

RIVERSIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL
2012/2013



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More detailed information regarding all programs and courses offered at Riverside can be found on the school website: www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/riverside or the School District Website: www.sd43.bc.ca

Information regarding the Graduation Program, Graduation Transitions 12 and Graduation Exams can be found on the Ministry website: www.bced.gov.bc.ca



GRADE 9 PROGRAM

WELCOME TO RIVERSIDE.

We are busy planning for the 2012/13 school year and are excited to welcome our incoming Grade Nine students to Riverside! Riverside is a great school, with many different opportunities for students, and we hope that you are excited to be joining us next year! While we know that students sometimes have mixed feelings about leaving middle school, our hope is to work through the transition to Riverside with you so that by the time you join us in September, you will feel comfortable and happy to be here.

In addition to a strong academic program that includes diverse opportunities for enrichment as well as supports for students requiring extra assistance, Riverside offers more than twenty elective choices for Grade Nine students. We try hard to be a comprehensive school that offers something of interest for every student in our school.

We continue to focus on our main goal area of continually improving graduation and transition rates. We offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs, teams and other activities, and encourage our incoming Grade Nine students to get involved in whatever sounds interesting to you. Whether it be rugby, acting, Math Club or Leadership, all students will benefit from trying something new, or continuing with an area of interest from middle school.

Please take the time to review the information in the booklet detailing the courses and support services we offer and stay in regular contact with our counsellors and administration to ensure this coming year is a smooth one.

Anthony Ciolfitto, Principal

COUNSELLING SERVICES

Students are assigned alphabetically to a Counsellor and may see a Counsellor by going directly to the Counselling office to book an appointment. Parents are encouraged to contact the Counsellor any time they have concerns about their child's progress or attendance. Counsellors will make every effort to keep parents informed whenever a situation arises which requires attention. Students are assigned to Counsellors according to their last name:

Mrs. Simpson	A - E	Mrs. Wattamaniuk	L - Q
Ms. Chittenden	F - La	Mr. Lemire	R - Z

STUDENT SERVICES

Students served by school-based support services are those students who require an individual education plan. They have a wide variety of learning needs which may include: gifted and talented; visual, hearing, physical or chronic health impairments; speech and language disorders; learning disabilities; behaviour disorders; English Language Learning; and/or social/emotional difficulties.

The focus of school-based support services is to enable students to become active participants in their learning experiences and to continue developing to their potential. Referrals for school-based support services are made via school Counsellors to the school-based team.

CLUBS & TEAMS

The organization of clubs is based on student interest and staff sponsorship. Students are encouraged to become involved in extra-curricular activities. Participation in activities outside the classroom helps to make the secondary school years more enjoyable and rewarding. Some of the clubs and teams that have been active in the past at Riverside include:

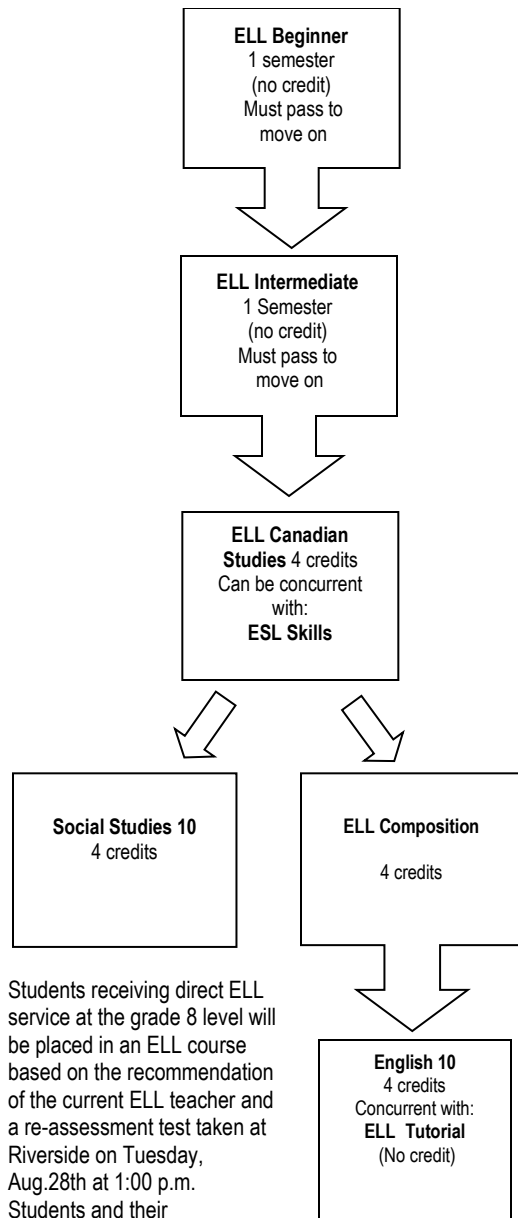


CLUBS	TEAMS
• Art Club	• Aquatics
• Chess	• Badminton
• Creative Writing	• Basketball
• Encounters with Canada	• Cheer & Dance
• Fitness Club	• Cross-Country
• Guitar Club	• Curling
• Global Issues Club	• Field Hockey
• GLOW (Gay Lesbian Or Whatever)	• Field Lacrosse
• Grad Committee (G-12)	• Golf
• Grad Dinner/Dance Committee	• Gymnastics
• Green Shirts/Leadership	• Hockey
• H2O (Christian Community)	• Mountain Biking
• Japanese Animation	• Rugby
• Korean Drummers	• Soccer
• Reach (Environmental Club)	• Tennis
• Red Shirts/Multicultural Leadership	• Track & Field
• Referees & Scorekeepers	• Volleyball
• Riverside Hosts	• Wrestling
• Skateboarding	
• Ski/Snowboard	
• Student Council	

Extra Curricular Athletic Fees:

In order to offset the costs of optional extracurricular athletics, student participants are charged a yearly "athletic fee" along with an "individual sport fee" which varies by sport (up to \$200). For complete details please refer to the information on our web site.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING



Students receiving direct ELL service at the grade 8 level will be placed in an ELL course based on the recommendation of the current ELL teacher and a re-assessment test taken at Riverside on Tuesday, Aug. 28th at 1:00 p.m. Students and their parents/guardians are invited to attend an orientation including lunch on Tuesday, Aug. 28th @ 11:30 a.m.

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Specialty programs allow students of similar abilities and interests to work together in a challenging environment. Entry into these programs require application and/or assessment tests as space is limited. Courses offered to grade 9 students are:

Mathematics 9 Honours

This course covers the learning outcomes from the Principles of Math 9 at an accelerated pace to allow time for enrichment and preparation for math contests. Along with excellent math skills, students must be highly motivated with good study habits.

Science 9 Honours

Capable and enthusiastic students have the opportunity to take Science 9 in an enriched setting. Students must be highly motivated with good study habits.

Leadership 10

Designed for students interested in developing leadership, communication and team-building skills, students will have opportunities to organize a variety of school activities. Experience gained in leadership can lead to scholarships.

Hockey Academy

Open to all skill levels, the class will be conducted on the ice at PoCo Arena and at Riverside. A fee of \$224 monthly includes ice time, coaching and academy athletic wear. Students must provide their own equipment. A Hockey Academy open house will be held on February 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Riverside for more information.

Digital Immersion 9

Digital Immersion is a program which provides students the opportunity to use their laptop computer to facilitate learning both at school and at home. Students in the program will stay together as a cohort with a core team of teachers for their "computer immersion" courses of English, Social Studies, Science and Digital Applications. Students interested must possess a strong work ethic and a high degree of responsibility and have their own laptop computer. Arrangements can be made for those who are unable to provide their own equipment to rent a school laptop for a nominal fee. Students will not be denied access to this program due to financial need.

ENGLISH

English 9
Math 9
Socials 9
Science 9
PE 9
_____ Elective
_____ Elective
_____ Elective

FRENCH IMMERSION

English 9
Mathématiques 9
Sciences Humaines 9
Science 9
PE 9
Français 9
Conversation 10
_____ Elective

COURSE PLANNING

Electives available to grade 9's

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| ▪ Art 10 | ▪ Drawing & Painting 10 | ▪ Leadership 10 |
| ▪ Band 9* | ▪ Food Studies 10 | ▪ Photo Graphics 10 |
| ▪ Carpentry & Joinery 10 | ▪ Guitar 10 | ▪ Power Technology 10 |
| ▪ Ceramics and Pottery 10 | ▪ Industrial Design 10 | ▪ Sewing 10 |
| ▪ Choir 9* | ▪ Information & Communication Technology 10 | ▪ Textile Arts and Crafts 10 |
| ▪ Drafting Design & Animation 10 | ▪ Journalism 10 | ▪ Yearbook 10 |
| ▪ Drama 9 | ▪ Keyboarding 11 | |

**Note: these courses are taken as a 9th course*

Language electives available to grade 9's

- French 9
- Spanish 9
- Introductory Japanese 11

A language 11 is required for direct entry into most universities but is neither a graduation requirement nor a college entrance requirement. SFU accepts Introductory Language 11 for entrance.

SEMESTER AND LINEAR COURSES

At Riverside, you will find that some courses are a semester (five months) long, and some are linear (all year). Semestered courses meet every day and linear courses meet every second day. Sometimes, Grade Nine students find it challenging to adjust to the semester system and find themselves falling behind quickly. We encourage students to stay on top of their work at the beginning of Grade Nine, and to see their teachers and/or counsellors for help early in the course if they are experiencing difficulty. Leaving things too late in a semestered course may make it difficult to get caught up before the end of the semester.