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ABOUT US

Founded in 1997, Riverstone International School is a private, independent Preschool–Grade12 school in Boise, Idaho. Riverstone is one of around 20 schools in the United States authorized to provide the full continuum of International Baccalaureate (IB) Programmes, including the Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP), and Diploma Programme (DP). In addition to the academically rigorous IB, all Riverstone students partake in the school's nation-leading outdoor and experiential education program, learning self-confidence, self-awareness, teamwork, leadership skills, and social/environmental responsibility.

ENROLLMENT

PK–12 Enrollment.....	319
HS Enrollment.....	87
HS Average Class Size.....	10
HS Student-Faculty Ratio.....	4:1
International Students (PK-12).....	18%
Boarding HS Students.....	18%
Students on Financial Aid (PK-12).....	19%
Total Financial Aid.....	\$769,500
CO 2025 Total Enrollment.....	41
CO 2025 4-yr College Matriculation....	95%

ACCREDITATION & RECOGNITION

Full IB continuum (PYP, MYP, DP)

Accredited by IB, NAIS, NWAIS, Cognia

Malone Scholars School (one of 50 in the country, only Malone school in Idaho)

#39 on the Washington Post's Jay Matthews Challenge Index of "America's Most Challenging Schools"

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Riverstone's academic program revolves around the IB. Starting with the Middle Years Programme (MYP) in Grades 6 through 10 and culminating with the Diploma Programme (DP) in Grades 11 and 12, the IB is one of the most comprehensive, rigorous, and highly recognized college preparatory curricula in the world today. The Theory of Knowledge course; the 4,000 word Extended Essay research paper; the CAS requirement of approximately 150 hours of creativity, activity, and community service; the two-year commitment to at least five areas of study in Grades 11-12; the assessments scored using international standards make the IB program truly exceptional.

At Riverstone:

- The high school operates on a modified block two-semester system with an alternating schedule on Wednesdays focused on off-campus, experiential learning.
- All Grade 11-12 students are IB Diploma candidates (exceptions: min. 2 IB exams)
- Typical load: 3 Higher Level (HL) and 3 Standard Level (SL) courses in 5+ subject groups, as well as IB Core. Students may take four HL classes with permission but it is not advised by Riverstone or the IB.
- IB Core: Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay (4,000 words), Creativity-Activity-Service (150 hrs in G11-12)
- In May of their senior year, all students take the IB Diploma exams. Juniors may also test in certain subjects as "anticipated candidates." Students learn the exam results in July.

DIPLOMA PROGRAMME - GRADE 11/12

DP course options are listed below. DP students may choose not to take a Fine Arts course and take an additional Individuals & Societies or Science course instead. Advanced math students may place into AA in Grade 10, allowing them to take Calculus 3 in Grade 12. MYP and elective courses (listed on the next page) complete the 60 credits required to graduate.

Subject	DP Course Options	Subject	DP Course Options
Language & Literature	Language & Literature HL • School Supported Self-Taught SL/HL Native Language A	Mathematics	Math Analysis & Approaches SL/HL • Calculus 3
Language Acquisition	Spanish or Mandarin B SL/HL • Spanish or Mandarin Ab Initio SL • English B SL/HL • DP French Ab Initio 11/12 SL (online)	Fine Arts	Visual Arts SL/HL • Music SL/HL
Individuals & Societies	Global Politics SL/HL • Psychology SL/HL • World Religions SL	IB Core	Theory of Knowledge • Extended Essay • Creativity, Activity, Service
Sciences	Biology SL/HL • Chemistry SL/HL • Physics SL/HL	Outdoor Education	Fall/spring backpacking • climbing day trips • winter sports • Grade 12 climbing trip

Graduation Requirements (60 Credits Minimum):

- Language & Literature: 8 | Language Acquisition: 4 | Individuals & Societies: 8
- Sciences: 8 | Mathematics: 8 | Fine Arts: 4 | Electives: 10
- PE: 4 | Outdoor Ed: 1 | TOK: 2 | EE: 1 | CAS: 2

COLLEGE MATRICULATION (PAST 3 YEARS)

Boise State University • Bowdoin • Cal Arts • Cal Poly • Colby • Colgate • College of Idaho • Colorado College • Colorado School of Mines • Cornell • Drexel • Fordham • Georgetown • Lafayette • Northeastern • Occidental • Santa Clara University (Honors) • Savannah College of Art and Design • Tufts • UC Berkeley • UC Davis • UC Los Angeles • UC San Diego • University of British Columbia • University of Idaho • UNC-Chapel Hill • University of Oregon-Clark Honors • University of Rochester • University of San Diego • University of Southern California • University of St. Andrews • University of Texas-Austin • University of Utah • University of Virginia • University of Washington • University of Wisconsin-Madison • Washington and Lee University • Washington State University (Honors) • Washington University in St. Louis • Vassar • Virginia Tech

SAT SCORES (CO 2025: 31 TESTERS)

SUBJECT	MID 50%	MEAN
EBRW.....	540-680.....	616
Mathematics.....	500-660.....	601

ACT SCORES (CO 2025: 5 TESTERS)

SUBJECT	MID 50%	MEAN
Composite.....	23.5-28.....	25

IB DIPLOMA RESULTS

CLASS	TESTED v. PASSED	PASS RATE
2025.....	30/25.....	83%
2024.....	17/15.....	88%
2023.....	27/23.....	85%

OUR MISSION

Riverstone's mission is to inspire courageous journeys of academic and personal exploration that enable students to lead purposeful lives.

REPORTING POLICY

Riverstone reports to colleges any integrity violations, malicious conduct, academic dishonesty, or major changes to a student's courses or academic path.

ASSESSMENT & GRADING

The IB curriculum requires honors level work and does not have weighted grades. Colleges often add a full point to Riverstone GPAs for comparison with schools that have weighted grades. IB-based criteria and boundaries determine grades. **Riverstone does not rank its students.**

IB to GPA Conversion

7-6 = A (4.0)	3 = C+ (2.25) to C (2.0) to C- (1.75)
5 = A- (3.75) to B+ (3.25)	2 = D+ (1.25) to D (1.0)
4 = B (3.0) to B- (2.75)	1 = F (0.0)

GPA QUANTILES (CLASS of 2025)

Upper	Mid	Third	Middle 50%
3.93	3.7	3.4	3.4-3.93

PRE-IB/DP COURSES - GRADE 9/10

Grades 6-10 in the IB are known as the Middle Years Programme (MYP). MYP courses taken in Grades 9-10 occur across eight subject groups (see below). Classes are interdisciplinary, inquiry-based, and skills-focused, with an emphasis on connecting learning to real-world issues, global contexts, and Approaches to Learning (ATL), such as research, collaboration, self-management, and critical thinking. Students also undertake the Personal Project in Grade 10, an independent, year-long project where students explore a topic of personal interest, develop a product or outcome, and reflect on their learning process in a formal report.

Subject	DP Course Options	Subject	DP Course Options
Language & Literature	English 9 • English 10	Mathematics	Integrated Math 1 • Integrated Math 2 • Pre-AA (Analysis & Approaches)
Language Acquisition	Intro to Spanish (Ab Initio) 1 & 2 • Spanish 2 Honors 9/10 • Spanish 2 Intermediate 9/10 • Spanish 3 Honors 10 • Intro to Mandarin (Ab Initio) 1 & 2 • Mandarin 2 Intermediate 9/10 • Mandarin 3 Advanced 9/10 • German (online) • ASL (online)	Electives (Grade 9-11)	Student Council • Outdoor Education • Computer Science • Family and Consumer Sciences • Psychology • Music Ensembles • Drama and Dance • Studio Art • Painting • Online and local HS electives
Individuals & Societies	US History 9/10 • World History 9/10	Physical Education	PE Grade 9 • PE Grade 10
Sciences	Chemistry 9/10 • Biology 9/10 • Physics 9/10	Fine Arts	Intro to Visual Arts • Visual Arts Intermediate • Intro to Music • Music Intermediate