



# Riverview School

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# Riverview School

ACADEMIC PROGRAM: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

## ACADEMICS

- Massachusetts DESE approved
- Research validated
- Hands-on, multi-modality
- Guided practice
- One to one Chromebook–Google Classroom
- 1-hour daily math, writing, reading, social studies, science/sexuality, transition (senior year)
- Reading Skills Instructors for emerging readers
- Anti-Bullying curriculum
- Electives include: technology, art, drama, musical theater
- Annual drama production; holiday concerts; chorus; variety show
- P.E./ Wellness offered all year
- Nutrition classes
- Social emotional instruction

## CLASS SIZE/RATIO

- 8:1 - Student to staff ratio
- No more than 8 students in the class

## LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION

- Speech Language Pathologists are ASHA-certified, master's level clinicians
- SLPs address the foundational skills needed to be effective communicators, including, but not limited to, expressive/receptive language, general intelligibility strategies, executive functioning skills, and compensatory strategies
- Services are primarily integrated into the classroom
- SLPs are available for on-going consult and collaboration with all staff



## ADVISOR MODEL

- Point person for social/emotional, mental health, and behavioral concerns
- Teach skills, such as, problem solving, advocacy, social pragmatics, social skills, anxiety management, self-regulation, friendships/relationships, and healthy boundaries
- Acts as a liaison between departments, ensures communication about the student is streamlined and all departments are aware of student's need

## TRANSITION PLANNING

- Begins in Middle School and continues through High School and GROW.
- Exploration of personal strengths, challenges and accommodations
- Student Vision Statement
- Senior Transition Programming: VCE - Vocational Community Exploration or PF - Project Forward



# SAMPLE MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE



## Riverview Student Middle School Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)	Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)	Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)	Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)	Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)
Writing Skills and Application (8:30 - 9:30)	Writing Skills and Application (8:30 - 9:30)	Writing Skills and Application (8:30 - 9:30)	Writing Skills and Application (8:30 - 9:30)	Writing Skills and Application (8:30 - 9:30)
Physical Education (9:30 - 10:30)	Physical Education (9:30 - 10:30)	Physical Education (9:30 - 10:30)	Physical Education (9:30 - 10:30)	Music (9:30 - 10:30)
Reading Skills and Application (10:30 - 11:30)	Reading Skills and Application (10:30 - 11:30)	Reading Skills and Application (10:30 - 11:30)	Reading Skills and Application (10:30 - 11:30)	Reading Skills and Application (10:30 - 11:30)
Lunch (11:30 - 12:00)	Lunch (11:30 - 12:00)	Lunch (11:30 - 12:00)	Lunch (11:30 - 12:00)	Lunch (11:30 - 12:00)
Math Applications and Beyond (12:00-1:00)	Math Applications and Beyond (12:00-1:00)	Math Applications and Beyond (12:00-1:00)	Math Applications and Beyond (12:00-1:00)	Math Applications and Beyond (12:00-1:00)
Project Based Learning (1:00-3:00)	Project Based Learning (1:00-3:00)	Project Based Learning (1:00-3:00)	Project Based Learning (1:00-3:00)	Project Based Learning (1:00-3:00)



# SAMPLE HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE SCHEDULE



## Riverview Student Sophomore Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)	Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)	Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)	Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)	Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)
Pre-Algebra (8:30 - 9:30)	Pre-Algebra (8:30 - 9:30)	Pre-Algebra (8:30 - 9:30)	Pre-Algebra (8:30 - 9:30)	Pre-Algebra (8:30 - 9:30)
Reading Skills and Application (9:30 - 10:30)	Reading Skills and Application (9:30 - 10:30)	Reading Skills and Application (9:30 - 10:30)	Reading Skills and Application (9:30 - 10:30)	Reading Skills and Application (9:30 - 10:30)
Art (10:30 - 11:30)	Physical Education (10:30 - 11:30)	Art (10:30 - 11:30)	Physical Education (10:30 - 11:30)	Art (10:30 - 11:30)
Lunch (11:30 - 12:00)	Lunch (11:30 - 12:00)	Lunch (11:30 - 12:00)	Lunch (11:30 - 12:00)	Lunch (11:30 - 12:00)
Written Expression and Beyond (12:00 - 1:00)	Written Expression and Beyond (12:00 - 1:00)	Written Expression and Beyond (12:00 - 1:00)	Written Expression and Beyond (12:00 - 1:00)	Written Expression and Beyond (12:00 - 1:00)
18th/19th Century History (1:00 - 2:00)	18th/19th Century History (1:00 - 2:00)	18th/19th Century History (1:00 - 2:00)	18th/19th Century History (1:00 - 2:00)	18th/19th Century History (1:00 - 2:00)
Life Science Principles (2:00 - 3:00)	Life Science Principles (2:00 - 3:00)	Life Science Principles (2:00 - 3:00)	Life Science Principles (2:00 - 3:00)	Life Science Principles (2:00 - 3:00)



# SAMPLE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHEDULE



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## Riverview Student Senior Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Homeroom</b> (8:15 - 8:30)	<b>Homeroom</b> (8:15 - 8:30)	<b>Homeroom</b> (8:15 - 8:30)	<b>Homeroom</b> (8:15 - 8:30)	<b>Homeroom</b> (8:15 - 8:30)
<b>Literature and Beyond</b> (8:30 - 9:30)	<b>Literature and Beyond</b> (8:30 - 9:30)	<b>Literature and Beyond</b> (8:30 - 9:30)	<b>Literature and Beyond</b> (8:30 - 9:30)	<b>Literature and Beyond</b> (8:30 - 9:30)
<b>Written Expression and Beyond</b> (9:30 - 10:30)	<b>Written Expression and Beyond</b> (9:30 - 10:30)	<b>Written Expression and Beyond</b> (9:30 - 10:30)	<b>Written Expression and Beyond</b> (9:30 - 10:30)	<b>Written Expression and Beyond</b> (9:30 - 10:30)
<b>Math Applications and Beyond</b> (10:30 - 11:30)	<b>Math Applications and Beyond</b> (10:30 - 11:30)	<b>Math Applications and Beyond</b> (10:30 - 11:30)	<b>Math Applications and Beyond</b> (10:30 - 11:30)	<b>Math Applications and Beyond</b> (10:30 - 11:30)
<b>Library</b> (11:30 - 12:30)	<b>Technology</b> (11:30 - 12:30)	<b>Musical Theater</b> (11:30 - 12:30)	<b>Technology</b> (11:30 - 12:30)	<b>Art</b> (11:30 - 12:30)
<b>Lunch</b> (12:30 - 1:00)	<b>Lunch</b> (12:30 - 1:00)	<b>Lunch</b> (12:30 - 1:00)	<b>Lunch</b> (12:30 - 1:00)	<b>Lunch</b> (12:30 - 1:00)
<b>Vocational and Community Exploration</b> (1:00 - 3:00)	<b>Vocational and Community Exploration</b> (1:00 - 3:00)	<b>World History II</b> (1:00 - 3:00)	<b>Vocational and Community Exploration</b> (1:00 - 3:00)	<b>Vocational and Community Exploration</b> (1:00 - 3:00)







# Riverview School

## RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

### INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS

- Daily living skills
- Personal and community safety
- Consumerism
- Self-determination/Self-advocacy
- Social development
- Executive functioning
- Individualized personal goal development and strategies

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Typical adolescent experiences
- Choice of after-school activities/clubs M-F
- Structured weekend activities
- Intramural and interscholastic sports
- Dances and other special social events
- Dorm socials, game nights and other evening events

### WELLNESS

- Help teach, promote, and support a healthy lifestyle within the community while focusing on three different areas: fitness, mindfulness, and nutrition
- Integrate a culture of wellness into the Riverview philosophy to enhance the educational experience and drive students to internalize components of a healthy lifestyle
- Multidimensional approach will consistently evaluate, develop, and implement elements that support healthy living

### STUDENT/STAFF RATIOS

- 8:1 - Student to staff ratio
- Overnight staff
- Individualized care



# A TYPICAL RIVERVIEW MS/HS DAY

## MORNING SCHEDULE:

<b>6:30-7:15am</b>	Wake up, shower, dress for school, morning routine
<b>7:25 &amp; 7:45am</b>	Two breakfast seatings
<b>8:10am</b>	Depart for school

The academic day is divided into six one-hour blocks and students receive instruction in Reading, Writing, Math, History and Science. During the senior year, Science is replaced with Vocational and Community Exploration where students participate in disability awareness discussions, Human Sexuality, Health, and begin to explore the vocational world. Students also have elective classes such as physical education, art, drama, technology, music and musical theatre.

## SAMPLE ACADEMIC SCHEDULE:

<b>8:10-8:30am</b>	Homeroom (Day students arrive at 8:00am)
<b>8:30-9:30am</b>	Reading
<b>9:30-10:30am</b>	Writing
<b>10:30-11:30am</b>	Elective
<b>11:30-12:00pm</b>	Lunch
<b>12:00-1:00pm</b>	Math
<b>1:00-2:00pm</b>	History
<b>2:00-3:00pm</b>	Science/Vocational and Community Exploration for Seniors
<b>1:00-3:00pm</b>	Project-Based Learning ( <i>for Middle School students only</i> )
<b>3:00-3:30pm</b>	Return to dorm, change, snack, prep for after school activities
<b>3:30-4:30pm</b>	After School Activities (Day students depart at 4:45pm)

### Afterschool activity choices may include:

- Sports Team Practices/Games (vary by season)
- Wellness (workout facility)
- Beach Walk
- Art
- Open Tennis
- Hiking
- Creative Cooking
- Disney Club
- D'Ja View Chorus
- Arts & Crafts
- Photography
- YMCA (to swim or workout)
- Glamour Girls
- Dance Heroes



# A TYPICAL RIVERVIEW MS/HS DAY CONTINUED

## Afterschool activity choices continued:

- M.A.D. (Music, Acting & Dance)
- Flag Football
- Library
- Garden Club
- Sign Art
- Dungeons & Dragons
- D'Ja View Band
- DJ Club
- Healthy Habits Club
- Book Club
- Helping Hands Club
- Rock 'N' Roll Club

**5:00-6:30pm** Dinner, chores, social time

**6:30-7:30pm** Homework hour in dorm

**7:30-9:30pm** Leisure time in dorm (board games, watching a movie or a show, socializing with friends), bedtime routine

**8:00-9:00pm** Students have the option of open gym for sports or working out at the Cohen Center

**8:30-10:00pm** Lights out (determined by age)

*Students participate in 5-6 Saturday Enrichment days per calendar year.*

## WEEKEND ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE:

- Independent Outings
- Laundry sorting
- Needs/wants shopping
- Religious Services
- Dances
- Movie Night in the Auditorium
- Arts & Crafts Activities
- Major and Minor League Sports Games
- Trips to Malls and Shopping Centers
- Wellness Center Workouts
- Canal/Beach Walk/Hiking
- Musicals (in Boston or Providence)
- Karaoke Nights
- Museums on Cape and off
- Laser Tag
- Ski Trips
- Game Nights



# Riverview School

## GROW TRANSITION PROGRAM

### ACADEMICS

- Massachusetts DESE approved
- Communication and literacy (writing and reading)
- Consumer math/banking
- Wellness, human development, personal awareness, self-advocacy, healthy living, digital citizenship, cooking
- Option for mainstream college courses at local community college
- On-campus and community work experience
- Travel training
- Electives (music, technology, art, drama, wellness, fitness, chorus, musical theater, holiday concerts, annual play productions)

### STUDENT/STAFF RATIO

- 8:1 - Student to staff ratio
- No more than 8 students in a class

### LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION

- SLPs are available for on-going consult and collaboration with all staff

### ADVISOR MODEL

- Point person for social/emotional, mental health, and behavioral concerns
- Teach skills, such as, problem solving, advocacy, social pragmatics, social skills, anxiety management, self-regulation, friendships/relationships, and healthy boundaries
- Acts as a liaison between departments, ensures communication about the student is streamlined and all departments are aware of student's needs
- Meets regularly with academic and residential teams to problem solve and provide consultation
- Work with students on an individual basis, and run social skills groups

### GENERALIZATION OF SKILLS

- Social skills training
- Consumerism (classroom to community)
- Executive functioning skills
- Travel training
- Community outings

### TRANSITION PLANNING

- Transition Binder
- Student vision statement
- Student-centered transition planning meetings
- Collaboration with adult service agencies & post-secondary programs
- Self-awareness/self advocacy/self determination training
- Transition planning curriculum
- Transition seminar classes

### VOCATIONAL

- Career exploratory: students explore different career pathways through experiential learning in community internships and on campus work practicums.
- Vocational curriculum: designed to reinforce employability skills and work readiness.
- School based businesses: Riverview Café and Second-View Thrift Store.
- Internships provide opportunities to develop, practice and apply vocational skills.
- Project Forward (Cape Cod Community College): Vocational Training Program.
- Project SEARCH: One-year, total workplace immersion program.



# SAMPLE GROW YEAR 1 SCHEDULE



## Riverview Student GROW Year 1 Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)	Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)	Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)	Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)	Homeroom (8:15 - 8:30)
Being a Consumer (8:30 - 10:00)	Career Exploratory (8:30 - 11:30)	Being a Consumer (8:30 - 10:00)	Travel Training/ Community Awareness/ Life Skills (8:30 - 11:30)	Being a Consumer (8:30 - 10:00)
Reading & Writing Strategies (10:00 - 11:30)		Reading & Writing Strategies (10:00 - 11:30)		Reading & Writing Strategies (10:00 - 11:30)
Lunch (11:30 - 12:00)	Wellness (11:30-12:30)	DEIA (11:30-12:30)	Lunch (11:30 - 12:15)	Lunch (11:30 - 12:00)
Social Skills (12:00 - 1:00)	Lunch (12:30 - 1:00)	Lunch (12:30 - 1:00)	Work (12:15 - 1:15)	Social Skills (12:00 - 1:00)
Healthy Living & Nutrition (1:00 - 3:00)	Art (1:00 - 2:00)	Job Readiness (1:00 - 2:00)	Work Experience Education (1:00 - 2:00)	Digital Citizenship (1:00 - 2:00)
	Money Skills (2:00 - 3:00)	Team Meeting (2:00 - 3:00)	Tech Workshop (2:00 - 3:00)	Reading Enrichment (2:00 - 3:00)





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## GROW RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

### INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS

- Daily living skills
- Personal and community safety
- Consumerism
- Self-determination/Self-advocacy
- Social development
- Executive functioning
- Simulated public transportation system
- Laundry
- Cooking – meal planning, grocery shopping and meal preparation
- Focus on health, nutrition and fitness
- Individualized personal goal development and strategies

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Typical adolescent experiences
- Choice of activities/clubs M-F
- Structured weekend activities
- Intramural and interscholastic sports
- Dances and other special social events
- Dorm socials, game nights and other evening events
- GROW box office events/opportunities-simulated ticket sales

### WELLNESS

- Help teach, promote, and support a healthy lifestyle within the community while focusing on three different areas: fitness, mindfulness, and nutrition
- Integrate a culture of wellness into the Riverview philosophy to enhance the educational experience and drive students to internalize components of a healthy lifestyle
- Multidimensional approach will consistently evaluate, develop, and implement elements that support healthy living



# GROW PROGRAM: WEEKDAY RESIDENTIAL AFTERNOON & EVENING SCHEDULE

**3:00-4:00pm** Return to dorms from afternoon GROW classes  
(when not attending Project Forward)

**Free time for the following:**

- Music activity opportunities (on select weekdays) Rock Band/Musical Theater, Improv/Repertory
- Socialize with peers (phone calls or gathering in common area)
- Use computer
- Watch T.V.
- Homework
- Wellness Center
- Beach and Track walks
- Invite a peer over

**4:00-6:00pm** Students are returning from Project Forward at this time.  
Meal preparation, dinner, clean-up and chores.

**6:00-8:00pm** Activity Choices (examples throughout year):

- Musical instrument lessons
- Zumba classes (aerobic dance class)
- Art classes
- Wellness Open gym
- Work out videos
- Beach & track walks (weather permitting)
- Tae Kwon Do
- Sandwich Hollows dance (once a month)
- Karaoke
- Yoga
- YMCA
- Barnstable Youth Center
- Chorus/Band
- GROW Intramural Sports Program
- Student-run social clubs (ex. Disney Club, Chess Club, Book Club, etc.)

**8:00-9:00pm** Social Time with dormmates  
Technology use: Board/Video games, DVD/TV  
Meet with staff to review Personal Development Goals

**9:00-10:00pm** Quiet Hour - Winding down – getting ready for bed  
Homework, Personal hygiene, Laundry, Room organization  
Connecting with family and friends

**10:00pm** Preparing for bed





# Riverview School

## PARENT TESTIMONIALS



### HOW HAS RIVERVIEW SCHOOL BEEN LIFE CHANGING FOR YOUR STUDENT?

- When our kids are in public school they are at the bottom of the rung—no one cares about them—You get to Riverview, and you immediately have as many friends as you like, you have wonderful teachers and resources and a rich learning plan. My daughter bloomed. She gained so much confidence. She learned to advocate for herself. She did so well, she was the president of the class senior year. She went from not being able to read, to giving a speech to the whole class and their parents at the end of the year.
- Before it seemed like the world was on your shoulders, and Riverview took the weight off. Knowing that our son is so happy, has given us time to have the bandwidth to meet the needs of the other siblings.
- Riverview treats kids like they are ordinary kids. He got to participate in the cross-country team and the school play. When their competition is typically developing kids, the opportunities for our kids do not exist.
- What the best thing for your child is not always what is the best thing for you. It is hard to let go.
- My son now knows who he is, and he is proud of who he is. The confidence that Riverview has given him is priceless.
- Riverview is so effortless. It is his turn to be him. We don't realize how much effort it takes for our kids to be who they are.
- It is not about what you are losing, it is about what my son is gaining.
- I knew he had a sense of humor, but nobody else did. He was trapped. Now they know.
- My daughter found her Tribe, I found my tribe.
- This is the happiest place on earth.







# Riverview School

## STAFF TESTIMONIALS



### WHAT SETS THIS SCHOOL APART?

#### COMMUNITY

- It really, truly is a community of people who care and go above and beyond every day.
- Everybody is invested in the students and the programming.
- This is happy joyful community.

and becoming independent in in all key areas. The commitment, passion and dedication of the staff focuses on the whole child. The teachers care about the students.

- Our mantra-before they care how much you know; they need to know how much you care.

#### PROGRAM/STAFF

- Ability to teach every component the students need to learn to be successful in life. This includes mentors, teachers and job trainers.
- The culture that we have. The students are creative. They can have the typical young adult experience here.
- Ability to individualize and meet the students where they are. Everyone is here because they love the students.
- We are student driven, individualized and forward thinking.
- Our wrap around services.
- The variety of choices for an individual- work immersion training and college immersion.
- Students have the residential piece to prepare them for adult learning.
- The on the ground direct service staff.
- Our grasp of the whole child. We are committed to all aspects of building success and helping them grow

#### SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- Students can really have friends and play sports.
- Students are open to the world and not jaded.
- Students, for the first time, get to explore themselves. They have real friendships- not forced- they have successes in school and on the field.
- Students are genuinely happy in schools, sports and activities. • Our students can participate in social experiences and activities that other students have, but with support.
- Strong clinical piece- social emotional growth is big.
- Students are able to discover new talents—it is great to see the progression.
- We will do whatever we can for student growth.

#### GENERAL

- Riverview is not like the real world, but it is what the real world should look like.
- If I ever had a child with this profile, I would send him/her here.

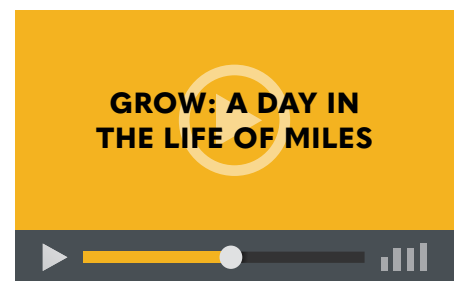
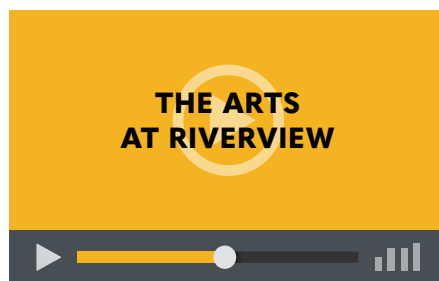
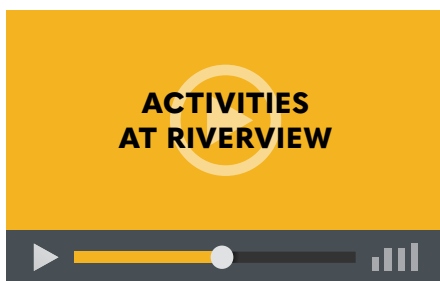
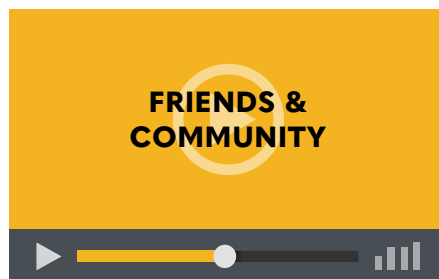
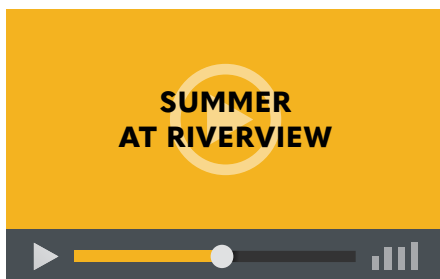
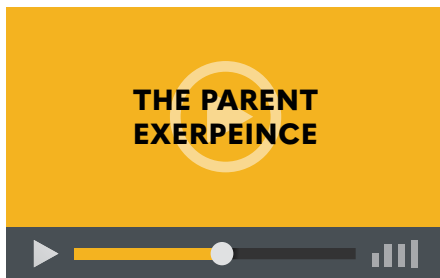




# Riverview School

## INFORMATION VIDEO LIBRARY

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**Riverview  
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**A leader in educating extraordinary  
students with complex language,  
learning and cognitive challenges**

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Founded  
in 1957

# Life-Changing

Riverview School is an independent coeducational boarding/day school on beautiful Cape Cod, Massachusetts. We are committed to developing student competence and confidence in academic, social and independent living skills. We offer middle school, high school, post high school transition and summer programs.

- Riverview is committed to developing students' academic abilities, and to helping them acquire and apply knowledge. Students are grouped in small classes, and the student-to-teacher ratio never exceeds 8 to 1. Coursework is supported through the latest technologies and innovations in teaching. Specialized speech and language services, reading instruction, executive function coaching and social skills training are infused throughout the program.
- Students continually engage in academic curriculum, residential programming, and community experiences designed to build the skills they need to live as independently as possible. Each student is assigned an advisor who serves as a liaison between home and school and provides support with self-advocacy, self-awareness, problem solving and social skills.



Students come from 21 states and 8 foreign countries, as well as the Cape Cod community.

# Experience

- Riverview supports students to build confidence, establish positive relationships, understand and regulate emotions and develop self-advocacy skills. Students gain greater independence through developing problem solving strategies and building strong support systems. Students have many opportunities to practice social skills.
- Riverview's Wellness Program focuses on the benefits of keeping active, healthy eating and being mindful. Riverview is committed to embracing wellness as a community, and to ensuring that students are developing and internalizing habits that will guide them to independently make healthy choices throughout their lifetimes.

At Riverview, students are accepted for who they are. They are kind and support each other. For many students, attending Riverview is the first time in their lives that they feel true acceptance and enjoy friendships and busy social lives.



## Middle School

### Becoming Part of a Team

Middle School serves students ages 11-15, grades 6-8. Students experience a sense of accomplishment that comes from becoming part of a team. They begin to understand the passage of time, organization, and the importance of self-regulation. They are given tools and taught step-by-step strategies to apply in their academic, social, and life experiences.

- Classroom instruction for Riverview's youngest students is designed to build the foundation for learning.
- Students take part in content-driven, hands-on projects related to a theme while strengthening their investigation, research and writing skills.
- Lessons focused on problem solving with peers help to further independence.
- Members of Riverview's Language and Social Development Department co-teach social skills classes.
- Students learn and live in collaborative settings designed to allow them to build relationships and understand their emotions and other people's perspectives.
- Staff work closely with students in order to guide them in developing self-advocacy skills and identifying their support systems.
- Field trips offer students the opportunity to generalize social and academic skills.



# High School

## Celebrating Talents and Developing Strategies

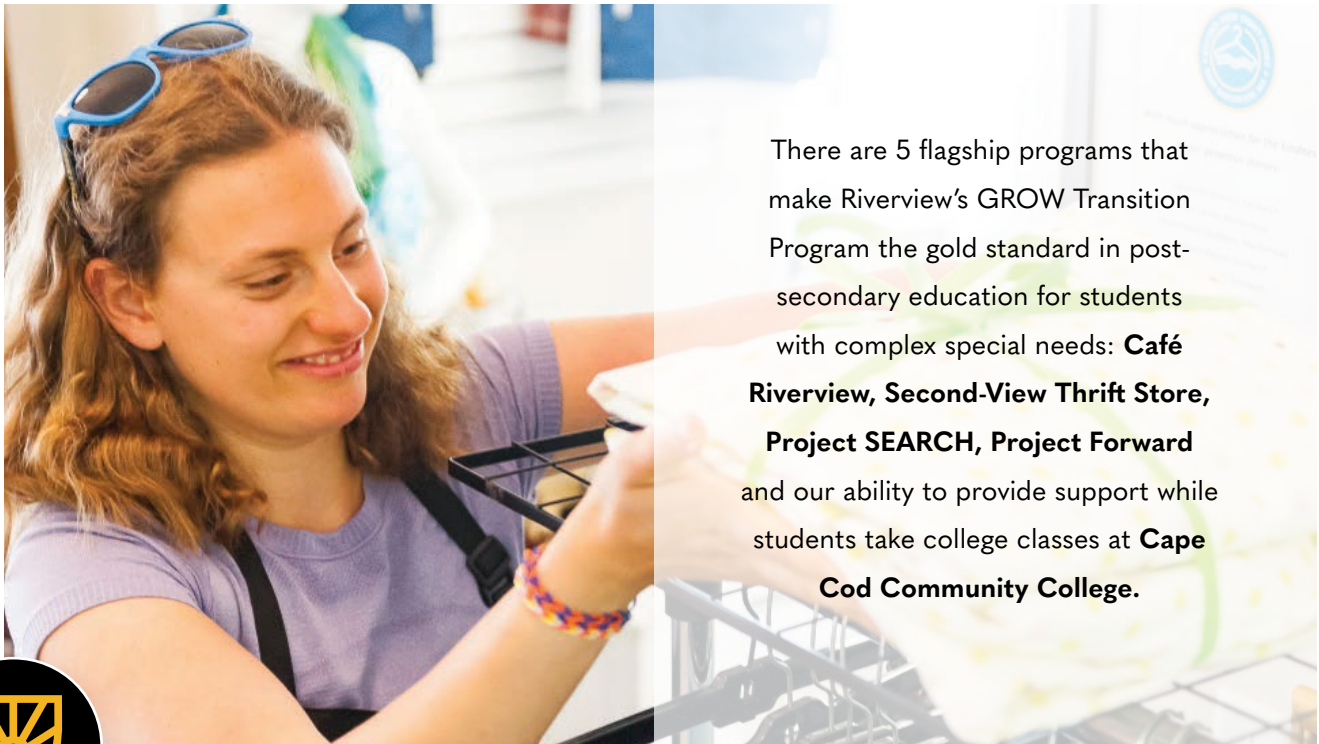
Riverview School's High School Program serves students ages 14–19, grades 9–12. Students celebrate their talents and abilities while developing strategies for managing challenges. Whether they are in the classroom, residences, community, or on the playing fields, students learn the importance of hard work, collaboration, and perseverance.



- Lessons are presented via a thematic, integrated curriculum.
- Literature, writing, hands-on history activities, the arts, and field trips are all connected to a central theme.
- Social skills instruction is provided in natural group settings, such as in the cafeteria, classroom, dormitory and during activities.
- Students practice independent living skills related to cooking, shopping, personal hygiene, health, nutrition and fitness, stress management, and the planning of recreational activities.
- Skills such as room and dorm care, daily living, time management, organization and budgeting are taught in structured, supported settings, helping students to stretch and grow.



Independent, coeducational boarding/day school for students ages 11-21.



There are 5 flagship programs that make Riverview's GROW Transition Program the gold standard in post-secondary education for students with complex special needs: **Café Riverview, Second-View Thrift Store, Project SEARCH, Project Forward** and our ability to provide support while students take college classes at **Cape Cod Community College**.

## Post High School Transition Program

### Preparing Students for Independent Lives

Riverview School's Post High School Transition Program GROW—Getting Ready for the Outside World for young adults ages 17–21. Structured much like a college campus, GROW students live in dorms, take classes and participate in an extensive internship program. They learn how to self-advocate, make mature choices and take responsibility for all aspects of their lives, including selecting and planning their own social activities.

- GROW students play a very active role in designing and planning their lives.
- The GROW curriculum includes direct instruction in academics with courses that include: Communication and Literacy, Personal Finance, Travel Training and Transition Seminar.
- Students further develop skills related to: cooking, comparative shopping, personal hygiene, health, nutrition and fitness, stress management, home maintenance, transportation, and the planning of independent recreational activities.
- Students identify and explore career interests with hands-on training through robust internship programs. They develop a strong work ethic and gain firsthand experience in a variety of work settings, thereby increasing awareness of personal strengths and interests.

# Summer Program

## Activities, Adventures and Academics

The Riverview Summer Program is five-weeks full of adventures, activities, learning and fun!

Riverview Summer offers programs for three different age groups: Middle School, ages 11-15; High School, ages 14-19; and the Post High School Transition Program, ages 17-21.

For Middle/High School students, the Summer Program is designed to build social skills and independent living skills while strengthening academic progress achieved during the school year, whether coming in for the new school year or just joining us for the summer.

For Post High School (GROW) students, the Summer Program is designed to teach vocational, social, and independent living skills while reinforcing academics. GROW students must be enrolled for the following school year in order to participate in the Summer Program.

Riverview's summer experience serves as an ideal opportunity for students to become acquainted with campus life, teachers, residential faculty and peers, all while having fun, enjoying activities and adventures on beautiful Cape Cod!



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## Riverview School's Innovative Advisor Model Sets Students on Path for Social Success and Happiness

There is one thing that every Riverview School student has in common. They benefit from consistent social skills teaching. Whether navigating relationships, managing day-to-day emotions, or learning how to initiate a conversation, Riverview students are entrenched in social skills coaching all day, every day.



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Student, Madison meets with her Advisor, Dr. Shields at Riverview School

## In-the-moment teaching and problem solving sets Riverview School apart!

- All instructors are trained in social pragmatics, therefore feedback given to students is consistent, timely, and generalized all day long.
- Riverview Advisors are all Master’s-level Clinicians.
- Riverview has the ability to be creative and individualize resources and approaches.
- Each student is assigned an Advisor who provides social/emotional support and help with self-advocacy, self-awareness, self-regulation, stress management, and problem solving skills.
- The Advisor serves as a liaison between Riverview’s Academic, Residential, and Language and Social Development teams, as well as the student’s family to provide support, resources and consultation.
- Advisors work with students on building healthy relationships, social pragmatics, and social planning.

Riverview’s commitment to social skills training helps to ensure that students are socially successful, and in turn prepared to live their happiest lives.

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# Project SEARCH at Riverview School



- HOST BUSINESS PARTNERS:**
- Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital
  - Cape Cod Hospital
  - Falmouth Hospital

## WHAT IS PROJECT SEARCH?

Project SEARCH is a unique school-to-work transition program. Our focus is on employment preparation as total workplace immersion facilities a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on training through worksite rotations in 3 area hospitals - Cape Cod Hospital, Falmouth Hospital and Spaulding Rehab Hospital. The Project SEARCH model involves an extensive period of skills training, innovative adaptations, job coaching, and continuous feedback from teachers, skills trainers, and employers while working approximately 25 hours per week at the host sites.

## BENEFITS TO THE STUDENTS:

- Participate in (3) 10-week internships, in varied settings, within the host businesses
- Acquire competitive, transferable and marketable job skills
- Gain increased vocational strengths and interests
- Learn to integrate into a workplace and its culture
- Build further independence, teamwork, problem-solving, confidence, and self esteem
- Obtain work-based individualized, direct coaching, instruction and feedback

## WHO IS SELECTED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT SEARCH PROGRAM?

- All students entering their final year at Riverview School go through a file review process to determine an individualized pathway for their final year of vocational development
- Some criteria for placement in Project SEARCH include students who are motivated to work competitively and who have strong independent living, self-advocacy and self-determination skills



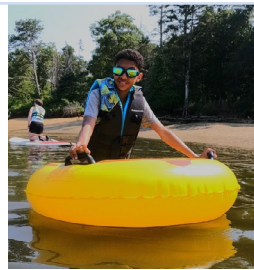
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# Summer at RIVERVIEW



## ACADEMICS & ADVENTURES ON BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD



Riverview's Summer Program is an ideal opportunity for students to maintain academics, improve upon independent living and executive functioning skills while enjoying social opportunities with peers on beautiful Cape Cod.

**JULY 10 - AUGUST 12, 2024**



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Whether opting for summer only or an introduction to the school year, the Middle and High School Summer Program is designed to maintain academics, build independent living skills, executive function skills, and provide social opportunities with peers.

During the summer, the Transition Program (GROW) is designed to teach vocational, independent living, and social skills while reinforcing academics. GROW students must be enrolled for the following school year in order to participate in the Summer Program.



For more information and to view the schedule of a typical summer day scan the QR code.



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# A TYPICAL RIVERVIEW SUMMER DAY



## MORNING SCHEDULE:

<b>7:00am</b>	Wake-up, complete morning routine
<b>8:00-8:30am</b>	Breakfast, clean up, dorm meeting

The academic day is divided into four one-hour blocks and students receive instruction in English Language Arts, Reading and Math. Students also rotate through a variety of electives such as physical education, creative arts, music and science.

## SAMPLE SCHEDULE:

<b>8:30am</b>	Students arrive to school
<b>8:30-9:30am</b>	English Language Arts
<b>9:30-10:30am</b>	Reading
<b>10:30-11:30am</b>	Math
<b>11:30-12:30pm</b>	Electives
<b>12:30-1:00pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1:00-1:30pm</b>	Current Events
<b>1:30pm</b>	Dismissal to dorms
<b>1:30-2:30pm</b>	Preparation for activities (money management, organization etc.)
<b>2:30-4:30pm</b>	Recreational and cultural opportunities, which may include:



- Swimming at local ponds, beaches, pools
- Arts and crafts
- Professional sporting events
- Golf/miniature golf
- Plays and concerts
- Conservation area hiking
- Barnstable County Fair
- Softball, volleyball, kickball
- Roger Williams Zoo
- Canobie Lake Park
- Outermost Adventure (seal tour)
- Blanket project
- Scenic Cape Cod tours
- Museum of Natural History
- Circus Smirkus
- Woods Hole
- Deep sea fishing
- Coastal Explorer
- Archery
- Waterwizz
- Kayaking lessons



# A TYPICAL RIVERVIEW SUMMER DAY CONTINUED

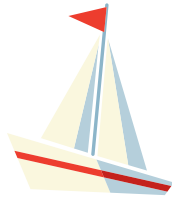
## EVENING SCHEDULE:

**5:00-5:30pm** Chores, room care, laundry preparation

**5:30-6:30pm** Dinner

**6:30-8:30pm** Evening and weekend activities, which may include:

- Cape Cod Melody Tent
- Beach Bonfire
- Red Sox/Pawtucket and Cape Cod Baseball games
- Scavenger hunts
- Games in the gym
- Exercise in Wellness
- Sandcastle creation
- Star Lab demonstration
- Jewelry making
- Sock hops, dances
- Talent show
- Computer lab
- Bingo, Jeopardy, Scene It, game night
- YMCA
- Theme nights
- Various entertainers
- Weekly shopping trips
- Digital photography
- Pottery classes



**8:30-9:30pm** Dorm Activities  
(computers, movies, games, dorm and personal responsibilities)

**9:30-10:00pm** Quiet time, lights out





# A TYPICAL GROW SUMMER DAY

- 7:00-8:15am** Wake-up, prepare breakfast, complete morning routine
- 8:15am** Depart residences for Trulaske Hall (Academic Building)
- 8:30-11:30am** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday - Classroom instruction  
Wednesday - Community outing (9:00-1:30)
- 11:30am-12:00pm** Lunch
- 12:00-2:00pm** Sample elective/vocational opportunities include:



## Elective Opportunities

- Musical theater
- Deductive Reasoning
- Morse Code
- Discover Your World (Current Events)
- Wellness
- Art

## Work exploratory rotation

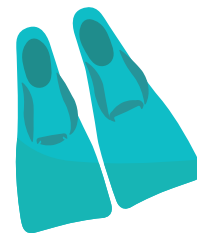
- Office Technology in the Business Center
- Retail
- Processing Center
- Maintenance
- Basic Foods
- On the job training Helmsman & Karen's Kitchen

- 1:30-5:00pm** Home living skills, afternoon activities and dinner preparation
- 5:00-6:30pm** Dinner and clean-up
- 6:30-8:30pm** Recreational, cultural and evening planned outings which may include:

- Concerts on the Green (Cape Cod & Plymouth)
- Cape Cod National Seashore
- Cape Cod Baseball league
- Movies
- Cape Cod Melody Tent
- YMCA
- Sandwich Boardwalk
- Bookstore visits
- Personal shopping
- Canal & beach walks
- Barnstable County Fair
- Local hikes
- Kayaking



- 8:30-10:00pm** Free time, nightly routines, laundry
- 10:00pm** Quiet time







*Our families share many commonalities—one in particular is: The drive and determination to keep pushing for the education and community they know their child truly deserves with the goal to maximize their potential and lead happy, successful, and fulfilling lives.*



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*"We didn't know what adulthood would look like, what happens for her as an adult, what happens for her when we're not here. It's only been a year—but I think we start to see there might be a real possibility that she would actually be able to have a job—that was impossible a year ago—and it's kind of amazing and I think she feels that—her self-esteem is so different. I think there's a really decent shot that we just totally bent the arc of her trajectory."*

- Adam E. • A Riverview Parent

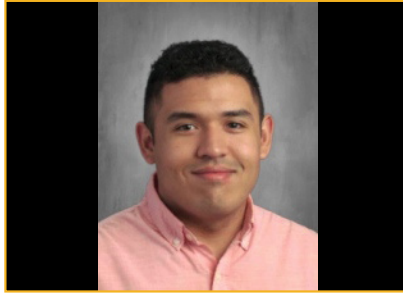


# Who is the Riverview Student?

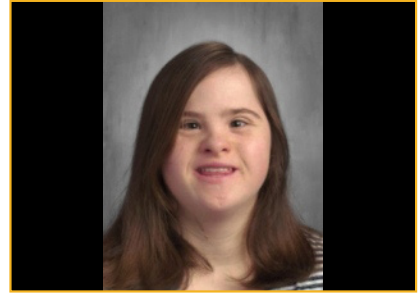
LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RANGE OF NEURODIVERSITY HERE AT RIVERVIEW SCHOOL.



VICTORIA



ANDREW



GRETCHEN

Victoria, Andrew, and Gretchen are three examples of neurodiversity within the Riverview community. We encourage you to watch and listen to each of their stories, and visit our admissions page for more information to determine if Riverview is the right fit for someone you know. [riverviewschool.org/media-library](https://riverviewschool.org/media-library) →



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**Riverview School** is a neurodiverse community of learners who strive to increase skills in the core competencies of academics, social emotional, independent living, wellness, and vocational readiness. We provide an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere without setting limits on students' capabilities. Some of our students may surprise you, as they do not necessarily fit the criteria you might envision. We provide an appropriate environment for the emerging, developing, and established learner along with social emotional support. Our goal for each student is to maximize the potential for a happy, fulfilling, and independent life.



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Riverview has a long standing commitment to neurodiversity, and our curriculum supports a variety of students who learn differently.

Our students are often described as sweet, friendly, gentle, and naive and have IQ and Achievement scores of 65-90 with a desire to make friends and seek social and extra curricular opportunities. They respond well to structured and supportive environments and have mastered basic daily living skills, and personal hygiene.

Many of our students have multiple diagnoses. For a full list, visit our website at [riverviewschool.org/admissions](https://riverviewschool.org/admissions).



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Click the icon to the right to watch our three student spotlight videos about Victoria, Andrew and Gretchen and their experiences at Riverview School!



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**1957** 95 **THRIVING STUDENTS**



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**6** HOURS OF  
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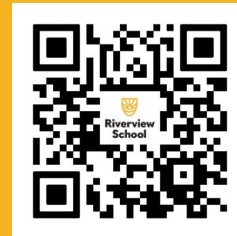
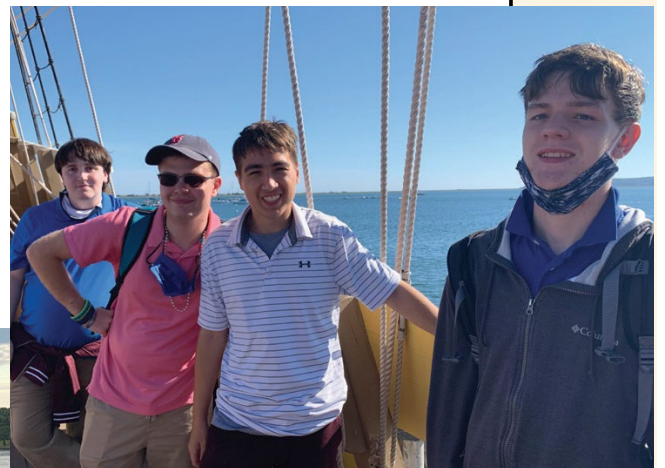
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# RIVERVIEW SCHOOL'S MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

**GRADES 6-12**  
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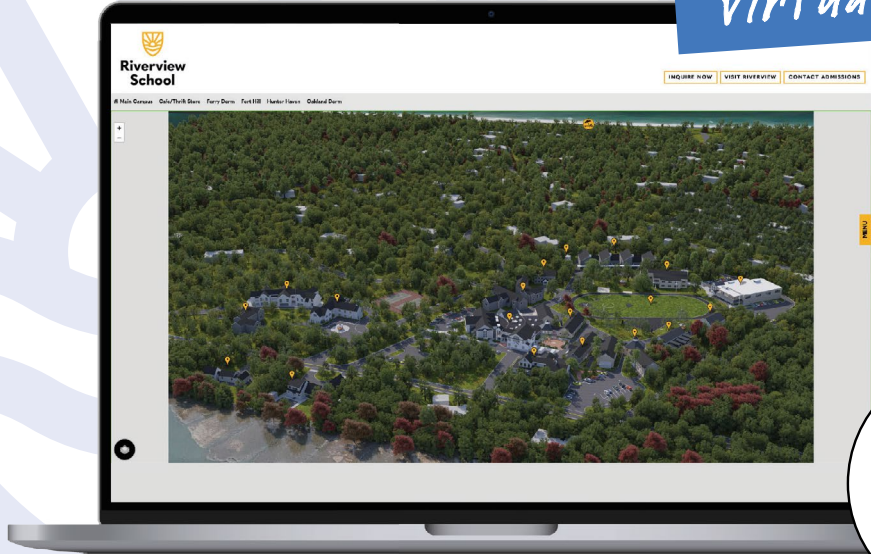
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Want to experience what life is like at Riverview? Now you can from the comfort of your own home! Visit Riverview virtually, at your own pace, to get a feel for what our campus—and students—have to offer. Take the first step and explore our virtual tour!



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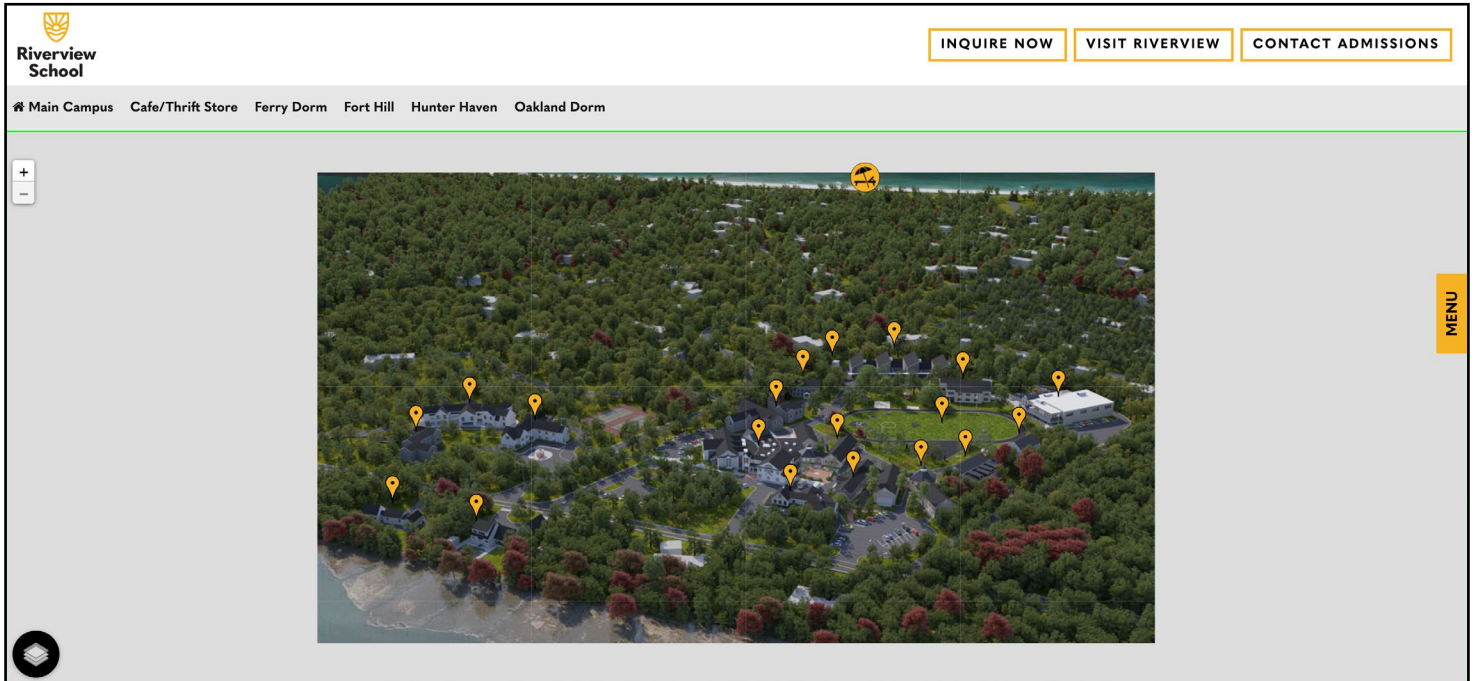
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