

Riverlawn Elementary School Profile

1. Student Performance Data

National Measures: The national student performance data collected consists of the Cognitive Abilities Tests at second grade.

State Measures: Students in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades participate in the Virginia Standards of Learning Assessment program each year.

3rd grade –Reading and Math

4th grade-Reading, Math and Virginia Studies

5th grade- Reading, Math and Science

Report cards for all students in Pulaski County are issued every nine weeks along with midterm reports.

School Measures:

1. Nine Weeks Tests: Nine weeks tests are given in grades 2-5 in Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies, and Science.
2. STAR
 - Math and Reading assessments
 - 1st grade takes STAR Math assessment three times per year.
 - 2-5 grades take STAR Reading and Math 3 times per year.
3. PALS
 - Grades K-3 three times per year.

2. Student and Community Demographic Data

The enrollment of Riverlawn School is 428. As of Sept. 27, 2016 students eligible for free and reduced lunch program was 54%.

3. School Characteristics

Riverlawn School is located in the eastern corner of Pulaski County. The communities it serves border on Radford City, Montgomery County and New River. These include Fairlawn, Belspring, Parrott, New River, Mt. Pleasant, Lillydale and Dublin Riverlawn Elementary School has 428 students, 34 full-time teachers (22 classroom, 1 media specialist, 4 special education, 2 physical education, 3 full time Title 1 teachers, 1 Guidance Counselor, 1 Speech therapist), 5 itinerate teachers (art, music, technology resource), 1 nurse, 1 principal and 1 assistant principal. Our staff further includes a secretary, a bookkeeper, 9 instructional para-educators, a cafeteria manager with 4 workers, and 5 custodians.

Title I serves all students K-3 in need of literacy remediation as identified through the PALS assessment. In addition, Title I provides additional literacy support in grades K-5 to students identified through alternate assessments and by teacher referral. Title I instruction is delivered using the small group-pull out model. Student groupings are fluid and flexible based on the areas of need in each classroom. Attendance averages are generally above 95%. Special classes include: Services for Learning Disabled, OHI, ID, ED, DD, Autism, Speech/Language Services, Gifted Program and Title I.

The school year at Riverlawn School meets state and county requirements. Teachers are contracted for 200 days, and students are instructed for 180 days. The instructional school day is from 8:25 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each teacher has a 40-minute daily planning period.

Riverlawn School shares a music, art, and gifted specialist with other schools in the county. Scheduling rotates so that students are served equitably.

Riverlawn Instructional Program

A. Classroom curriculum

- English
- Mathematics
- Social sciences and history
- Science

B. Title I

- Kindergarten through fifth grades English instruction (four/five times weekly)

C. Library

- 40 minutes weekly

D. Art/Music

- 40 minutes weekly

E. Physical Education

- Three 40 minute periods weekly

F. Guidance

- Classroom, small group, and individual sessions daily

G. Federally Funded Drug Education Program

- Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)
- Fifth grade
- 45 minutes weekly for 9weeks

H. Family Life Education

- Standards taught throughout the year during guidance lessons K-5
- One 45 minute session is conducted during the year for fourth and fifth grade students.
- Physical education teacher conducts lessons for the boys and the school nurse conducts the lessons for the girls.

I. Gifted and Talented Program

- Identified students served by itinerate teacher twice weekly in English and mathematics.
- Ongoing program in regular classrooms through differentiated instruction and flexible grouping.
- Kindergarten through fifth grades

J. Special Education Programs

- Based on Individualized Education Plans

K. 4H Programs

- Fourth and Fifth grades focusing on projects and oral communication skills.

L. Family Preservation Services, Inc. Therapeutic Day Treatment Program

- Program offered through the New River Valley Office
- Goal: To improve children's mental health, social, emotional, and behavioral functioning in the classroom.

M. New River Valley Community Services- School based clinicians

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Riverlawn Elementary School has programs found in other elementary schools in our district as well as some that are unique to this building. All programs and projects are defined by how each will help students succeed.

Girl and Boy Scouts

Riverlawn serves as host facility to Brownie, Cub, Girl, and Boy Scout troops.

Pulaski County Recreation Association

We have an excellent sharing and working relationship with this association. They use our facilities for all-season sports for our students, and in return do the field mowing and maintenance. They also support our PTO projects by letting us use their materials and equipment.

Learning Celebrations

Each class or grade level shares something that they have learned each quarter during a whole school assembly. We believe that children learn to value what the adults in their lives celebrate, so these assemblies have become an important part of our learning environment.

P.T.O. Volunteers

Riverlawn Elementary School has an active parent organization that goes beyond fundraising and programs. They provide a forum for parent exchanges at either a full meeting or a PTO Board meeting. They make their decisions on how to spend money in support of our school based on these beliefs. Student performances are a part of most PTO programs. These programs are based on sharing knowledge learned while meeting SOL requirements.

PTO Volunteers serve our students in numerous ways. Some examples are:

- Vision screenings (under the supervision of the school nurse)
- Assist the mobile dentists
- Classroom activities; i.e. reading to whole class, individual tutoring, share your profession, homeroom parents, etc.
- Book fairs
- Coats and More" project
- Fifth grade promotion activities
- "Fun Day" activities with all students

Riverlawn DRONES & Busy Bee MOMS

Riverlawn Elementary started a volunteer program this year. The program was started to increase parents and community involvement in our school. Parents were excited about the program and we have had a great response. Parents and Community members after completing a background check volunteer their time to help a variety of students at Riverlawn. The goal is to increase the exposure of our students to caring adults. We all realize that education matters.

Field Trips and other learning extensions

Each grade level participates in at least one away from campus enrichment activity each year. These are based on curriculum objectives and extend learning through first-hand experiences.

Fairlawn Lions Club

This service organization partners with us to provide vision and other health care for our students, Christmas baskets for needy families, support for our instructional program, and financial support for our clothing bank. This group meets in our building twice a month. Our staff members work their booths for their fall and spring money making projects.

Radford Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Radford is sponsoring a program called Reading is Fundamental for students this school year. All students who attend Riverlawn Elementary will receive two free books purchased by the club. Distributions will take place in September and March of the school year.

Radford Rotary Club

The members of the Radford Rotary Club provide dictionaries to students at Riverlawn Elementary who are in third grade. Members from the club have a short presentation to the students. After the presentation, club members take time to distribute the dictionaries along with writing students' names in their own dictionary.