDS/INTERIM REPORTS

Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter (9 weeks). Interims (progress reports)

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

The school social worker acts as a contact between the school, home, and community providing services to students, parents, and teachers. The school social worker serves each assigned school and provides the following services:

- Home visits and telephone contacts
- Referrals and consultation with community agencies
- Consultation with guidance counselors, teachers, and other school staff members on attendance issues

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

If at any time there is reason to believe that a student is concealing stolen or illegal property, alcoholic beverages, tobacco or tobacco products, illegal drugs or substances and/or any weapons, a member of the instructional or administrative staff has the right to search the student as well as the student’s locker, vehicle, and/or personal property. In addition, school premises are subject to search by trained animals. (Florida Statute #232.256)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media misconduct is improperly using telecommunication services or technology and/or posting inappropriate information on the web, during or after school hours that may interfere with the school environment.

SUN PROTECTION

To help protect students from exposure to the sun, caps and sunglasses may be worn during PE, on outdoor field trips and any other school-sponsored outdoor activities. When students come indoors these articles must be removed and placed in a designated storage area. Hats and sunglasses should be clearly labeled with the student’s name.

Shatterproof plastic UV protective sunglasses are recommended for all outside activities. Polycarbonate lenses provide the utmost impact resistance. UV coating for all prescription lenses is appropriate.

Sunscreen is also beneficial protection against sun exposure. If parents wish to have their student protected, the following guidelines should be followed:

Sunscreen should be applied at home to all exposed skin surfaces before the student dresses for school. This will provide protection to the student during the time traveling to school as well as during the rest of the day. Sunscreen should not be brought to school. There are products on the market which last for long periods of time even when a student is in water. Reapplication of sunscreen at school is not necessary. A minimum of SPF 15 is suggested.

SUSPENSIONS-INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL

The Intervention Classroom Experience (ICE) room provides disruptive students with an opportunity to accomplish their daily school work in an alternative classroom instead of externally suspending them from school. Normal privileges are denied to ICE students. Students placed in ICE are expected to obey all posted rules and complete assigned work. Any student causing problems in the ICE room will face further disciplinary action.

Any student on external suspension from Riverdale High School is not allowed on any school campus in Lee County until the period of suspension has expired.

TARDINESS TO CLASS

Students are expected to be on time to class each and every class period. Students will be issued a **Tardy Detention** by the teacher each time they are late for class. Both the teacher and student will sign the detention slip.

Students will have three (3) afternoons to serve the detention. This includes the afternoon of the day they receive the detention. Students will serve a detention for each tardy they receive throughout the day. Students must arrange for their own transportation.

Should a student fail to report to the assigned detention or fail to report on time, the student will be referred to Student Affairs.

TELEPHONE USE/TEXTING

Students should report to Student Affairs to make telephone calls. Parents wishing to contact students during the school day should call the school. Parents should not call or text the student's cell phone. Phone calls should be limited to emergencies. Cell phones are not to be used during class time.

TEXTBOOKS

Students are responsible for all textbooks issued to them and for all library books checked out. Full payment will be required for all lost and damaged books prior to the student's participation in school activities.

WEB SITES

Our web page is regularly updated to keep students, parents, community members, and alumni informed of activities and programs at Riverdale High School.

Our web address is: <http://rdh.leeschools.net/>
Twitter: [Riverdale High School @RiverdaleReads](#)

FOR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- Bullying / Harassment
- Cellular Phone / Electronic Devices
- Statement of Non-Discrimination Policy

Refer to The School District of Lee County Parent Guide and Code of Conduct for Student 2015-2016
Grades 6-12

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Friday 08/18/17	Cypress (Fall Classic)	Away 7:00PM
Friday 08/25/17	North Fort Myers	Away 7:30PM
Friday 09/01/17	Palmetto Ridge	HOME 7:30PM
Friday 09/08/17	Dunbar	Away 7:30PM
Friday 09/15/17	East Lee County	Away 7:00PM
Friday 09/22/17	Ida S. Baker	HOME 7:30PM
<i>Friday 09/28/17</i>	<i>Gulf Coast ◊</i>	<i>Away 7:00PM</i>
Friday 10/06/17	Island Coast *	HOME 7:30PM
<i>Friday 10/13/17</i>	<i>South Fort Myers ◊</i>	<i>HOME 7:30PM</i>
Friday 10/20/17	Golden Gate	Away 7:00PM
Friday 11/03/17	Lehigh Senior H.S. **	HOME 7:30PM

◊ Denotes District Game

***Homecoming Game**

****Battle of the Bell**