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Riverdale Ag Program Recognized as Top in State

The Riverdale School District is incredibly proud to share that Riverdale was awarded the Outstanding Agricultural Education Program in the State of Wisconsin for 2025 at the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators Banquet (WAAE) on June 25th. This honor is awarded to only one ag program in the entire state!

Programs were evaluated on key areas such as curriculum, experiential learning, leadership opportunities, partnerships, and more, and Riverdale rose to the top!

Riverdale's ag teacher and FFA advisor, Mrs. Kally Koch, said, "I worked hard for this, but so have my family, my students, my administration, our district, and our community. Thank you for helping me provide opportunities for our students to become college, career, and life ready."

Led by the incredible Kally Koch, our ag program is growing strong with 190 students enrolled, 88 active FFA members, a student managed 150 acre school farm, a hands on animal lab with 30 plus species, 100% SAE participation for real world career readiness, and \$110,000 invested in a brand new on site learning center.

From veterinary science to food processing, our students are gaining skills, leadership, and valuable experiences they will need to shape the future of agriculture.

We're honored by this recognition and excited to represent Wisconsin at the national level through WAAE.

This award is a reflection of the dedication, collaboration, and community support that makes Riverdale shine.

SCHOOL START AND DISMISSAL TIMES

4k-12	8:00 a.m.
4k-6	3:20 p.m.
7-12	3:25 p.m.

No School:

October 10
Teacher PD Day

October 24

November 5
Teacher PD Day
PT Conferences

End of 1st Quarter

Tuesday,
November 4

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SUPERINTENDENT WELCOME

Welcome back to the start of the 2025-2026 school year! We are excited to welcome the students back to school. The schools and grounds look great due to the efforts of our custodial and maintenance staff. The buildings and classrooms are set up to be clean, healthy, and safe places for students to learn.

In the Spring, eighteen staff members formed a team to develop a strategic plan for the district. This group created a new mission statement of Connect, Empower, and Grow. The vision best suits our district, which is leading the way in opportunities for college, career, and life-ready community members. The goals and objectives developed by the group will help lead our district and school board in decision-making for the next five years. You will see more information rolled out about our strategic plan throughout the 2025-2026 school year.

Our district continues to achieve academically, with both our elementary and junior high schools being recognized as high-impact schools by the Department of Public Instruction. This recognition was awarded to 70 schools in the state that serve a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students and demonstrate above-average achievement. Both schools continue to score high in achievement on both the math and reading portions of the Forward exam. All three schools have now been recognized over the past year. Last summer, Riverdale High School was selected as one of the top 20% of high schools in the nation.

As an alumnus of the Riverdale Class of 2001, I take tremendous pride in this school district. I decided to come back to this area to work, live and raise my family because of all the positive memories I had as a child growing up. Many staff members made a lasting impact on me and my future as an educator. I am fortunate that this was able to happen. As District Administrator, my goal is that every student can have a positive educational experience at Riverdale. It is now my time to give back to the wonderful families that make up the Riverdale School District.

In closing, thank you to the community and families for the opportunity to serve our community's children. They are the future and the highest priority. I take great pride in being able to serve both the community and the families within this community. We have several exciting things going on at Riverdale, and with the dedication of the tremendous staff, I am looking forward to a fantastic 2025-2026 school year!

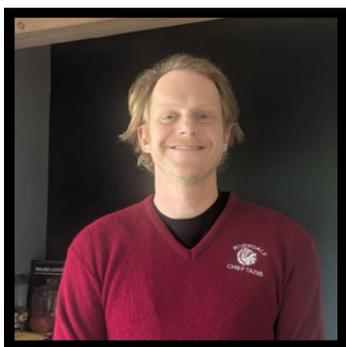
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Leading the Way in Opportunities for College, Career, & Life Ready Community Members

New Teachers



Micah Thingvold

Mr. Thingvold, a Riverdale graduate, earned his degree from UW-La Crosse and spent 16 years teaching and coaching in the New Auburn and Waunakee school districts. Mr. Thingvold will teach JH and HS math at Riverdale and be part of the Riverdale Baseball program. Mr. Thingvold is looking forward to being back in the area with his wife Whitney and their daughter, Talula.



Ella Feuersthaler

Mrs. Feuersthaler is the new Elementary Music teacher. She graduated from West Bend High School and earned her bachelors degree from Northern Illinois University in Instrumental Music Education along with a certification in Asian American Studies. In addition to studying the violin for ten years, Mrs. Feuersthaler has developed a deep passion for world music and a strong advocate for music education for all.



Margaret Emerson

Ms. Emerson is the new K-2 Special Education teacher at Riverdale. She graduated from UW-Platteville in 2021 with a bachelor's in Elementary Education and a minor in Early Childhood. She is the proud mom of two little boys and in her free time she enjoys getting together with family and friends, going to the library and visiting state parks. Before Riverdale, she spent three years teaching at Ithaca.



Brittany Penfield

Mrs. Penfield grew up and graduated from Richland Center. She attended UW-Richland for two years before earning her bachelors degree in elementary education from UW-Madison. She taught 4K at Ithaca for 12 years before coming to Riverdale. Mrs. Penfield will teach 4K this year and has a passion for setting our youngest learners up for academic and life success. Mrs. Penfield enjoys spending time with her son and husband.



Jordan Kratochwill

Ms. Kratochwill grew up right here in Muscoda and is a proud graduate of Riverdale. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at UW Platteville. You may already recognize her from last year when she served as a long term substitute teacher in the district. Ms. Kratochwill will teach 5th grade this year and is thrilled to return to Riverdale and contribute to the Riverdale team. This winter Ms. Kratochwill will get married and become Mrs. Conner.



Shae Klicko

Ms. Klicko grew up in Reedsburg and completed her undergraduate degree in History with an emphasis in Ancient Studies. She recently graduated from UW-Madison with a master's in Curriculum and Instruction: Secondary Social Studies Education and certification to teach English as a Second Language (ESL). She is excited to guide Riverdale students in global exploration from the classroom.

Homecoming Schedule of Events September 29-October 4

Riverdale Homecoming



Theme - **VEGAS!**

30 SEP	Powder Puff Volleyball 7:00 PM	03 OCT	Homecoming Parade  2:00 PM
02 OCT	JV1/JV2/Varsity Volleyball 4:30 & 6:00 PM 	03 OCT	Varsity Football 
02 OCT	Skits Following Volleyball	04 OCT	Homecoming Dance 7:00 - 11:00 PM
03 OCT	District Pep Rally  1:00 PM		



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