

WELCOME TO RIVERSIDE

Riverside secondary is committed to providing programs to meet the needs of all learners. We provide a wide variety of course offerings for high achieving students and for students who have particular talent in a given area. Riverside offers programs that allow students to accelerate and also that allow students to seek enrichment opportunities in a range of disciplines. **These specialty programs and courses also allow students of similar abilities and interests to work together in a challenging environment.** Students can earn post-secondary credit while still in high school through our Advanced Placement Program in a range of areas including: English, Chemistry and Physics.

This pamphlet outlines only a few of the many unique programs our school offers.

We are very excited about the complete range of offerings we have in the academics, the fine arts and practical arts. For more detailed information on any of the particular programs please consult our course calendar or call the school and speak with one of our counsellors.

For those students returning to Riverside, we hope you consider some of the new, exciting course offerings.

For those who will be attending Riverside for the first time, we are sure that you will be able to find a program of courses that meets your needs and challenges you to reach your full potential.

Admission to Specialty Program courses varies by course. An application or an assessment test and a teacher recommendation may be required. For all courses, students will need parent approval. Contact a Riverside counsellor for more details. Application forms are available at the Middle Schools, at Riverside and on the school website:

<http://public.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/Riverside>

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SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Opportunities

For

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ACCELERATION

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Hockey Academy

Open to all grades and all skill levels, the class will be conducted on the ice at the PoCo Arena. A fee of \$200 per month includes ice time and coaching. Students must provide their own equipment. Admission is by application. Space is limited.

Digital Immersion 9 and 10

This program provides students with an opportunity to use their lap top to facilitate learning. Students in the program will stay together as a cohort for Eng, Socials, Science and a Digital Applications elective. Students without a laptop will have an opportunity to rent a school laptop for a nominal fee. Space is limited.

Mathematics 9 Honours

Students will cover basic curricular content at an accelerated pace so that time can be devoted to enrichment and problem-solving at higher levels of thinking. The course will also include preparation for and participation in several math contests and the Math Challenge Club. Along with excellent math skills, students must enjoy challenges and have a passion for solving non-routine problems. Good study habits are essential.

Math 10, 11 and 12 Honours

These courses can be entered from regular Math or Math Honours. The Math curricular content will be explored in depth with specific attention given to reasoning and proof. Learning activities will be structured to provide enrichment with a focus on enhancing problem-solving skills.

Science 9 Honours

Capable and enthusiastic Grade 9 students have the opportunity to take Science 9 in an enriched setting. Students electing this course may qualify to take Science 10 Honours in the following school year as well as an academic Science 11 in the second semester of the grade 10 year.

Leadership (open to all grades)

Designed for those interested in developing leadership, communication and team-building skills, students will have opportunities to organize a variety of school activities related to intramurals, school culture and spirit, and community service.. Scholarship committees value students who are actively involved in a variety of leadership and service activities

English 11 and English 12 Honours

These courses are for students interested in a more in-depth study of English. While skills and genres are the same as regular English., these courses provide an opportunity for highly motivated students to hone their critical skills through reading, writing about and discussing well-known works of literature.

English 11 and Socials 11 Learning with Technology

The regular curriculum will be covered using technology to enhance learning. Students will be required to use a laptop computer, either their own or one rented from the school at a nominal fee. Students will not be denied access to this program due to financial need. Students may select one or both courses.

Science 11 Co-op Learning with Technology

This exciting program offers students the opportunity to enroll in Math 11, Physics 11, Chemistry 11 and Work Experience 12 in one semester. Co-op students are grouped together as a “cohort” in each of the specified courses and use laptops to enhance their learning.

Advanced Placement

AP Literature and Composition

AP Chemistry

AP Physics

Students are provided with learning in an enriched environment along with an opportunity to earn university credit. Students will register in the Ministry course and the appropriate AP seminar (eg. Chemistry 12 and AP Chemistry seminar). A \$115 fee will be applied to cover the cost of the AP exam.

Work Experience 12

Open to grade 12 students, this program allows for career exploration in a variety of “focus areas”. Along with looking at post-secondary options relevant to a student’s career aspirations, students will also complete 100 hours working in a job related to their chosen field.

District Ace-IT programs at Riverside

**Culinary Arts
Joinery**