

# **RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL** A Classical, Liberal Arts College Preparatory High School 2021-2022 School Profile

Riverside High School is a public charter school in partnership with the Mayor's office and Indianapolis Public Schools, located in the historical Heslar Naval Armory on the near Northwest side of Indianapolis. Riverside was founded in 2017 as a replication of Herron High School, one of the highest performing high schools in Indiana. Together, Riverside and Herron form Indianapolis Classical Schools.

Riverside High School is founded on the belief that a classical liberal arts education, where students are steeped in great historical thought and production, is the very best preparation for a future life of leadership and service. Through an integrated curriculum and classical methodology, Riverside students learn to think critically, express themselves creatively, approach any subject intelligently, and demonstrate leadership in the community.

Riverside launched in the fall of 2017 with 125 9<sup>th</sup> graders and has added a grade each year since. Riverside now includes grades 9-12 with a total enrollment of 410. This year's graduating class will be our second. The class of 2022 has been instrumental in the success of Riverside as they have helped to create and sustain the tone and culture of the school. They have founded athletic teams, created clubs based on their shared interests, and actively participated in the community redesign of the Riverside neighborhood, all while producing high-caliber academic work. Riverside students have participated in international exchange (Mexico, Taiwan, Brazil), been members of advisory panels for the Mayor's office and the local school board, and have been recognized as Questbridge College Prep Scholars.

In our first year of state accountability, Riverside was among the top schools in Indianapolis on the ISTEP, earning the  $2^{nd}$  highest English scores and  $3^{rd}$  highest math and overall scores. These results and the hard work of our students have earned Riverside an <u>A-rating</u> from the Indiana Department of Education.

Riverside High School provides a rigorous curriculum in which students take all five core subjects all four years. Riverside currently offers 16 AP classes, a dual credit partnership with Marian University in which students take classes on campus, and a senior internship program.

An intentionally diverse school, Riverside students come from over 90 different middle schools in Indianapolis and the surrounding communities. Our student population includes 60% African American, 18% Caucasian, and 21% Latinx students, as well as 63% of students qualifying for free/reduced lunch. This year, 33% of our students will be first-generation college going, and 20% will be the first in their immediate family to graduate from high school.

# **Riverside High School**

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Total Enrollment: 410 Senior Class Enrollment: 95 Faculty-to-Student Ratio: 13:1

An IDOE accredited, A-rated school.



<b>Riverside High School Core Values</b>	Indianapolis Classical Schools Recognition
<ul> <li>Riverside High School Core Values</li> <li>Riverside High School:</li> <li>Believes that every student is a scholar</li> <li>Engages is an urban community</li> <li>Advances timeless ideas and content</li> <li>Builds a culture of respect and trust through relationships with people and ideas</li> <li>Serves as a catalyst for renewal</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Riverside High School is modelled after Herron High School, and includes the same core values, methodology, and curriculum. As we age, we look forward to the same success that Herron has accomplished:</li> <li>Ranked as Indianapolis' best public high school by US News and World Report</li> <li>Designated as a Gold Medal school by US News and World Report</li> <li>Ranked among the top 1 percent of high schools nationwide by Newsweek, US News and World</li> </ul>
	Report, and The Washington Post

### **Classical Methodology**

Riverside High School's classical methodology relies on Socratic dialogue and the classical model of education called the Trivium as is academic cornerstone. The three phases of the Trivium include:

- Grammar students acquire fundamental knowledge in all disciplines.
- Logic As students become world-class citizens, they learn how to reason and debate. Students apply their knowledge as they discern and evaluate, compare and contrast, and discover cause and effect relationships in any given subject.
- **Rhetoric** As students progress through the Trivium, they learn to apply the rules of logic to the information they have acquired. Students learn to think rationally and articulate ideas effectively.

Gradin	ng Scale	COVID Policy
A cumulative grade point a	average is provided on each	Riverside High School began fully virtual instruction in
student's transcript. Students	earn one credit per semester	March of 2020 for the remainder of the 19-20 school year.
per course. GPA is calculate	d on a 4.0 scale. Honors, Pre-	In the 20-21 school year, Riverside alternated between a
AP, AP, and Dual Credit cou	rses receive weighted scores.	hybrid and fully virtual modality. While athletics were
Grading Scale	GPA Scale	allowed to resume in-person, all other activities remained
A+ 100-99 B- 83-80	A+ 4.0 B- 2.7	mostly virtual or were postponed for the year.
A 98-94 C+ 79-78	A 4.0 C+2.5	
A- 93-90 C 77-74	A- 3.7 C 2.0	Because of the switch to virtual learning, students in the
B+ 89-88 C- 73-70	B+ 3.5 C- 1.7	spring semester of 2020 and the entire 2021-22 school year
B 87-84 NG 69-0	B 3.0 NG 0	were allowed to earn credit for a grade of 60-69 with a D
NG: Student has not yet attained a skill level for success.		(+/-). Restarting this year, students may only earn credit for
Riverside High School does not rank students.		a 70% or higher.

Advanced Placement Courses	Dual Credit Courses	Honors Courses
AP Language & Composition	Psychology 101, Ivy Tech	Advanced Orchestra Honors
AP Literature & Composition	Sociology 111, Ivy Tech	Algebra I Honors
AP Calculus AB	Adv English, COM 221, Marian	Algebra II Honors
AP Calculus BC	Adv Social Studies, SWK 110, Marian	English 9 Honors
AP Statistics	Adv English, ENG 346, Marian	French I, II, III, IV Honors
AP World History	Adv Social Studies, SOC 145, Marian	Geometry Honors
AP United States History	ACP Biology, Indiana Univ.	Greek I Honors
AP United States Government		Journalism Honors
AP Human Geography		Latin I, II Honors
AP Physics I		Physics I Honors
AP Chemistry		Pre-AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science		Pre-AP English 10
AP Biology		Pre-AP Biology
AP Latin		Pre-AP Latin III
AP Computer Science		Pre-AP Pre-Calculus
AP 2D Art & Design		Spanish I, II, III Honors

## **Riverside College Admissions**

Highlights from Riverside's inaugural graduating scholars, the Class of 2021:

- 90% total application acceptance rate; 95% in the state of Indiana
- Awarded over \$5,000,000 in scholarships and grants
- Admitted to Ivy League, public, private, and Historically Black institutions
- Admitted to schools in all parts of the country, including New York, California, and Florida, as well as internationally

Offers of Admission for the Class of 2021					
University of Alabama	Franklin College	Northwestern University			
Anderson University	Georgia State University	Oakland City University			
Arizona State University	Goshen College	Ohio University			
Ball State University	Howard University	Purdue University			
Bradley University	Indiana State University	Purdue University Fort Wayne			
Butler University	Indiana University-Purdue University	CUNY Queens College			
	Indianapolis				
Central State University	Indiana University- Bloomington	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology			
CUNY City College	Indiana University Fort Wayne	Saint Mary's College			
Clark Atlanta University	Indiana Wesleyan University	Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College			
Clemson University	University of Indianapolis	University of San Francisco			
Columbia University NYC	Iowa State University	Savannah College of Art & Design			
Cornish College of the Arts	University of Iowa	Seton Hall University			
City University of New York	Jackson State University	Syracuse University			
University of Denver	Kentucky State University	Tennessee State University			
University of the District of Columbia	Lane College	Tuskegee University			
Dominican University	Louisiana State University	University of East London			
Drake University	Marian University	Vincennes University			
Earlham College	Miami University- Oxford	Warren Wilson College			
University of Evansville	Montana State University	Washington College			
Evergreen State College	Morgan State University	Wilberforce University			
Florida A&M University	North Carolina A&T State University	Xavier University of Louisiana			
Fordham University					