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### Abstract

This scientific article is about research that was conducted based on a show series, Riverdale. This study analyzes both of the high schools located in Riverdale which are Riverdale High and Southside High. Although both schools are located within the same district, the environment in which they are surrounded is completely different. As known based on previous studies, the environment in which an individual is surrounded can have an effect on them. For example, when around negative environments like Southside High, teenagers are often tempted to make bad decisions to fit in. Whereas, when surrounded by a good environment like Riverdale High, teenagers are more likely to succeed and make good decisions. This study analyzes the possibilities of graduating when attending Riverdale High or Southside High.

## The Effect Of Attending Riverdale High vs. Southside High

### **Introduction:**

Choosing which school to attend has always been an individual's problem at some point in time, whether they're a parent or a student. When choosing which school to attend, individuals often look at the neighborhood in which the school is located, the graduation rates, and the overall rating of the school. This is an issue that many parents had encountered in Riverdale, due to the option of choosing between Riverdale High and Southside High. Riverdale High is the school that most of the middle-income households chose, due to its good reputation and good environment. Unlike Riverdale High, Southside High is located in the southside of Riverdale and is often perceived as the "bad" school due to its bad reputation. Those who attend Southside High are known as the "serpents". These students are called the "serpents" because they are all a part of a gang and that's the name of the gang. Also, they are one of the main reasons for Southside's High bad reputation, because they are often involved in a lot of criminal activities.

### **Methods:**

To conduct this experiment two different groups of students were chosen to analyze, group one being Riverdale High graduating students (2009-2019), and group two being Southside High graduating students (2009-2019).

#### *Group One (Riverdale High Students):*

It was decided that the best way to identify the possibility of graduating if an individual is a Riverdale High student was by looking at their graduation rates from the past ten years. The year gap that we decided to analyze and do research on was from 2009-2019. Having a study that

expanded at least ten years was the best way to analyze the graduation rates, since it would give more statistical data.

*Group Two (Southside High Students):*

We also decided to look at graduation rates from the past ten years to measure the possibilities of an individual graduating if they were from Southside High. We chose to analyze the same graduation rate between the years 2009-2019 because it helps keep the correlation between Riverdale High and Southside High.

**Results:**

This research study found that the possibility of graduating is higher if students attend Riverdale High, compared to them attending Southside High. The study found that in group one, Riverdale High has maintained an average of 95% graduating rate between the years 2009-2019. The study has also identified that the graduating rates have decreased by 5% each year throughout the years 2009-2019 in group two of Southside High students, compared to those of Riverdale High. This leaves Southside High with an overall graduation rate average of 42%.

**Discussion:**

This study shows the overall effect of graduating students who attend Riverdale High vs. Southside High. As shown the possibility of graduating is higher if a student attends Riverdale High than if a student attends Southside High. This study also opens the door to more future studies on the effect of the environment and reputation that a school has on the graduating rates. It also opens doors to fix bad communities, by maybe including mandatory tutoring sessions and having the police department more involved in these communities to prevent crime control within the serpents.

**Conclusion:**

Overall, this study confirmed the results on which school a student is more likely to graduate. It also shows that Riverdale High continues to be a good option for students or parents to choose because it has maintained a 95% average for ten years. Unlike Riverdale High, Southside High isn't improving due to the fact that their graduation rate continues to decrease by 5% each year. When choosing a school, parents and students will now feel more comfortable in which school they are choosing because they will be more aware of which school they are most likely to succeed in.

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