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 9th graders and has added a grade each year since. Riverside now includes grades 9-12 with a total enrollment of 430. This year’s graduating class will be our first, and will be comprised largely of our founding students. The class of 2021 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. Our founding 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 2nd highest English scores and 3rd highest math and overall scores. These results and the hard work of our students have earned Riverside an A-rating 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, 20% Caucasian, and 15% Latinx students, as well as 65% of students qualifying for free/reduced lunch.

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Total Enrollment: 435
Senior Class Enrollment: 115
Faculty-to-Student Ratio: 13:1

An IDOE accredited, A-ranked school.
### Riverside High School Core Values

Riverside High School:
- Believes that every student is a scholar
- Engages in an urban community
- Advances timeless ideas and content
- Builds a culture of respect and trust through relationships with people and ideas
- Serves as a catalyst for renewal

### Indianapolis Classical Schools Recognition

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:
- Ranked as Indianapolis’ best public high school by *US News and World Report*
- Designated as a Gold Medal school by *US News and World Report*
- Ranked among the top 1 percent of high schools nationwide by *Newsweek, US News and World 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 an 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.

### Grading Scale

A cumulative grade point average is provided on each student’s transcript. Students earn one credit per semester per course. GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale. Honors, Pre-AP, AP, and Dual Credit courses receive weighted scores.

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### COVID Policy

Riverside High School began fully virtual instruction beginning in March of 2020. For the remainder of the spring semester, students were not allowed on campus in any capacity. Riverside continued virtual instruction to begin the fall semester. While athletics were allowed to resume in-person, all other activities remained virtual.

Because of the switch to virtual learning, students in the spring semester of 2020 and the fall semester of 2021 were allowed to earn credit for a grade of 60-69 with a D (+/-).

### Advanced Placement Courses

- AP Language & Composition
- AP Literature & Composition
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP World History
- AP United States History
- AP Government
- AP Human Geography
- AP Physics
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Biology
- AP Latin
- AP Computer Science
- AP 2D Art & Design

### Dual Credit Courses

- Psychology 101, Ivy Tech
- Sociology 111,ivy Tech
- Adv English, COM 241, Marian
- Adv English, ENG 213, Marian
- Adv English, ENG 346, Marian
- Adv Social Studies, SOC 145, Marian

### Honors Courses

- Advanced Orchestra Honors
- Algebra I Honors
- Algebra II Honors
- English 9 Honors
- French I, II, III, IV Honors
- Geometry Honors
- Greek I Honors
- Journalism Honors
- Latin I, II Honors
- Physics I Honors
- Pre-AP Chemistry
- Pre-AP English 10
- Pre-AP Biology
- Pre-AP Latin III
- Pre-AP Pre-Calculus
- Spanish I, II, III Honors