



## WHAT'S WHAT AT RIVERVIEW

As with all organizations and institutions, Riverview has developed its own unique culture. As part of this culture, we have also developed our own vocabulary! The following material is designed to acquaint you with the terminology.

**Advisor:** Clinician assigned to act as the case manager for the student and their family. This person is the primary liaison between you and the team of staff working with the student.

**Agenda Slip:** This is a permission slip requested by the student and signed by a teacher when the student wishes to meet with an administrator or advisor. The student must signify and record the reason for his request and the agenda for the meeting.

**Allowances:** Each student receives a weekly allowance to purchase personal items and promote budgeting skills. WE STRONGLY ADVISE AGAINST PARENTS SENDING LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO STUDENTS.

**Assemblies:** Weekly or monthly gatherings of students and staff in the auditorium to exchange information and celebrate the strengths and talents of our student body.

**Beaker:** This terminology is utilized to understand and conceptualize stress and anxiety. By using the analogy of a beaker, students are taught to identify what level their beaker is at and to identify strategies that work with them to dump out some of the emotion that fills their beaker.

**Breakfast Café:** Located in Hunter Commons, serving breakfast items to GROW students and staff.

**Business Center:** Located in the James Center, it is the center where GROW students do clerical jobs for the Riverview community.

**Café Riverview:** Located at 451 Route 6A in East Sandwich, adjacent to the Second-View Thrift Shop, Café Riverview is open daily to the public. The Café provides GROW students with an opportunity to develop good work habits and transferable employability skills in the food services industry.

**Challenge Curriculum:** The MS/HS Residential curriculum offered 2-3 Wednesdays per month focused on select adolescent independent living skills and is taught by residential and academic faculty.

**Citizenship Awards:** The MS/HS Residential Program recognizes students demonstrating outstanding citizenship by being their personal best as a positive contributing member of the Riverview community.

**Class Ring:** Rings can be ordered in the fall and are available to juniors and seniors only. The rings can be customized to include initials, sport logos and activity (interest) symbols.

**Conflict Corner:** Staff-mediated conflict resolution between students in a private setting.

**Congo Line:** Transportation, which runs like a real bus system, taking GROW students to the movies, mall, YMCA and other local places. Staff are available for in-person check-ins. Stepping stone to earn to earn use of RGT.

**Fast Track:** Transportation, which runs to one set location. Staff are present and chaperoning students throughout the activity. Students practice skills to earn use of the Congo Line.

**Four C's:** Cape Cod Community College provides course work and transition programs for many Riverview GROW students.

**GROW:** Getting Ready for the Outside World - Transitional Component.

**Head/Lead Teacher:** The team leader for each academic team. Coordinates and oversees the academic experience and needs of the students on their team.

**Health Care Center (HCC):** On-campus infirmary and dispensary; staffed until 10 pm (on call coverage overnights).



**Helm:** The MS/HS Program Yearbook. Although members of the Senior Class are featured in the HELM, all students and activities are pictured.

**Helmsman Center:** Dining hall for the MS/HS Program.

**Holtmeier Building:** The original home on Riverview's campus that now houses classrooms and offices, the Advancement Office, maintenance, and the Business Office.

**Home Alone:** An earned privilege requiring both parental and staff permission, allowing a student to remain in the dorm alone.

**Hunter Commons:** On-campus culinary facility, which serves GROW students and staff.

**IDs:** Each student is issued a photo identification card. This is primarily used for travel and student discounts.

**James Center:** Contains the reception area, administrative offices, art, music and drama classrooms, the Stark School Store, Hunter Commons, the GROW Breakfast Café, and the Sharon D. Lund Auditorium. Johnny's Yard: An on-campus outdoor area for monitored students to socialize; named in honor of Johnny Colloton, a former student.

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**Laundry Trips:** Most MS/HS students are scheduled to do their laundry at a local laundromat. Transportation is provided and the trip is monitored by Riverview staff.

**The Mall:** Most shopping trips involve the Cape Cod Mall in Hyannis or the Independence Mall in Kingston. They are under one roof and feature several chain stores and local retail outlets.

**One-to-One Meeting:** Each student will have the opportunity to meet one-to-one with their Residential Instructor on a regular basis.

**MIAA:** The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (**MIAA**) is an organization that sponsors activities in thirty-three sports, comprising 374 public and private high schools in the U.S. state of Massachusetts.

**Modified Dress Code:** Cape Cod spring weather can become hot and/or humid. When this is the case, residential supervisors notify the dormitories that a modified dress code will be in effect for that school day.

**Parents Association:** Includes all parents having a student at Riverview. The Parents Association supports fundraising activities and parent-to-parent interactions.

**Prom:** This is the major social event of the school year. It is a formal event for seniors; the event is semi-formal for undergraduates.

**Reflection:** A quiet area in upper James Center where students can reflect and refocus when having a difficult time. Students can either be sent or request to go to Reflection.

**Riverview Goes Transportation (RGT):** Transportation which runs like a real bus system taking students to Hyannis, Sandwich or Mashpee. Students who use this mode of transportation have reached the highest level of independence in the community. There are no staff present at these public locations. Students are required to check in via phone.

**Residential Instructors:** Those staff who work directly in the dormitory with the students. One instructor participates in overnights while the other instructor leaves at 10:00pm.

**Residential Shifts:** The shifts the Residential Instructors work which could either be Sunday through Wednesday or Wednesday through Saturday.



**Residential Supervisors:** Oversee dormitory coordinators and act as primary contact to parents with residential questions. They work closely with other student advisors to assure continuity between the classroom and the dormitory relative to meeting the needs of each student.

**Riverview Summer:** Riverview Summer is our 5-week summer program, held on beautiful Cape Cod, taught by experienced academic and residential faculty.

**School Store:** located in James Center, Stark School Store provides an opportunity for students to purchase health and beauty items, Riverview School logo items, basic school supplies, greeting cards, stamps, healthy snacks, etc. GROW students are given opportunities to work in the store to develop and strengthen math and life skills, learn how to operate, open and close out the register, make change, price merchandise, stock inventory, and understand buying wholesale.

**Second-View Thrift Shop:** a retail/customer service business that provides GROW students with an opportunity to develop employability skills by receiving hands-on training in a supervised and realistic business environment. Located at 451 Route 6A in East Sandwich, the thrift shop is open to the public during the week.

**Seminar Rooms:** Trulaske and McKelvey Halls each boast a Seminar Room that can be used for large group meetings.

**SGA:** Riverview's Student Government Association.

**Social Autopsies:** This is an innovative technique utilized at Riverview to assist students in understanding social miscues and preventing their reoccurrence. Autopsies are not punitive or negative.

**Support Systems:** Students are encouraged to self-advocate by creating, maintaining and effectively utilizing their support systems consisting of significant adults and peers. Students are also taught who to go to and for what.

**Teams/Phases:** For academic classes, students are divided into Teams by grade level in the MS/HS Program, and by Phases at GROW. Placement in groupings within Teams is made mindful of a complex series of criteria, (e.g., social sophistication, conceptual abilities, language skills, group dynamics, interests). The groupings within Teams are not made solely upon academic skill levels, as in traditional education programs. As a result, there simply is no definable hierarchy of groups. Riverview utilizes a thematic, integrative approach within each Team.

**Themes:** In MS/HS Program, each Team becomes totally immersed in a theme for each semester's academic work. All curriculum goals are drawn from that theme. In addition, field trips are related to the theme. By studying academic skills in context, learning becomes more meaningful and permanent and helps students make connections in their learning.

**Transition Weekend:** An optional informational event for families of GROW students and Riverview Juniors and Seniors. During this time, meetings and seminars are arranged to focus on the types of transition issues students and their families will face post-Riverview.

**Trulaske Hall:** GROW's Academic Center

**Trustees Hall:** Includes Cleare Hall and McKelvey Hall.

**Wellness Center:** A state-of-the-art fitness center staffed by full-time fitness instructors. Students may sign up to use the Wellness Center during after-school activities, evenings and weekends. Students receive proper instruction on the use of exercise equipment, can develop a fitness plan, and take such classes as aerobics, yoga, or Pilates.