

To Potential 7th and 8th Grade Basketball Players:

You have expressed interest in playing basketball this year for Riverside. We are excited to have so many athletes willing to put in the time and energy necessary to help Riverside continue to be a top-notch program. Before the season starts the coaches in the program would like to lay out our expectations for the student athletes. Please notice the term “student athlete”. All basketball players are expected to be students first. Riverside has a policy stating any athlete who does not pass all of her classes will be ineligible for sports. This means that any player who received two “F’s” on a first quarter report card will not be able to try out. Also, any player who receives that grade at either midterm or the end of the second quarter will not be allowed to play in any games until a passing grade is earned in the following grading period. As a coaching staff, we will be monitoring the athletes’ grades throughout the season to be proactive in addressing any potential grade issues so we can lend our support to any struggling students. However, any student earning grades in the “D” range needs to be aware that coaches will be reluctant to pick players for the team who might end up being ineligible halfway through the season. The coaches are going to look more favorably on players that are getting the job done in the classroom, both academically and behaviorally. This means that all players who plan on trying out should do all they can to make sure they have a grade of “C-“or higher in all classes. In addition to grades, coaches will be in constant communication with teachers in the building about any behavior issues regarding prospective players. Players with detentions/referrals will be at a major disadvantage when tryouts come around as coaches are looking for team players who will not cause distractions throughout the season.

Registration with uploaded physicals (pgs. 3 and 5 of IHSA forms) must be completed before Friday, Dec. 1st or players will not be able to participate. The necessary forms/link are online ... see Mr. Mazingo or Mr. Houck if any questions.

Open gyms for players interested in trying out will be Monday December 4th from 4 to 5:45pm. Tryouts this year will be December 5th and 6th from 4 to 6pm. Final round of cuts will be made on Wednesday evening after tryouts. There are no minimum or maximum number of players on the roster. The coaches will determine the proper number for this particular year. Team practices will begin on December 7th. Practices are normally 4-6(Mon-Fri). There will be morning practice from 7:30 am to 9 am throughout the week.

Thanks for your interest in the Riverside Basketball program. We expect to have a great year both on the court and in the classroom.

7th Grade Coaches

Todd Gee
Greg Cooke



8th Grade Coaches

Scot Houck
Savannah Houck