

# PARADE Program

## Parents and Riverview Actively Delivering Education

# 2008-2009 Profile

The PARADE program was created to support families who want to home-educate their children, in collaboration with the school district. Within this program parents are the primary educators, teaching their child for a minimum of 20 hours a week. Students attend PARADE classes for one to one-and-a-half days a week. Certificated school teachers provide consultation, resources and weekly classes. Parents have the opportunity to network with each other at regular parent meetings and trainings.

Most classes are thematically based and incorporate basic academic skills within the theme. Enrichment courses in the areas of art, drama, science, reading clubs, computers, textiles, cooking, and many others are also offered. Students from kindergarten through grade 12 are included in this program and all classes are multi-age. Typical class size is 15-20 students. As students move from the primary years through high school, the focus of the program gradually shifts and becomes more certificated-teacher directed.



This allows high school students to earn credits and graduate with a Riverview School District diploma.

An emphasis of the PARADE program is to develop strong, respectful, and fun peer relationships for children and strong networking support for families who desire this. Activities are hands-on, discussion generating, sometimes messy, and lots of fun. Field trips relating to the class themes occur at least three times a year. Parent involvement at school is welcomed, but not required.

Parent experience with home-schooling ranges from first-time home-schoolers to those with 10-15 years experience. Teachers work collaboratively with parents to determine the level of support and involvement each family desires. This program has grown steadily over the past several years and now includes about 105 students, a testament to the enjoyment students, parents, and staff get from this program.

Sincerely,  
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# Mission/Vision

## Mission Statement

The PARADE Program, working in tandem with families educating their children at home, supports students grades K-12 to become passionate life-long learners and caring, respectful citizens.

## Vision

As an Alternative Learning Program for home-educated students in the Riverview School District, we commit to a flexible, respectful environment, which encourages the love of learning and the development of social and academic skills.

We envision becoming a supportive resourceful community for parents wishing to be their child's primary teacher.

We will facilitate the creation of relationships between parents, teachers, students, and other opportunities in our community.

## Student and Parent Expectations

Students are expected to be self-motivated and willing to actively learn. All students are treated with dignity and respect.

Parents are expected to provide a minimum of 20 hours a week of instruction for their children working towards the goals laid out in the student's educational plan.

Parents meet with teachers regularly to discuss student progress and plan future learning directions.

## Current Class Offerings

- ◆ Art
- ◆ Book Club Literature Classes
- ◆ Drama and Music
- ◆ Geography
- ◆ Hands-on Science
- ◆ High School English, Western Civilization, and Physics
- ◆ Leveled Math
- ◆ Physical Education
- ◆ Social Studies
- ◆ Spanish
- ◆ Technology, Computer Arts
- ◆ Woodworking

## Classes are offered

Monday through Thursday  
9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.  
Carnation Elementary

### Monday

Grades K-3<sup>rd</sup>  
High School Math and Spanish

### Tuesday

Grades 1-8<sup>th</sup>

### Wednesday

Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-  
12<sup>th</sup>

### Thursday

High School  
Grades

### Friday

Additional  
instruction as needed

