

Welcome to Riverdale School

Riverdale is a small community school by the Charles River in Dedham. The school was named by the town when the money was appropriated for the first school house in 1885, in honor of the neighboring estate of Albert Nickerson. The present school house was built in 1921 and added to in 1930 and 1950.

This is my sixth year as the Riverdale Principal. I am a graduate of Suffolk University, Boston College and obtained my administrative degree from Bridgewater State College in 2005. I have been an educator/administrator for more than 20 years. It is my mission to encourage new parents and veteran families to be involved with the school. This ensures that each child knows their family is invested in education.

There is an inclusive learning environment for the students at Riverdale from grades one to five. The school community is built upon the district goals which are academic excellence, a positive learning environment, respect for all students, and support and open communication with all stakeholders in Dedham. Riverdale cares deeply about the students, each family, and the environment within the community.

We believe that consistent communication between school and home is vital to the academic and social success of each student. We welcome feedback about any aspect of school life.

Information about the school is accessed by clicking the calendar, news, and faculty. Please contact me or any staff member anytime with questions pertinent to your child's education. Please explore the Riverdale School home page for other information.

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