



The vision of Central Riverside Elementary is to work as a team of parents, staff, and community to provide positive stimulation and a safe learning environment. Every classroom and resource person holds high expectations for every child. Central Riverside's enriched curriculum provides each child with the opportunity to read, write, create, explore and problem solve. All teachers provide learning situations that will prepare each child for academic and social success.



- Highly Qualified Faculty and Administration
- K-5 Gifted and Academically Talented Magnet School
- Award Winning PTA
- Active School Advisory Council
- Student Council Association
- Reading Recovery for first graders
- Fast Forward Computer Lab
- Safety Patrol
- Gifted Apprenticeship with Jacksonville Museum of Modern Art
- School Business Partners
- E.D.G.E.
- Dynamite Dolphin Chorus
- Parent newsletters
- Current web site
- Art, Music, Physical Education, Media Center Classes
- Guidance Counselor
- Before and After School
- Extended Day Program
- WCRE Television Studio
- Americorps Volunteers
- Leapfrog SchoolHouse
- Classroom Internet Access and digital tools



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Central Riverside Elementary built in 1916 sits as a jewel on the hill in **historic Riverside**, Jacksonville, Florida. The sturdy two-story building with an elevator, was refurbished in 1997 and now its digital infrastructure and highly polished floors support a K-5 student body of 400 students.

Central Riverside is a **Gifted and Academically Talented magnet school** accredited through the **Southern Association of Schools and Colleges** and serves students from across the western portion of Jacksonville who arrive on foot, by car, and on bus. The neighborhood consists mostly of older single-family homes, many recently remodeled. The neighborhood students served by Central Riverside come from boundaries on I-10 North, College Street South, Roosevelt Blvd. west and The St. Johns River south.

The students take great pride in being a "**dolphin**," the **PTA** has won top honors, and the custodial staff boasts awards for "Cleanest School." Since the school is a **Title I** school, a **full service cafeteria** feeds 71% of the student body free or reduced priced lunches. Parents are actively involved through a **PTA**, an active **School Advisory Council**, and frequent **parent training workshops**. There is a unique community organization of churches that offer after Children's Enrichment Workshops for students two days a week. **BIG BROTHERS-BIG SISTERS** provides **PALS** for students. A variety of safety net practices are in place such as small group instruction, computer-based tools



and Internet activities, Extended Day tutoring, community volunteer tutors, and **Americorps volunteers**. Students may participate in the **Student Council Association**, **WCRE TV** studio activities, Chorus, Ukulele Ensemble or serve as **Safety Patrols**.

The **Florida Sunshine State Standards** and **NCEE standards based curriculum** features student workshops in reading, writing, science, and mathematics. Teachers are coached by a **Standards Coach** through professional development to compare student work and boost academic achievement. Students receive alternative math and reading assistance through **READING RECOVERY** and special education classes.

Gifted and Academically Talented students are served one day a week in **inquiry-based learning** centers and led through problem solving tasks and units of study. Students in this magnet program feed into one of two gifted and talented Middle Schools and academic high schools. If non-magnet, students feed into neighborhood middle and high schools.

To fulfill our mission the goals and data for our school's improvement are regularly matched against **the Florida Sunshine State Standards** and **NCEE Performance standards**. Various stakeholder groups discuss ways to improve teaching and learning for our Dolphin students.

The **student teacher ratio** is 18:1 in K-3 and 22:1 in grades four and five. We score **above average** on standardized test scores and in

student attendance. Our goal is to help all students make gains above their previous year's achievement.

