

Riverview Christian School Student Handbook



Statement of Faith

- I. We believe the Bible is the inspired, perfect, authoritative Word of God and the complete revelation of God (II Timothy 3:16).
- II. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).
- III. We believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His death on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, and in His ascension to the right hand of the Father. We believe that Christ's Second Coming will be personal, pre-millennial, and at any moment. (John 1:1; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-35; II Corinthians 5:21; Acts 2:22; Isaiah 53:4,5; I John 1:7, I Corinthians 3:3,4; Acts 9-11).
- IV. We believe the ministries of the Holy Spirit are to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and, during this age, to convict men of sin, righteousness, and judgment to come; to regenerate, indwell, guide, instruct and empower all true believers in Christ and fill those yielded to God (John 3:5; John 14:16, 17; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:11; John 16:8-11).
- V. Because of the exceeding sinfulness of the human nature and the total corruption of man, we believe the absolute necessity of a complete spiritual change of heart. We believe that the shed blood of Jesus and His resurrection provide the only way for salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and then become children of God (John 3:3; Jeremiah 17:9; Hebrews 9:22).
- VI. We believe that all who are saved are called unto a Spirit-filled life, separated from all worldly and sinful practices, as well as a life of service and testimony in the power of the Holy Spirit, which includes spreading the Gospel message (I John 2:15, 16; I Peter 1:15,16; John 12:25; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 3:12-15).
- VII. We believe in the bodily resurrection and judgment of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved immediately go into the presence of God and they that are lost are immediately sent to eternal separation from God (Daniel 12:2).
- VIII. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ (I Corinthians 1:10).

At Riverview Christian School we endeavor to present Jesus Christ as central to all things in learning and life while seeking to build consistent Christian character founded on God's Word in an atmosphere of academic excellence, spiritual growth, and high moral standards (II Peter 1:5-8, Colossians 1:15-17, Proverbs 22:6).

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The philosophy and purpose of Riverview Christian School is to teach our students to know the ways of Jesus, to increase "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). This is physical, mental, spiritual, and social growth. We make no apologies for establishing the Bible, God's Word, as our complete authority and guide. God's Word declares that "fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge..." (Prov. 1:7). "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16).

The Bible is not only added to our curriculum, but it is thoroughly integrated into every area and phase of our school life. In the classroom, teachers relate their daily lesson plans to God's truth. On the sports field, students learn the principles of Christian sportsmanship. We teach the importance of the Bible as it relates to the home life.

Our goals are to teach that:

- Each child is a gift from God.
- God wants everyone to know Him personally and intimately.
- God has a specific purpose and plan for every believer.
- God wants His children to have fellowship with Him.
- The Bible is God's Word, and we are to believe it and obey it.
- God will reveal His will to those who are obedient to His Word.
- Every Christian has a task of working for the Lord, by being disciplined in the faith, by witnessing to and discipling others that they may grow in the faith and by participating in a local Bible-believing church.

Mission:

To unite, as a community of believers, in educating our children by offering a rigorous curriculum in a traditional, Christ centered learning environment.

Enrollment:

Enrollment is a privilege here. Behavior, attitude of the students and parents, and delinquent accounts may be grounds for non-admittance or dismissal at Riverview Christian. The school board has final say on issues of admittance and dismissals.

Students with any type of communicable or non-communicable disease must report this on your application.

We do not except children with a history of discipline problems, who have been expelled or dismissed from a previous school, or who have severe special needs.

Participation:

Student participation in school activities is required. Failure to participate in classroom activities will affect the class grade. Refusal to participate in activities during non-school hours (school programs, presentations, etc) will result in loss of privilege to participate in all field trips. Any possible scheduling conflicts that may arise with scheduled non-school activities should be brought to the principal as soon as possible.

School Office:

School office hours are from 8:00 am. to 3:00 pm. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Friday .

Concerns and Misunderstandings:

Conflicts and concerns arise from time to time. Here are the steps that should be taken to resolve the situation.

1. Go directly to the teacher involved.
2. If the issue is unresolved, the situation will be brought to the principal.
3. If the problem still persists, then all parties should meet with the board.

If the problem involves school logistics or school policy, go to the principal.

Fundraisers:

Fundraisers are a necessary part of private education so the school can meet its financial obligations and accomplish many extra projects. Parents are required to participate in the school's fundraisers to show their support for the school.

Volunteer Hours:

Due to the needs of the school, each family will be required to work 40 volunteer hours per year or one lump sum of \$400 (\$10 per hour) will be added to your tuition. The list of volunteer opportunities is in the office. All volunteer work must be coordinated with administration.

School Closings:

In the event of bad weather, school closing will be announced over radio stations KSIR (1010 AM and 107.1 FM) or KFTM (1400 AM). RCS follows Brush School District for weather closures.

Lost and Found:

Lost items will be placed in the office. All unclaimed items will be disposed of by the administration at the end of the year.

Immunization/Birth certificate:

Make sure your child has all the necessary immunizations up to date. The school needs a current copy of your child's immunization record and birth certificate.

Medications:

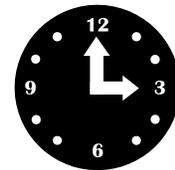
For *all* medications, the doctor needs to provide written verification and the medication needs to be given to the office to dispense to the child. Any medication sent to school without written verification from a doctor will be disposed of. Cough drops may be taken without written permission from a parent.

Sickness:

Keep your child home if he/she has vomited or had a fever 24 hours prior to the start of class. If your child becomes ill or is unable to complete classroom tasks due to illness he/she will be isolated from the other children and the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately so that the child can be taken home. If the parent /guardian cannot be contacted, the emergency contact will be notified. The school asks that you pick up your child at the office within 30 minutes of being notified.

School Day:

The normal school day is 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Friday.

**Arrival and departure:**

Students **should not be dropped off prior to 7:45 am. Students should be picked up no later than 3:15 pm. (12:15 pm Friday).** A \$1 fine for every minute you are late after 3:15 pm/ 12:15 pm will be assessed. After 3:30/12:30 pm the fine will be increased to \$5.00 per minute. In the case of a true emergency notify the office as soon as possible. If your child is being picked up by someone other than the authorized driver, a signed note must be sent ahead of time (this includes sleepovers).

Tardies:

Parents are asked to have students at school by 8:00 am as this is when class begins. Students who are not in class sitting in their desks by 8:00 am are considered tardy. Three unexcused tardies per semester will result in after school detention.

Absences:

In order for your child to gain the most in school, he must be in regular attendance. Students who miss school frequently normally have academic difficulties. We must rely upon the good judgment and integrity of the parents. After twenty absences the student will be required to go to summer school. In case of emergency absences, please contact administration to make arrangements.

Absences continued:

All absences require a note for the school office file, written by a parent and explaining the reason for the absence.

Family trips: If the family will be leaving on a trip, a note should be sent to the school office. The student should obtain assignments ahead of time.

Make-up: For every day absent, the student will have two days to make up the work. All make-up work must be turned in before report cards can be issued.

Tuition:

Your tuition payment must be made by cash, check or money order. It is to be received by mail **no later than the 10th of each month.** Your child will not be allowed in school if your account is past due by 30 business days. Your child will be allowed to return to school when payment is received. Late payment or hardship arrangements need to be made with the principal before the due date.

Tuition Costs

Monthly tuition costs for kindergarten through 8th grade will be determined by the amount of students enrolled by June 15. Tuition is used to pay staff salaries and a sliding scale allows the school to ensure that tuition will be sufficient for salaries without overcharging parents.

Students Enrolled	Monthly Tuition
25-26	\$350
27-29	\$325
30-32	\$300
33-35	\$275
36 or more	\$250

Discounts/Incentives

Early enrollment- If registration with fees is received by June 1, the monthly tuition will not be higher than \$300.

Full Payment/Two Payment Discount- If the “one payment” or “two payments” option is selected on the tuition agreement and full payment or first half of payment is made before September 1, the yearly tuition will not be higher than \$3000 (\$300 x 10 months).

Family Discount- The first child in a family will be full tuition. There will be a 10 percent discount for each additional child within the immediate family.

RCS Staff or Ministry Worker Discount- Every student in the family will receive a 25 percent discount.

Registration Fees per Student:

Due with registration

Returning Student – Free

New Students – \$75.00

Book/Supply Fee – \$175.00

Technology Fee – Grades 1 through 8 – \$50.00

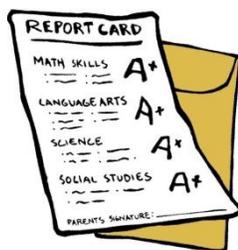
School Transportation:

Transportation is available to the Brush and Fort Morgan areas for a monthly fee of \$100 for a single student or \$150 for a family. We are willing to serve other areas provided there are enough students to make it cost effective. If your payment is 30 days past due your child will not be allowed to ride. Contact RCS to make arrangements.

Asbestos: Parents may view the asbestos management file during school hours. This file is located in the office. **We have no asbestos. We had all known asbestos removed in the summer of 1989.**

Report Cards:

The purpose of our reporting system is to provide the parents and students with means of noting the achievement and character of the student. Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled to provide parents with direct knowledge of the student's progress. Parents are encouraged to request a conference with a teacher at any time they feel necessary.



Chapel:

Speakers are arranged by the administration. Chapel is usually held on a weekly basis on **Wednesdays**. Parents are welcome to attend. **Chapel dress code** is dress shirt, a tie and dress slacks/khakis, or dark jeans for the boys and dresses/skirts or dress slacks/capris for the girls. Students who fail to dress properly for chapel will be sent to the office and parents will be contacted to bring appropriate clothing.

Library:



Students and parents are invited to check out books from the library. We ask that lost books be replaced with a book from home.

Standards of character:

As a Christian school, we must provide an environment suitable for the spiritual growth and development of our students. We believe that students should avoid practices which decrease sensitivity to the spiritual needs of the world and of the Christian's physical, mental or spiritual well-being (Romans 12:1, 2).

These areas do not contribute to good character qualities: cheating, swearing, indecent language, verbal taunting, sexual innuendos, gambling, playing of occult games, wearing symbols associated with the occult, drinking intoxicating beverages, abuse of narcotics, immorality, or involvement in street gangs or aggressive behavior which involves physical contact between two or more students.

This includes behavior on any internet sites/social media, which are inconsistent with Godly character qualities or Biblical views.

Dress Code: Kindergarten-8th

Modest & Neat:

1. Students will be required to wear red, white, or navy blue polo shirts. Shirts should be long enough to be able to be tucked in and should be buttoned properly. For special events, i.e. field trips, red polos and blue jeans should be worn by students.
2. All pants, shorts, skirts are to be khaki, navy blue, black, or blue denim. Wearing long shorts is allowed at school, but students are cautioned to dress appropriately for the weather. Shorts and skirts must be long enough to be **past your finger tips** with your arms dropped to your sides. Pants should **not** be ill fitting or tight fitting. This also means **NO sweats including sweat shorts, jogging pants, pajama bottoms, pants with stripes down the leg, warm ups, camouflage, plaid golf shorts, etc.** Stockings or socks that are noticeable are to be red, white, or navy blue. **No boots with shorts.**
3. Solid black, white, or gray long sleeved under shirts and/or leggings may be worn during colder weather.

Dress Code continued:

4. *Proper gender: One's hair and clothing should be worn in a manner that pertains to the individual's gender. The boys should look like boys and the girls should look like girls (Deut. 22:5; I Cor. 11:13-14).*

5. Clothing should be without transparency to prevent observation of underclothes or body. Attire should fit loosely, but properly, clean and without holes and tears, and should not reflect a sloppy appearance.

6. Attire, hair (no rainbow colors), and jewelry should not identify with gangs, the occult, the immoral or rebellious people (Proverbs 7:10).

7. Should limit the use of makeup, necklaces, earrings, and rings. Girls may only wear earrings in their ear lobes with the maximum amount of only two per ear lobe. Boys should not wear earrings at all; only one necklace at a time, only one ring, and only one bracelet.

8. Boy's haircuts should be neat and not touching the ears or the collar. No ponytails, shaved stripes, mohawks, etc. Girls are not to have their heads shaved unless it's for medical purposes.

9. **No** hats in the classroom except for prize days or spirit week.

The principal shall have the final word concerning one's attire. Parents will be contacted if attire is not in compliance with the dress code.

Parking: For the safety of the children, please park so that you are always in a forward position when leaving (please back into your parking place).

Pop:

Pop and candy are not allowed during school. These items will be confiscated if sent. Pop may be approved by the teacher for classroom parties or special events.

Telephone:

Students **must get permission** to use the phone.

**No digital recorders, CD's, iPods/MP3s, radios, video games and toys:**

These items are not to be used during school hours. Questionable items, magazines, or other property may be confiscated and returned to the parents. No toys can be brought from home. Exceptions may be made by teachers, and parents will be notified when these items are allowed.

Cell phones must be turned off during school hours and are not allowed in classrooms. No skateboards, roller skates, or blades on school property.

Weapons:

Students may **not** bring knives or guns (real or toy) to school.

Visitors:

Anyone who wishes to visit a classroom while school is in session must get permission from the principal and the classroom teacher. The visitor is to check in at the office. Teachers must be notified in advance of an impending visit.

Visitors should wear respectable clothing. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom during the year.

Animals:

Animals are not allowed on school grounds with the exception of certified service dogs that must be kept on a leash.

Discipline: K-8th

When your child is sent to the office for behavior problems, you will be notified either by phone, written notice or e-mail. There are three areas that the administration will deal with. They are: devious behavior, disrespectful behavior, and disobedient behavior. (Look at parental agreement in application.)

4-Step Disciplining Process for K-8:

- 1. Warning**
- 2. Removal from situation**
- 3. Visit to Principal's office, call to parents if needed.**
- 4. Meeting with the parents and principal.**

The administration may escalate the 4-step process depending on the situation.

Repeatable offenses will result in a higher level of discipline, with the possibility of either in-school or out-of-school suspension at the discretion of the teacher and/or administration.

All cases of the following will be reported to the Principal:

- Use of foul language
- A student exhibiting a pattern of bullying, intimidation, or physical aggression
- Fighting
- Spreading sexual rumors about another student
- Pressure for sexual activity
- Blocking movements as a student tries to pass
- Explicit and/or pornographic pictures, posters, calendars in class or in notebook
- Bra snapping, groping, or inappropriate touching
- Sexual threats
- Sexual gesturing
- Passing sexual notes or etc.
- Teasing about private body parts development
- Whistling or catcalls, lewd propositions or comments
- Retaliatory harassment if a student reports on another student

Gym & P.E. Rules:

- Be considerate
- Stay off the bleachers (unless permitted by the teachers)
- No dodge balls at any time (except P.E or special occasion)
- Do not throw balls at people unless it is a game situation
- Stay where the gym monitor can see you
- No food in the gym except for special occasion
- No backpacks or coat in entrance to gym. Monitor on duty will assign a special place for them.
- Permission is needed to access P.E. equipment during recess, before school or after school. P.E. equipment is located in the gym.
- For the safety of student, there will be no roller blades, scooters, skateboards, or heelies allowed at any time on the RCS campus.

Playground Rules: Be respectful, kind, and polite to others

Slides:

- Slide down on your backside only (not on your tummy, hip, or shoulders)
- Do not climb up the slide
- Only one person may go down slide at a time

Swings:

- Swing sitting up, facing forward
- No running between swings
- No walking directly in front of or behind the swings
- No underducks are allowed

Other:-Do not pick up items that are on the ground

Rocks, sticks, insects, animals, etc. If it was meant to be on the ground, then please leave it there. (Except when it snows, if permitted by the monitor, you may make a snowman, and snowballs.)

- Climb only on the monkey bars (not on platform, swings, or slides)
- Always stay within visual of the playground monitor and not around the corner, behind the bushes, or across the road.
- The only objects to be thrown are balls (but not at each other)

Playground Rules Continued:

- Pushing, fighting, tackling, dragging, dog piling, and sitting on others is not allowed.
- Inappropriate language is not allowed
- During recess students may not go inside the building or leave the playground without permission
- When the whistle blows, stop what you are doing and direct your attention to the playground monitor. Someone may be doing something wrong, or it may be time to line up.
- All elementary classes are to line up on the cement slab outside of the kindergarten building.
- Be thoughtful by not disrupting a game in progress, i.e. running through hopscotch or a football game
- Take care of each other just as if Jesus Himself were playing right there with you (because He is!).

TOP 10 REASONS TO ATTEND RIVERVIEW CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	
10	Country atmosphere
9	Elementary phonics
8	Good citizenship training
7	Life-skills and leadership-skills training
6	Excellent student/staff ratio
5	Unified teaching between home, church, and school
4	High academic standards/dedication to excellence
3	Biblical basis for self-esteem
2	Character building
1	God-honoring environment