

**River Ridge High School
2017-18
School Improvement Plan**

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School Profile

River Ridge High School is the newest high school in Cherokee County located in the southeastern part of the county. River Ridge was established in 2009 with a 9th grade class. In 2010, the current high school building was opened to receive 9th and 10th grade students, and a new grade level was added each year until the school had students in grades 9 through 12. River Ridge graduated its inaugural class in May of 2013. Currently River Ridge High School serves 1,807 students in grades 9 through 12 and is part of the RRHS Innovation Zone with the following feeder schools: Mill Creek Middle School, Arnold Mill Elementary School, Johnston Elementary School, and Little River Elementary School.

River Ridge High School's daily schedule consists of a seven period day with each period being 55 minutes in length. In addition to a full range of academic courses, River Ridge offers electives in Career, Technical, Agricultural, and Educational (CTAE) courses, along with courses in Fine Arts, Foreign Language, and Physical Education. River Ridge also offers extracurricular activities that include clubs, academic teams, athletics, and fine arts to provide students with the total high school experience. River Ridge also offers a full range of academic support to Special Education students, English language learners, gifted students, students requiring 504 support in addition to offering Response to Intervention (RTI) support to all students.

River Ridge has experienced and continues to experience growth, with increasing student population that has accompanied new housing developments in the zone. In regard to staff, River Ridge continues involvement the Professional Learning Community (PLC) model for professional learning and development and has also undertaken the new Cherokee County School District Instructional Frameworks, both of which are district-wide initiatives. The River Ridge community continues to embrace these changes as it continues its support of all students.

River Ridge students and teachers have enjoyed numerous successes including raising the graduation rate, raising SAT and ACT scores, being named an AP Humanities, AP Merit, and AP STEM achievement School by College Board, appearing on the Washington Post's "America's Most Challenging High Schools" list, being the only Cherokee County school participating in the prestigious Chick Fil-A leadership academy, and being recognized by the President's Council on Community Involvement for completing over 10,000 hours of service in a year for each of the last two years along with achieving numerous awards and honors in various extracurricular activities in fine arts, academics, CTAE, and athletics.

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