



## June 2016

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1 B-Day</b> Post-Assessment: Regents AM: Algebra II CC PM: Integrated Algebra	<b>2 C-Day</b> Post-Assessments: S.S Art	<b>3 D-Day</b> Post-Assessments: HL Bio & Chem	
<b>5</b>	<b>6 A-Day</b> Post-Assessments: English P.E Earth Science Lab	<b>7 B-Day</b> Post-Assessments: LOTE Earth Science Lab	<b>8 C-Day</b> Post-Assessments: Math Lab Music Earth Science Lab	<b>9 D-Day</b> Post-Assessments: Computer Science Earth Science Lab	<b>10 A-Day</b> Post-Assessments: Earth Science Lab	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13 B-Day</b> <b>Last Day            of Classes</b>	<b>14 C-Day</b> Regents: AM: Global History PM: ELA CC	<b>15 D-Day</b> Regents: AM: Living Environment PM: US History	<b>16 A-Day</b> Regents: AM: Algebra I CC PM: Comprehensive English	<b>17 B-Day</b> Regents: AM: Earth Science Algebra 2/Trig PM: Geometry CC	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20 C-Day</b> Regents: AM: RCT Math LOTE Checkpoint A & B PM: RCT US History	<b>21 D-Day</b> Regents: AM: Chemistry RCT Global PM: Physics RCT Reading	<b>22 A-Day</b> Regents: AM: RCT Writing PM: RCT Science	<b>23 B-Day</b> <b>Graduation            Rehearsal</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Graduation!</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		



# Graduation Requirements

June 3, 2016



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Wilson High School Graduation is June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am but, before focusing on walking the stage, you must meet the Graduation Requirements.

One of the main requirements needed to graduate is that you must have a total of 22 credits for the New York State diploma. Of these credits, potential graduates need to have passed three Math classes, four English, four Social Studies, three Science, one Foreign Language, two Physical Education, and one Fine Arts classes, with a half a credit for health along with three-and-a-half in electives.

To graduate with an IB Diploma, you must have 25.5 credits. These are almost the same as the New York State requirements but include additional Science and Math classes along with two more Foreign Language classes.

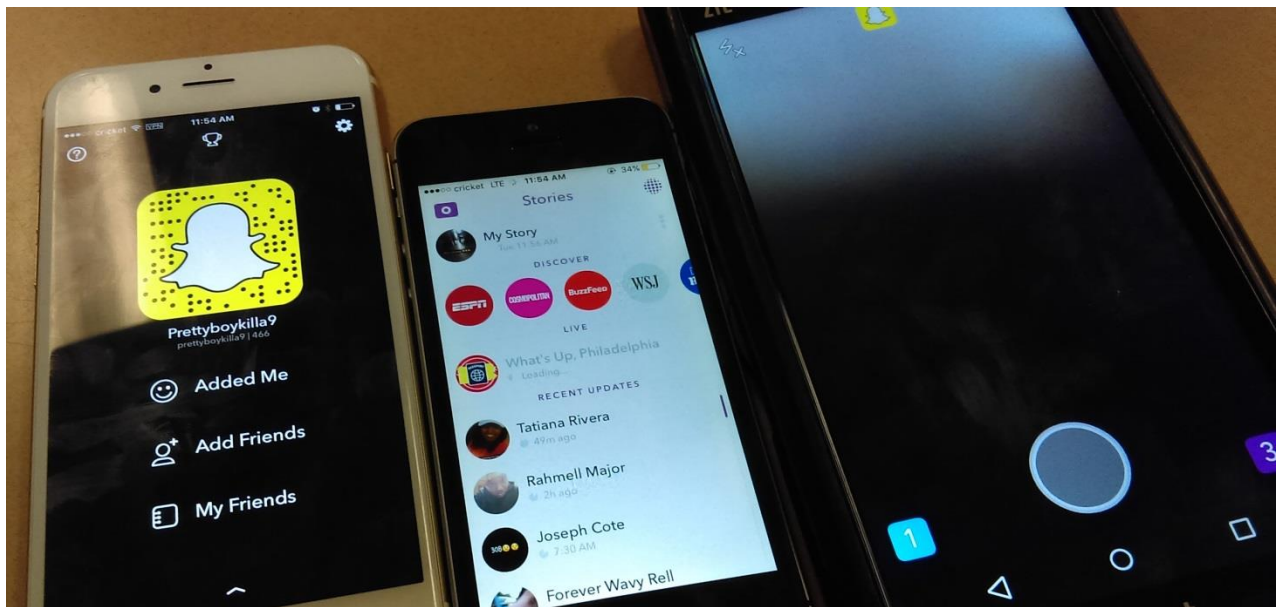
The New York State Education Department has created a new plan called the 4+1 Plan. As long as the students has passed a regents exam in each of the four core subjects (Math, Science, Social Studies and English) along with one more regents in Math, Science or Social Studies.

You must pass all your regents with a 65 or higher unless you have a 504 Plan that is given to K-12 public school students with disabilities. If this plan is applied, the student must pass the regents with a 55 or higher.

Wilson High School counselor Mrs. Williams says “seniors by cohort usually are not actual seniors by credits. They might have 5 or so credits and do not graduate on-time because they have not earned the needed 22 credits.”

Williams also says, “Passing classes is usually the biggest thing that holds students back. When they find that they are over a year behind in credits, many seem to give up and quit trying. It’s frustrating.”

As long as students stay focused and stay motivated, walking the stage in June will be one of their greatest accomplishment in 2016.



# IB Snappin'



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Snapchat is an easy and fast way for Wilson students to contact other, blog daily happenings, and watch other people's lives.

Students constantly use Snapchat to broadcast themselves, capturing special moments at any particular time. It's easy to spot students sending "Snaps" at basketball games, football games or even when just walking the halls.

As a personal experiment, I stopped twenty students to see if they used Snapchat—all twenty had the app installed on their phones. Each student said that they use the app at least five times a day. Some admitted that, on a good day, they have used it as many as eighty.

While all of the students admitted to using Snapchat out of boredom, a couple stated, "it's fun to see what others are doing."

"I use it to express my feelings," one student adds while another points out, "it's easier to show people things on Snapchat than it is on Facebook. It gives them a faster way to have a visual understanding of something."

The app was created on September of 2011 and has wildly grown since then. 400 million "snaps" are posted daily world-wide.

Snapchat updates every few months to add new effects, change how people message one another, and improve the overall performance of the app. Snapchat's popularity keeps growing as it continuously changes to meet people's needs.

The Snapchat app is available on any modern cellular device free of charge. Join the Wilson students, as well as millions of others, by blogging your daily life or sharing a snap that captures a special moment.



# The RIT RCSD Scholar



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The Rochester Institute of Technology offers eligible Rochester City School District graduates scholarship assistance through its scholarship program. The RIT scholarship is approximately \$38,000 a year which is equal to the value of an undergraduate's full-time tuition for four years.

In order to be eligible, prospective students must meet a number of requirements: they must live in Rochester, graduate from an approved high school within the RCSD, and enroll to attend RIT in the following fall after graduation.

The application to RIT must be sent by February 1<sup>st</sup> of the student's senior year. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must also be sent no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Prospective scholars must meet and maintain regular admission and full-time status. Once admitted, they will be invited to attend a four-week summer program (Summer Bridge Program) where they can be introduced to academic life at RIT.

If a student is a Rochester City Scholar, this opportunity cannot be ignored. Chanel Green, youth advocate for the Hillside Work Scholarship Program, claims that there are not many students who are eligible. This makes Rochester City Scholars stand out among the graduates.

Hard work and dedication plays an important role in succeeding. Being a RCSD student teaches that there are opportunities out there if you advocate for yourself.

Although there are always obstacles, students must be resilient and stay mindful of their educational goals.

This is one of the many opportunities offered to those students who have a mindset on furthering their education and making a difference. As Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."



# Old School vs. New School

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You can't go onto Facebook without seeing debates between the older generation and the new about whose music is better.

On the one hand, the argument is that older music is pure, more relatable, and actually has more meaning behind the lyrics.

On the other, new music is said to be demeaning, have bad lyrics, it all sounds the same, and is just plain stupid.

When you ask an older person about which generation of music they prefer, you'll hear artists like LL Cool J, Mariah Carey, Alicia Keys, and Luther Vandross. Their music is used to express opinions and experiences. Their songs told stories, situations, and made listening something great.

The themes bring the people of a community together. The lyrics went into such detail and depth that a person may believe that they had lived it!

It is impossible to find the flow from yesterday's music in today's new singers and rappers.

Today's music doesn't concern itself with the mind, body, and soul like it used to.

Well, maybe the body.

The female body.

Today's rappers fill their songs with sex, money, and fame. Unfortunately, it's not just the males—female artists use sexuality over substance in their lyrics too.

It's turned so commercial that it's not even about the music anymore. It's more about who wore their outfit better on stage or whose performance was superior.

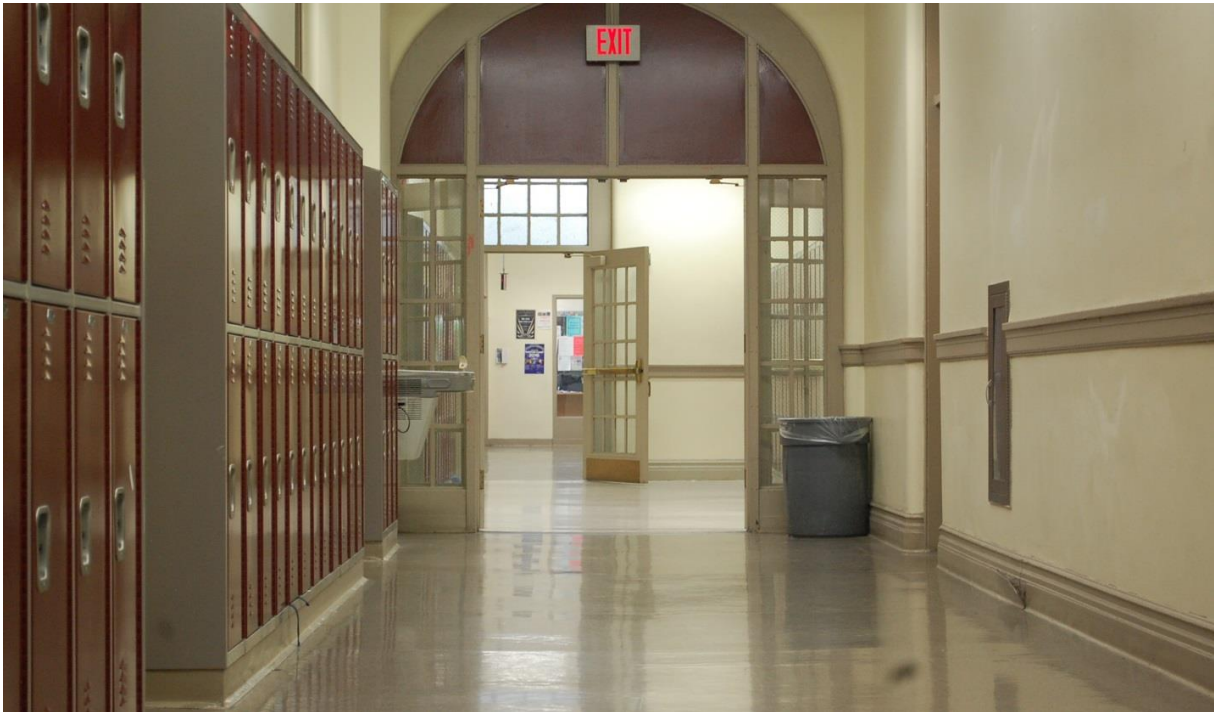
And the commercialism makes most rappers' melodies and compositions all sound the same. The songs are repetitive and filled with a whole lot of cursing.

These artists don't even write their own lyrics anymore. There's someone behind the scenes writing the worthless lyrics for them.

Today, auto-tune is overvalued. Back in the day, it would've been considered an offense to music but, because of the industry's determination to make more and more money, if the song's sounds are appealing and holds a hype vibe... it sells world-wide.

While it sells a lot of records, the actual meaning behind the tune is whack.

So the debate continues; but, in the end, should it. Turn off the radio and pull out some old vinyl or CDs for a while before logging back onto Facebook.



# Farewell Wilson

June 3, 2016



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On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, we entered Wilson as freshman. And on June 25<sup>th</sup>, we will leave as graduates.

Many of life's lessons, that will follow us for the rest of our lives, were learned in high school. We had to learn how to be organized, prioritize our time, and study. We also had to learn how to balance a social life with our schoolwork.

While we came in wide-eyed and anxious to learn, our time at Wilson wasn't always easy. We've lost friends and struggled with classes (and regents exams) but took it in stride.

In the end, we learned that we had to put our academics first because the outcome of our hard work will be a diploma.

And, along the way, most of us found like-minded friends that could be with us for the rest of our lives.

Alaysia Faison, a senior here at Wilson High School, says that her biggest struggle in high school was balancing good grades with a social life outside of school. To accomplish this, she said to, "always stay true to yourself and focus on your goals. More than anything else, that's what it took for me to be successful."

Faison added some advice for upcoming freshmen: "Work hard, stay focused and never forget the reason why you're here."

Now that the school year is coming to an end, the Class of 2016 is beginning to prepare for the next big chapter in our lives.

Many of us are off to college.

Some are starting jobs.

Some are off to the military.

A couple of us are moving out of the country.

No matter where our lives take us, we will take all the lessons we have learned at Wilson High School with us.

Congratulations Class of 2016 and good luck!



## Questions or Comments?

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This is a letter from Management,

This was the first year of the new *Wildcat Times* and it has been a great one.

First, I would like to thank Dr. Connor—your help and preparation has made the transition between the two papers seamless.

Thank you Mrs. Mehta—your trust and support when trying new ideas has been great.

Thank you Mr. Passero—your guidance and encouragement helped immensely.

And a huge thank you to the editor, Ariam—the newspaper would not have been possible without all of your hard work. And yes, you earned an A this marking period.

Finally, and most importantly, thank you to our readers. You're the ones who drove us to put our best efforts forward each month and are the sole reason for our existence.

Thank You,  
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