

# Riverdale School District 51J

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## District Goals

### Our Vision

The district will foster a culture of learning where joy is pervasive and relationships are based on respect and integrity. Our supportive community will sustain a small, independent public school district in a K-8 and 9-12 format, promoting an emotionally and physically safe environment and valuing all generations, cultures, and the intellectual and social growth of all members.

The district expects its students to reach their academic potential while developing intellectual curiosity, a love of learning and a strong sense of purpose. Through its rich, meaningful and challenging academic curriculum, Riverdale will nurture curiosity, creativity and confidence.

As active participants in their educational experience and extracurricular activities, students will develop self-reliance, leadership, independent thinking, an awareness of global issues and a sense of environmental responsibility. Riverdale will cultivate in students a passion for personal interests, a habit of critical thinking and a deep understanding of civic virtue.

### Our Mission

The mission of the district is to provide an exceptional education. High expectations and individual accountability challenge students to become thoughtful and productive global citizens.

### Our Core Values

We believe that high academic and behavioral expectations create a foundation that challenges students to develop a passion for learning and to reach their full potential.

Education is an on-going and dynamic process that takes place in a variety of settings. All students will grow in self-confidence through active participation in their own learning.

We believe it is the responsibility of teachers, parents, and students to protect the rights of others and to acknowledge and honor the contributions of each individual.

All students have a right to a physically safe, emotionally secure, and supportive learning environment.

We believe students thrive when teachers value students as individuals and unique learners.

Students do best when they know their teachers and their teachers know them well. Small schools with small classes support these relationships.

Staff development and opportunities for growth are essential to maintain the highest quality of teaching and learning.

We believe that families, school, and community must work together to support the education of students.

Open, effective communication among the diverse members of our school community nurtures integrity, honesty and respect.

We recognize the need to respect and value each other even through our differences.

Schooling is life; it is not simply preparation for life.

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 329.025](#)  
[ORS 329.035](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

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