



RIVERWOOD INTERNATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL

Course Waiver Form

We encourage students to push themselves and take the most rigorous courses they can, but we also realize our students' health is also important. We have seen an increase in stress and anxiety as well as a decline in student performance because of an overloaded schedule with difficult classes.

Our goal is to ensure parents and students are fully aware of the expectations of the course they want to enter as well as the reasons the current teacher did not recommend your student for a specific course. We encourage parents and students to carefully weigh the options and only waive into courses they are confident they can handle. We **STRONGLY** urge parents to carefully consider the concerns of the faculty and the totality of the student's workload.

Please complete and load to electronic waiver form. You will need to hold both conferences prior to submitting this form online.

Student Name Student ID
Current Course Requested Course

Current Teacher Conference

Conference with current subject area teacher to discuss teacher rationale for recommendation.

Current Teacher:
Conference Date:

Concerns for student taking requested course: This is not a critique of you as a person, but rather reasons for placement concerns:

- Lacking specific content knowledge
- Missing prerequisite skills
- Low Diagnostic or Standardized Test Scores
- Low Grades
- Insufficient work ethic
- Organization / Study Habits

Signature of Current Teacher

Future Teacher Conference

Conference with future teacher of the course you are requesting to discuss expected performance, level of course, rigor of study, and typical workload.

Future Teacher:
Conference Date:

Signature of Future Teacher

Please carefully discuss the above information to make the decision about which courses you should take. Keep in mind that multiple advanced courses quickly add up. While we want you to take a rigorous course of study, we want to ensure you make these decisions fully informed.

By signing below, you acknowledge you have carefully considered the professional opinion of your teachers and understand their concerns. You also understand the level of rigor of the waiver course. Finally, you understand that because of scheduling logistics, faculty allotments, and student commitment to the course above, this placement will be final and will not change after the course starts.

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent and/or Guardian