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RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL
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2021-2024 EDUCATION PLAN ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK FOR RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL

The Education Plan for River Valley School commencing September 1, 2021 was prepared under the direction of the Board of Directors in accordance with the responsibilities under the Education Act and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act. This plan was developed in the context of the provincial government's business and fiscal plans.

The Board and the School's Senior Leadership team have used its performance results to develop the plan and is committed to implementing the strategies contained within the plan to improve student learning and results. This Education Plan was approved on May 31, 2021.

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**Date of approval
Friday May 31, 2021.**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

River Valley School is an innovative and inclusive independent school that harnesses the innate curiosity in children to ensure that every student, regardless of age or ability, will flourish academically and socially.

Everything we do is grounded in our mission to embrace the unique talents of our students, while curating opportunities for learning and discovery. Our teachers and staff support different learning styles to ensure that every student is capable of achieving their personal best. With more than eighteen years of history, River Valley School has created an environment where children feel loved and safe enough to explore to the full breadth of their individual ability. At the same time, RVS students feel encouraged to take on the rigours required to develop the foundational skills, resilience, and confidence to thrive in the 21st Century.

As a community, we learn and grow together respecting the values, opinions and beliefs of all. Students, teachers, and administrators work together to create a school where learners feel confident and free to appreciate each other, make good

ethical decisions, and take age- and stage- appropriate risks, leading to enhanced understanding and broadened inquiry.

RVS students know they are safe to try new things, make mistakes, discover new approaches, and explore innovative ways of seeing, contributing to and changing the world. I am honoured to be the Head of School at River Valley School, and invite you to visit our campus to learn about our outstanding programs and meet our talented students, teachers and staff.

Kind regards,

Carolyn Breland,
River Valley School, Head of School





VISION

To curate opportunities for learning and discovery that are as dynamic as the world around us.

MISSION

To be an exceptional educator that embraces the unique talents of every child. Our adaptive model of educational delivery supports different learning styles to ensure that every student is capable of achieving their personal best.

VALUES

Independence, Creativity & Citizenship

At River Valley School, we value social and character development as much as academic development.



OUR LEARNERS

In our programs, students develop strong academic skills, social confidence, broad interests, and a sense of responsibility and respect for themselves and the world around them. We ensure each child can flourish. Our students discover a life long love of learning in a respectful and caring environment.

While we regularly rank among Alberta's top schools, we are as different from other schools as our students are from one another. We are not an exclusive, one-size-fits-all school. We are focused on the individual needs of our students.

We are here - of course - to give our students what they need to succeed and become a contributing member of society, but how we teach them is determined by who they are, how they learn and what engages them.





OUR PROGRAMS

We are a growing school of approximately 250 students with a beautiful campus in Bowness, Calgary, Alberta. We operate with low pupil-teacher ratio, maximizing instructional time and the personalization of learning for students age 3 to grade 6.

With our before & after school programs, River Valley School offers a safe, caring environment for children ages 3 to grade 6 from 7 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday year-round. We also offer bussing services to our students that service specific communities in the SW, central and NW quadrants of the city.

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

**PRE-JK (3-YEAR-OLDS)
JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN (4-YEAR-OLDS)**

As experts in early childhood education, we know that the root of student success lies within a strong foundation of purposeful exploration, creation, play, and connection.

We nurture our youngest learners to participate in, learn about, and actively make sense of the world around them and we do so by prioritizing unstructured indoor and outdoor play, developing relationships and celebrating curiosity.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

**KINDERGARTEN (5-YEAR-OLDS)
TO GRADE 6**

Our Elementary students are immersed in inquiry and project-based learning experiences that challenge them to question, explore and create.

Our curriculum and activities are ground in design thinking, which provides students with a 'road map' to identify challenges, gather information, generate ideas, and test solutions.

Year after year, our kids rank in the top tier of provincial testing, academic competitions, arts and athletics.

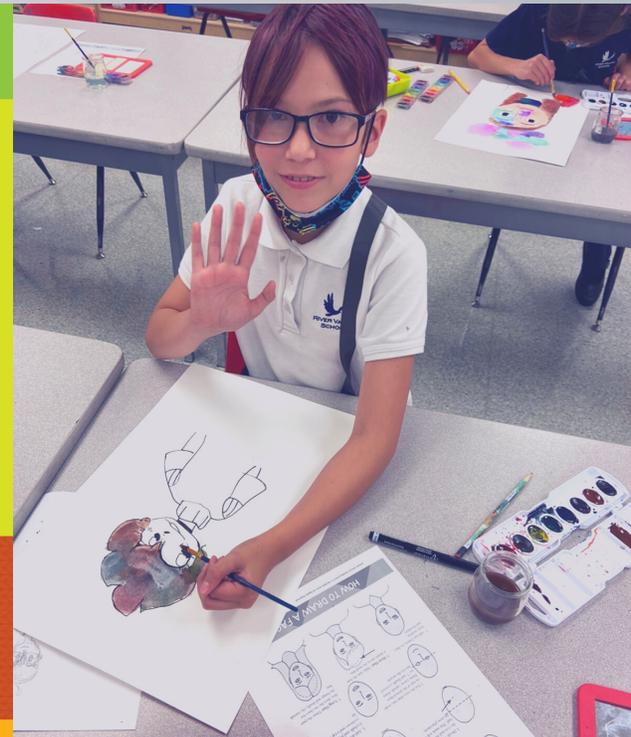


UNIQUE SPECIALIST OFFERINGS STARTING AT AGE 3

- French Language
- Library
- Physical Education
- Outdoor Education
- Art
- Drama
- Music

River Valley School values the benefits of cross curricular opportunities to learn. With a robust offering of programs, students are engaged in a variety of experiential, artistic, physical and cultural experiences.

And It's not just that we offer classes in Physical & Outdoor Ed., French, Drama, Music and Art, but we have dedicated specialists in these areas who share their knowledge and experience with the students, starting from age 3!



Our teachers and teacher's aides each bring to the classroom a fresh curiosity about each child and seek the best ways of guiding him or her to their greatest success. Individuality is celebrated.

Students are offered programs to match their learning styles including enrichment programs. Personalization of the learning experience ensures each child is provided with what they need to achieve greatness. Our commitment is to inspire each child to find their way, be adaptive, help those around them, and enjoy the journey.

Our learning support team provides a pull-out program to work with individuals or small groups in specific areas such as reading and math intervention. We employ a speech and language pathologist and an occupational therapist to work with our coded students as well as others who benefit from SLP and OT services (including social skills). Teachers are given opportunities to learn new strategies to differentiate for their students as ongoing professional development opportunities occur throughout the year.

ARROWSMITH PROGRAM

The **Arrowsmith Program** is an optional program within River Valley School that is geared specifically towards our grade 1 - 6 students with identified learning disabilities and/or learning challenges.



ACCREDITED

Member of AISCA (Alberta Independent Schools & Colleges of Alberta)

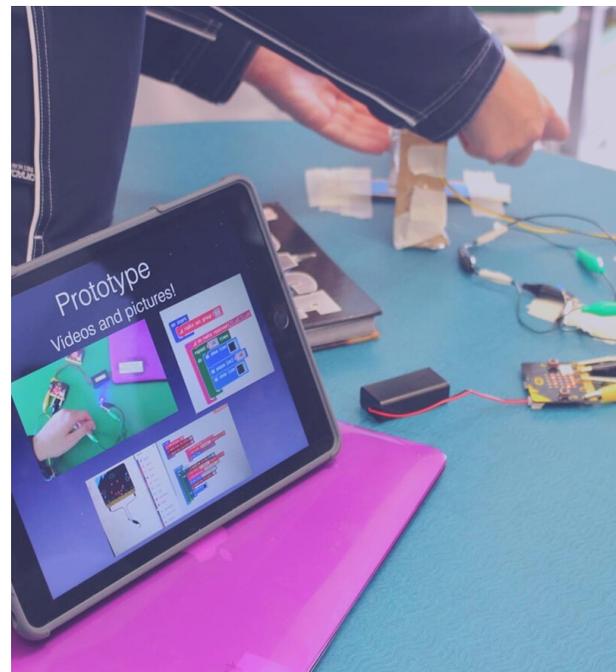
Alberta Child Care Accreditation for Early Learning and Before & After School care (OSC)

TECHNOLOGY

- SMART and/or Apple tech in all classes
- 1:1 iPads for all students
- Design thinking, coding & robotics with partners in OSI
- Our new 'Imaginarium' S.T.E.A.M lab
 - zSpace, augmented reality lab
 - Spheros
 - 3D Printer
 - Micro-bits
- Information and communication technologies (ICT) are integrated within the curriculum areas

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

A new capital campaign is underway to purchase our forever home for our pre-school and elementary learners.





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