



# JAMES RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

A CHESTERFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Community:** James River High School opened its doors in September of 1994 with 1250 students in grade 9 - 11. The community served by James River is suburban and composed of individuals and families from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.

**School:** James River is a comprehensive high school with a student body of approximately 2050 in grades 9 - 12. The school has a staff of 160 teachers and support staff including two librarians, one technology coordinator, seven school counselors and six administrators. A well-developed program of activities and athletics is available. James River competes in the Group AAA, Dominion District of the Central Region in the Virginia High School League and fields forty teams. Additionally, students have nearly 50 clubs/activities in which to participate. During the 1999-2000 school year, the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School Program designated James River as a nationally recognized school of excellence. In the 2007-08 school year, JRHS was designated a "Model School" by the International Center for Leadership in Education.

**Accreditation:** Virginia State Department of Education, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

**Curriculum:** A variety of academic, career development, technical, and fine arts courses is offered. Areas of special interest include:  
Leadership and International Relations Specialty Center established in 2002-2003. The Center is comprised of about 200 students who apply and are accepted to the program from a broad range of ability levels and interests. Students in the Center are taught the skills and knowledge of becoming effective leaders and learn to develop a balanced international perspective of the world.

Advanced Placement courses are offered in English Language, English Literature, American History, European History, Government and Politics, World History, Human Geography, Calculus AB, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, French, Latin, Spanish, Studio Art, and Photography. In addition, students have the opportunity to select a number of online AP courses through the Virtual Virginia program.

Dual Enrollment course offerings include English Composition, English Literature, Business Management, Finance, Electronic Communication, Computer Integrated Applications, Cisco Networking, and Web Master.

Honors classes are offered in English, Mathematics, Sciences, Social Studies, French, German, Latin, Spanish, Photography, Art, Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Web Master, and Accounting.

Special Education classes for LD, ED, MiID and MoID programs.

English Language Learners (ELL) Program established 2002-2003. Approximately 125 students receive services through the ESOL program, which is designed to improve the reading, writing, and speaking skills of limited English proficiency students.

The Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program was established in the 2009-10 school year. When the program is fully implemented in the 2013-14 school year, the curriculum will include coursework in Naval Science 1-4. The course of study will emphasize military history, the development of leadership skills, and preparing students for opportunities in civilian and military careers.

Work-study programs are offered in Marketing, Catering, and Cooperative Office Education. Career and Technical Education programs include courses in Cisco Networking, Web Design, Electronic Communications, Business Management, Accounting, Marketing, and other business courses; Catering, and other related classes; plus 26 courses at the Chesterfield Technical Center.

Technology - A local area network throughout the building has over 600 networked computers with Windows 2007. Each classroom has a teacher's workstation. Additionally, numerous computer labs throughout the building are available for use by all classes, including: Career and Technical Education – 5 labs; Math – 2 labs; a general-purpose writing lab on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor; along with mini-labs in many of the classrooms. Adjacent to the library is a keyboard lab as well as a general writing and research lab. There are 28 machines in the Library Media Center as well as 2 computer labs for electronic research and Internet research purposes.

Library - The library media center provides access to materials in all formats through learning activities that are integrated into the curriculum. Students develop information literacy skills for selecting, retrieving, analyzing, evaluating, synthesizing, creating and communicating information. The library media center is networked to the classrooms. The library media center is the recipient of the 2002 National School Library Program of the Year Award from the American Association of School Librarians and the recipient of the national award from Gale Resources for "Excellence in Education."

**Schedule:** Beginning with the 1996-97 academic year, the Chesterfield County School Board mandated that all schools use the Seven Period Alternating Block schedule. This schedule works in conjunction with an "Odd/Even" calendar day. On odd-numbered calendar days, students attend class periods 1, 3, 5, 7 and on even-numbered calendar days, students attend periods 1, 2, 4, 6. First period runs approximately 50 minutes, and blocks two through seven run approximately 90 minutes. This schedule provides an opportunity for students to earn seven credits per academic year and broaden their curriculum.

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<b><u>Advanced Placement Exams: 2010</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>Diplomas Awarded</u></b>
Exams Administered . . . . .	700	756
Students taking exams . . . . .	468	494
% of Scores 3 or Above . . . . .	56	34
		Advanced Studies 65%
		Standard 29%
		Modified Standard 1%

<b>Achievement:</b>	<b><u>2011 Graduates—</u></b>	<b><u>Post Secondary Plans</u></b>
	<b><u>GPA Distribution</u></b>	
	First Quintile: 5.1129-4.1579	4 Year Colleges/Universities 60%
	Second Quintile: 4.1466-3.6417	2 Year Colleges 27%
	Third Quintile: 3.6339-3.0982	Other Continuing Education 4%
	Fourth Quintile: 3.0932-2.4750	Employment/Military 9%
	Fifth Quintile: 2.4697-1.1091	

<b><u>National Achievement Semi-finalist</u></b>	<b><u>National Merit Commended Students</u></b>
2008-1 Student 2009-1 Student 2011-1 Student	2007-3 2008-3 2009-7 2011-4