

Riverdale Collegiate Institute

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GRADE RANGE: 9 to 12

Interesting Feature

Extended French Program

Join 160 students and enrol in the excellent extended French program. In addition to French language courses, we also offer introduction to business, history, civics/careers and anthropology and sociology in French. Complete eight French language courses and earn a special certificate in bilingual education. That certificate can help you secure university admission and may lead to exciting careers in the public sector and around the world. Join other students in our popular French club and visit French restaurants and various landmarks in the city.

"There is no better school".

Since 1907, Riverdale Collegiate has established a reputation for academic excellence. Over 80% of graduating students enter post secondary education and one third of graduates are Ontario Scholars. Riverdale is home to a modern library and many computer labs allowing students to both study and utilize computer technology. The academic program is complemented by a wide variety of clubs and sports such as: Riverdale Against Discrimination, recycling, yearbook, archery, basketball and field hockey. Our school prides itself on the spirit of cooperation between students and staff and our motto--'There is no better school'. We encourage all parents to join our school council and visit our website at <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/riverdale>

Music and Strings

Express yourself in a wide range of music programs, including vocal, instrumental and strings, offered from Grades 9 to 12. Perform in concerts at Massey Hall and the Kiwanis Music Festival. Our students have won awards in the vocal category and consistently do well in these events. Perform in our popular evening of holiday music and spring concerts as well. Elevate your music to a higher level. We offer Grade 12 students a repertoire course to refine their skills. Learn from teachers who are accomplished performers. Travel to New York City, Boston, or Chicago to see some of the best artists in the world.





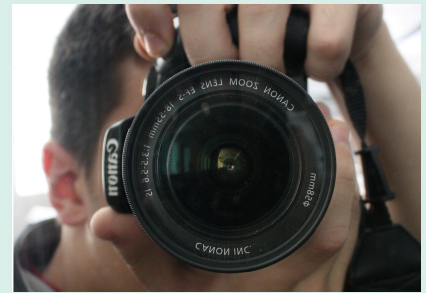
Physical Education and Athletics

We offer a wide range of innovative physical education courses. Our competitive pool is used for all major swim meets and the fitness room is a great addition to the physical education classes. In our very popular exercise science course focusing on physiology, we help prepare students who are interested in studying physical education or life sciences at university.



Art and Photography

Enrol in our visual arts and photography programs and exhibit your work at the school and in the community. Learn in our fully equipped dark room and spacious art rooms that will help your creativity explode. Join our Crafts course to learn interesting techniques such as felting, jewelry design, pottery and paper making.



Social Science and Humanities

Enrol in our ancient civilization, anthropology, sociology, politics, law, economics or world religions course and put the present into perspective. History students compete in the annual Toronto history contest. The law society's annual safety audit surveys students, parents and teachers to hear their views and make recommendations for change.



Computer studies

Learn how to program the computer, design a web site, or be part of publishing the school yearbook and newspaper. Our school won the Toronto Star High School Newspaper award for the best volunteer newspaper in Toronto.



Additional Features

- Peer Buddy Program
- Strong Equity Club
- Parent Information Nights
- Language lab
- Peer Tutoring Program
- Breakfast Program
- Professional Learning Communities
- Many Computer Labs



Student Life - Where You Belong

Riverdale has a very active Girls and Boys Athletic Association with a huge selection of sports that run four days a week at lunch hour. Other events running at Riverdale include school dances, spirit days, Mini Olympics, bake sales, United Games, leadership camps, etc. A large number of students also attend the Chinese New Year Banquet, Semi Formal dinner dance and our fabulous end of year Prom.

The energetic Student Council ensures monthly activities to keep the spirit alive at Riverdale. Some of these activities include the Halloween fashion show, candy-grams, teacher vs. student games, etc.

We offer over 70 different clubs and teams in athletics, the arts and social justice.

In collaboration with the Toronto Police Service our Law Society promotes the teaching of respect and good citizenship.

For the past three years students were able to sign up for an exchange trip to Europe or participate in a trip to Chicago, Boston or New York.



What Sets Us Apart

Riverdale students are focused and serious about their futures. The trained guidance team will open a world of university, college and apprenticeship options. From October through to February, we organize weekly visits by college and university representatives. Over 80 per cent of our graduates are accepted into the college, university or apprenticeships of choice, with almost one-half of those students earning university scholarships. One-third of our graduates are Ontario Scholars. Our students participate and excel each year in numerous provincial and national mathematics competitions, including Euclid, Pascal, Fermat Cayley and the University of Waterloo. Computer science students have achieved top honours at the Educational Computing Organization of Ontario (ECOO) competitions. We have six computer labs, with 300 computers connected to the Internet and WiFi access in many areas of the school.





Parent and Community Engagement

Riverdale is well regarded in our community as a safe school. Our Law Society addresses pressing issues each year through a safe schools survey, and in conjunction with administration, offers workshops for teachers, students and parents on topics such as: Bullying, Harm Reduction (Drug Awareness) and Internet Safety.

Riverdale has an active Alumni Association who meet regularly to discuss improvements and events for the school. The School Council also meets every six weeks to give parents the opportunity to become better informed and to get involved in the educational process.



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.



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