



The River Vale E-Review

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2018-2019 PoGStudio Program

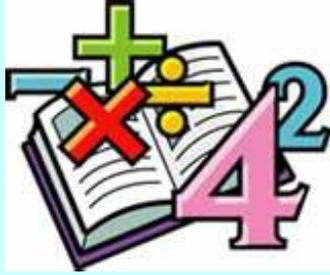
The district's new *PoGStudio* program, which will begin in September and replace the current SAGE program, seeks to enhance the quality of education for students with a program offering differentiation and acceleration through design-thinking and problem-based learning.

All K-3 students will continue to receive push-in (Tier I) enrichment in the classroom setting, while the district's Tier II *PoGStudio* model (pull-out model for grades 4-6), will continue to offer a separate program for students who have been identified using multiple measures of criteria to ensure a comprehensive, fair selection process. Additionally, the district is now excited to offer students not identified through the criteria in grades 4-6 the opportunity to complete an age-appropriate, yet rigorous application process that can lead to inclusion in the program. This will enable hard-working, high-achieving students who are passionate about areas covered in the program, but who were not previously identified, to potentially be included.

***For current 5th grade students only:** If your child is interested in completing an application for the [sixth grade](#) *PoGStudio* program and has not previously been identified for the SAGE program, please complete/sign this [parent permission form](#) by **Wednesday, May 30th**.

**For more general information on this exciting new program, please click [here](#)!

2018-2019 K-8 Math Curriculum



The River Vale School District is extremely excited to introduce our new, regionally developed K-8 mathematics curriculum for the 2018-2019 school-year. Over the past three years teachers and administrators in River Vale have worked with our regional partners in Montvale, Hillsdale, Woodcliff Lake, and the Pascack Valley Regional High School District to develop a curriculum where conceptual knowledge is the foundation upon which students build procedural fluency.

The curriculum is greatly influenced by the work of Jo Boaler, a Professor of Mathematics at the Stanford Graduate School of Education, and supports the idea that every child can be successful at math, and math instruction should foster the development of a growth mindset where students make connections, engage in meaningful conversations, persevere through complex problems, and interact flexibly with numbers in a rigorous way. To learn more about the region's new mathematics curriculum, please click [here](#) to view our Spring Community Forum presentation.



River Vale Schools Closed on May 28th

As a reminder, the River Vale School District will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 28th. We hope everyone will be able to enjoy the extended weekend.



PTA Update

Please remember to check the Go Green folders for information on the many end of year events. If you would like to receive the PTA eblasts, please send an email to: rivervalepta@gmail.com to get on the mailing list.