2020-21 SCHOOL SELECTION BOOKLET
For students entering grade 7 in 2020-21

Application deadline: March 27, 2020

GRADE 7
This booklet is for current 6th-graders entering a new school in 2020

The booklet explains the selection process and provides information on District schools serving 7th- and 8th-grade students. For more detailed information, visit our website at www.rcsdk12.org or:

Speak to a School Selection Specialist
Office of Student Equity and Placement
131 West Broad Street
Monday through Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
585-262-8241

Attend the RCSD Expo & Fair
Saturday, January 11, 2020
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy
200 Genesee Street, 14611

Learn about school performance at: data.nysed.gov
Type in the name of any school you are interested in for complete report card information.

To participate in the lottery for a chance to obtain your school of choice, you must apply by March 27, 2020.

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It is important to note that the information in this booklet is subject to change based upon recommendations made by the Superintendent and Board of Education.
Your child is beginning the transition to high school, where students have the chance to explore their individual talents and interests—to develop the skills and academic knowledge that prepare them for success in college and careers. This booklet provides information on Rochester schools that serve 7th- and 8th-grade students, which include K-8 schools, a K-12 school, and high schools that serve grades 7-12. Each provides unique opportunities and programs to match a range of student needs.

Choosing a School

for 7th and 8th grade is important!

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Enrollment in 7th grade — here’s how it works

• If your 6th-grade student attends a school that offers 7th grade and does not want to change, you do not need to complete an application. Your child will automatically be enrolled at his or her current school.

• If your 6th-grade student wants or needs a new school, you have a wide range of choices. Your child is eligible to attend any District school that offers 7th grade, but you must apply on or before March 27, 2019. Please review this booklet for details about our schools and the selection process.

Parents of incoming 7th-graders should identify the schools they most want their child to attend, ranking their top five choices on the online application at www.rcsdk12.org/register.

Students are assigned to the available seats in a school through the lottery process. Two important facts to consider:

• School of the Arts, a grade 7-12 school, requires a student audition, has a separate application process, and is not part of the lottery. Parents of students applying to SOTA should also complete the lottery process, ranking their other school choices.

• Most schools expect families to visit the school and all schools expect parents and students to sign a compact agreement with the school before the March 27 deadline. You will have a much better chance of attending your first choice school if you meet these expectations.
School Selection at a Glance

Step 1: Learn about your school options.
Step 2: Rank your school selections.
Step 3: Complete the compact. If you are not able to visit a school, compacts and detailed school information are available at the Student Placement Office.
Step 4: Apply by online March 27 at www.rcsdk12.org/register.
Step 5: If you are considering School of the Arts as one of your choices, apply directly to the school by December 13. If you apply to SOTA, you need to also complete an Online Application for your remaining choices.

You will be notified of your 7th-grade placement in May. Students accepted by School of the Arts can choose admission to that school or enroll in their lottery placement school.

Students who do not participate in the School Choice Lottery by March 27 will be placed in a school where space is available after the selection process is complete.

What is a school compact?
A school compact is one- or two-page form that outlines each school’s expectations and requirements. Typical points addressed in compacts include adherence to the District’s Code of Conduct, academic expectations, special orientation or learning time requirement, and school policies, such as cell phone rules or dress code.

While compacts are not legal requirements, students and parents are expected to understand and agree to the school’s expectations. The compact process encourages families to visit schools and meet with administrators before making their top choices.

How the lottery works
A computer assigns a random number to each student who applies to the lottery. There is no preference to applications submitted early. Students are placed in their first-choice schools based on their lottery number until seats are filled. Students who have completed the school’s compact expectations will be considered for placement before other students. East Lower School also places a priority on students who live near the school. This process continues until all students have been placed. Every student is enrolled in the school as close as possible to his or her top choice.

Play the lottery smart!
• Complete the compact expectations of your top-choice school.
• If you apply to School of the Arts, you must participate in the lottery also, so that you get one of your school choices if you do not gain admission to SOTA.
• The lottery gives every family a fair chance, so if you have a strong interest in a particular school, you should always make it your first choice. However, understand that schools with a 6th grade will have fewer open seats. If you’re equally interested in more than one school, you might think about which school is likely to have the most open seats and choose that first. You could ask about open seats when you go on your school tour.

Does every student in 6th grade need to choose a new school?
If your 6th-grade student attends a school that offers 7th grade and does not want to change schools, you do not need to complete an application. Your child will automatically be enrolled at his or her current school.

If your 6th-grade student wants or needs a new school, you have a wide range of choices. Your child is eligible to attend any RCSD school that offers 7th grade, but you must complete an application to participate in the School Choice Lottery on or before March 27, 2020.

When is the application deadline?
In order to participate in the School Choice Lottery, you must apply on or before March 27, 2020.

What are my chances of getting my first choice school?
Students who participate in the lottery have consistently received their first choice school between 75% and 85% of the time. You must apply by March 27, 2020.

What happens to students who do not apply by March 27, 2020?
Students who do not participate in the lottery are placed in a school where space is available after the selection process is complete.

What happens if my selected schools closes before the 2020-21 school year?
Occasionally, the District or the State decides that a school does not have the academic performance to remain open. Sometimes the facility is no longer adequate to meet the academic standards of the cutting edge technology expected to be delivered to today’s students.
• If the lottery process has not begun, you will be asked to resubmit your school choices.
• If the lottery program is already in motion, that school will be removed from your selection, and your other rankings will move forward in order. In other words, if your first choice school closes, your second choice school becomes your first choice.
Expeditionary Learning focuses on project-based learning, where students engage in interdisciplinary presentations and portfolios related to a group learning expedition.

The health center team includes a nurse practitioner, psychiatrist, primary mental health therapist, case managers, medical assistants, and other dedicated staff. Services include immunizations, physical exams, blood work, reproductive health, treatment of injuries or illnesses, prescriptions for minor conditions, and counseling for behavioral health issues.

Expanded learning time extends learning time beyond the traditional school day and school year to provide broader, more enriching learning experiences for students.

Community schools act as a hub, offering a coordinated approach to connect and cultivate assets in the community and to link families to services, so that educators can focus on teaching and students can focus on learning.

Probability of getting this school as your first choice (based on the 2019 lottery) is 90% or above.

Probability of getting this school as your first choice (based on the 2019 lottery) is 75% or less.

Probability of getting this school as your first choice (based on the 2019 lottery) is 50% or less.

Probability of getting this school as your first choice (based on the 2019 lottery) is 25% or less.
Athletics Program

The District’s Interscholastic Sports Program offers opportunities for all students to participate in competitive sports at the modified, freshman, junior varsity, and varsity levels. Student athletes are provided opportunities for physical exams and must be re-qualified by a nurse or doctor prior to each season.

The sports program supports academic achievement by emphasizing the following eligibility requirements. Student athletes must:

- Maintain at least a C average in all subjects
- Maintain 90% daily attendance in each class
- Demonstrate good citizenship

Student eligibility is assessed at each school by the Athletic Department.

Schools that do not offer or have accommodations for a specific sport at their school location may have that offering in conjunction with another school. A full list of sports and their locations by school is available in the back of this booklet.

## Sports Offerings for 2019-20
*(Offerings subject to change for 2020-21)*

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Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Career and Technical Education (CTE) in the middle grades (7-8) consists of two courses – Technology Education and Family and Consumer Science.

- Technology Education uses concepts of science, mathematics, social science, and language arts in a hands-on, systems-based approach to problem solving. The course guides students in the understanding, design, and development of systems, devices, and products to serve human needs and wants.
- Family and Consumer Science courses are designed to help middle level students live in a society of constant change and to improve their quality of life by preparing them to meet their present and future responsibilities as family members, community members, consumers, home managers, and wage earners. The goal is to educate early adolescents to think constructively, make sound decisions, solve problems, and manage resources.

Music and Art

The Department of Visual and Performing Arts offers students in all schools opportunities to learn and express themselves through music and visual arts. All students in grades K-12 are given an opportunity to take arts courses. Chorus is available to all students K-12. Check your school for elective courses and extracurricular offerings.

Music

Join our Districtwide Ensembles: Pride of Rochester Marching Band, Roc City Players, and Voices of Victory Community Choir! Musicians and vocalists in grades 4-12 perform at school and community events.

The Pride of Rochester Marching Band is for students in Grades 6-12. Co-Directors: Rebecca Fox and Scott Weber, theprideofrochester@rcsd121.org, Office: 585-288-3130 Ext. 1113.

ROC City Players is open to all RCSD students in grades 4-12. Auditions are done for casting purposes only. Any student who wishes to participate will be a part of the production. Co-Directors: Kelly Follman and Taylor Johnson, roccityplayers@rcsd121.org, Office: 585-254-4472.

Voices of Victory Gospel Choir is open to RCSD employees, students, parents, and community members. Director: Luke Wilson, luke.wilson@rcsdk12.org, Co-Director, Anthony White; anthony.white@rcsdk12.org Office: 585-288-3130 Ext. 1167.

Visual Arts

Art Education Open House - Students in grades K-12 showcase their talents at our annual Arts Education Open House at Central Office.

RCSD Calendar Competition - Students in grades K-12 may submit artwork that will be chosen to represent the RCSD calendar. There will be an awards ceremony at Central Office during the Art Education Open House.
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

NRCS is a community where everyone soars!

Our mission is for students to be successful academically, physically, socially and emotionally. We are committed to providing an atmosphere that is safe, caring and student centered. We will ensure that every student engages in rich learning experiences, which allow them to think critically, solve problems and develop the necessary skills and foundation needed for college and careers.

NRCS is located in Rochester’s historic Cornhill neighborhood. Our school is connected to the Adams Street recreation center for additional recreational and after school opportunities.

FACTS

Uniforms: No
Busing: School Buses
Foreign Languages: Spanish
Health/Wellness Center: No
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: University of Rochester, Third Presbyterian Church, Cornhill Neighborhood Association, Center for Youth, Roberts Wesleyan College, Generation 2, Adams Street Rec Center, Hillside, Foodlink, Healthi Kids, Genesee Country Museum & Village
Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: No

SCHOOL FEATURES

- School-wide focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).
- Opportunities for students in all grades to complete monthly STEM challenges.
- There are 3 science labs in the building (primary STEM, intermediate STEM, and middle school science).
- Genesee Country Museum offers April and summer scholarships to camp.
- STEM field trips
- Opportunities to work with school partners at the University of Rochester medical center.
- Exposure to STEM careers.
- Middle School Honors Academy for students who qualify. Middle school students have the opportunity to take high school Regents courses in 8th grade.
- All students have access to iPads, Chromeboxes and/or Chromebooks at school.
- Interscholastic school athletics for students in grades 7 and 8.
- Restorative practices are utilized to build relationships with students and to help students and adults resolve conflict.

- School Clubs
  - Challenge 24 (math)
  - Chess Club
  - Student Council
  - Rochester Young Scientist Club
- Monthly Celebrations
  - Community Circle to recognize soaring students
  - Zearn breakfast to recognize excellence in math
John Williams
School No. 5

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Diane.Leone@rcsdk12.org

WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

John Williams School No. 5 is a family-oriented school that supports students and provides assistance to their families. Academic excellence is promoted in a well-rounded educational setting that welcomes English Language Learners. Our focus on character education and family support maintains a strong sense of community within the school.

FACTS

Uniforms: Yes
Busing: School Buses
Foreign Languages: Spanish
Health/Wellness Center: No
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Rochester, Roberts Wesleyan College, Nilico, Eastman Kodak, Oasis Christian Fellowship Church, Love Fellowship Worship Center, Windstream
Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: No

SCHOOL FEATURES

• Member of the National Junior Honor Society, which recognizes middle-year students for excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.
• Newcomer and integrated language classrooms support English Language Learners based on each student’s needs.
• Victorious Minds Academy with a focus on the relationship model of educational intervention.
• Extracurricular activities include student government, modified sports (grades 7-8), band, orchestra, drumline, and choir.
• School-wide Positive Behavioral Support (SWPBS), Primary Project, daily school creed, and vision statement cultivate respect and responsibility within the community.
• Year-long academic intervention program.
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

The Roberto Clemente School No. 8 motto is "For the students, by the teachers, with the community." Building relationships with students and families is an important aspect of our instructional priorities. Within the scope of the school’s Expeditionary Learning (EL) Education core practices, students and adults become active leaders of their own learning through expeditions and the additional time afforded by an expanded learning schedule. Student social-emotional learning is supported by the use of proactive programming, access to Cool Down Zones, and strong community partnerships. Students learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and work hard to foster and implement a restorative community. School No. 8 prides itself in preparing students to be lifelong learners by providing them with the skills for success in high school and beyond.

FACTS

Uniforms: No
Busing: School Buses
Foreign Languages: Spanish

Health/Wellness Center: No
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: Rochester Rotary, AmeriCorps, Black Physicians Network, Eastman Dental SMILEmobile, Center for Youth, Rochester Police Department (Clinton Avenue Section), YMCA, Children’s Institute - Primary Project, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, IBERO-Project Clean, Lincoln Library.


Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: No

SCHOOL FEATURES

• Expanded Learning Time (ELT) School with a 7.5 hour day: students receive more than 200 extra hours each year of academic, social-emotional, and recreational opportunities beyond those offered during a traditional school day.
• Expeditionary Learning (EL) school, where students learn through in-depth study of interesting topics that explore different subject areas. Students learn in groups and demonstrate progress through projects, presentations, and portfolios, in addition to traditional learning.
• Extracurricular activities include student government, modified sports (grades 7-8), Kids Co-Ed Basketball Association (grades 4-6), band, orchestra, instrumental lessons, theater, and choir.
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

School No. 12 is “the gem of the South Wedge” neighborhood connected to the South Avenue R-Center and Public Library near Highland Park. In 2016 the school returned to its fully renovated building, which has been remodeled to meet the needs of middle-grades students within a safe and caring school climate. A focus on bilingual education prepares School 12 students to be more competitive in the global economy. Students in 7th grade can take honors classes that prepare them to earn advanced high school credit in 8th grade and AP classes in high school. An emphasis is placed on developing leaders and serving the community through mentoring and service projects.

FACTS

Uniforms: No
Busing: School Buses
Foreign Languages: Spanish, Dual Language Enrichment Program
Health/Wellness Center: No
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: Rochester Midland Corporation-Girls and Boys Groups, Greater Rochester Health Foundation, First Robotics Lego League, Center for Youth, YMCA
Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: Yes

SCHOOL FEATURES

• 7th- and 8th-grade Dual Language instruction programming is offered with an emphasis on language learning. The school’s bilingual program includes bilingual instruction for students of families who speak Spanish or English at home. From basic Spanish through Spanish enrichment, team-teaching models that pair Spanish teachers with content area teachers are used.
• Focus on STEM instruction (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), providing students opportunities for experienced-based learning through partnerships with the University of Rochester, Xerox, and Rochester Midland Corporation.
• Honors/Regents level courses prepare children for a rigorous academic high school program.
• Extracurricular activities include intramural athletics, modified sports, drama, band, chorus, step team, and after-school clubs.
• Strong music and arts program, with instrumental music and many ensemble opportunities.
• Leadership development through advisory to support adolescent emotional investment.
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

School No. 17 is the beacon of the community at the center of an urban village. It is a community school with integrated medical, dental, and mental health supports and partnerships integrated on the campus. The school's dual language enrichment program provides the opportunity for native Spanish speakers and native English speakers to learn alongside one another in both languages. An expanded learning day provides the opportunity for targeted academic support based on individual student needs and choice in enrichment including art, music, dance, STEP, creative writing, service, athletics, and project-based learning activities. School No. 17 fosters the development of the whole child as a lifelong learner with a caring, supportive school community where children are empowered with voice, choice, service learning, restorative practices, and student leadership opportunities within an engaging, academically focused learning environment.

FACTS
Uniforms: Yes
Busing: School Buses
Foreign Languages: Spanish, Dual Language Enrichment Program
Health/Wellness Center: Yes


School compact agreement required: No

SCHOOL FEATURES
- Expanded Learning Time (ELT) School with a 7.5-hour day: students receive more than 200 extra hours each year of academic, social-emotional, and recreational opportunities beyond those offered during a traditional school day.
- School 17 is a community school, ready to help with whatever it takes for your child to come to school ready to learn. A full-time Family Center is staffed with people who are here to help you, where you can meet and help other parents.
- Strong emphasis on diversity, reflected by the school motto, “Our Diversity is our Strength, Nuestra Diversidad es Nuestra Fuerza.”
- State-of-the-art technology in every classroom.
- Restorative practices and community building activities.
- Integrated thematic instruction with project-based learning.
- Native Language Arts instruction, cultural arts program.
- Music groups include strings, band, and chorus.
- “Help Me Read” program, run by volunteers, provides students with additional literacy assistance.
- On-site R-Center open until 7:00 pm, which provides after-school activities and meals for School 17 students and youth in the community.
- Horizons Summer LEAP (Learning Enrichment to Achieve Potential) is an educational initiative improving access to high-quality, tuition-free summer learning programs. Children go to the campuses of Allendale Columbia and Brockport College to receive academic instruction and social-emotional support along with fun summer enrichment activities.

Neighborhood enrollment available on-site!
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

Students will have the benefit of a co-teaching model that allows every student to receive small group instruction in core subjects every day. The focus will be on literacy and school involvement in the community through service learning.

FACTS

Uniforms: No
Busing: School Buses
Foreign Languages: Spanish
Health/Wellness Center: No
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: Greater Rochester Health Foundation/FLHSA, Southwest Rotary Club, Foodlink, Fidelis Care, Flint Street Recreation Center, Center for Youth (ATS/Strings for Success), Primary Project Children’s Institute, Edgewood Free Methodist Church, Church of Love, Leap (U of R), Gandhi House, SMILEmobile, Links 4 Kids, SUNY Geneseo, Villa of Hope
Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: No

SCHOOL FEATURES

• Extracurricular activities include School Clubs, intramural athletics for 7th and 8th grades, mediation grade level support through Restorative Justice practices, Student Council, violin orchestra, and much more.
• “Strings for Success,” a violin program for students in grades 3-8. Students travel to perform at various community organizations in Rochester, New York State, and throughout the United States.
• Parents are connected to the school community through the School-Based Planning Team, the PTO, volunteer opportunities, Greater Rochester Health Foundation, monthly parent events, and much more.
• Collaborative co-teaching model
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

School No. 28, builds on every child’s strength, every day, to ensure college and career readiness. The newly renovated school, located a few blocks from East Upper High School, has state-of-the-art facilities for middle-year students. School No. 28 maintains a warm and nurturing environment where students learn from a knowledgeable and caring staff.

FACTS

Uniforms: Yes
Busing: School Buses
Foreign Languages: Spanish
Health/Wellness Center: No

Business/College/Faith Partnerships: East High School, Mercy High School, Hon- eoye Falls-Lima High School, Leadership Rochester, Harris Corp., Xerox Corp., St. Mary’s Church, Jewish Literacy Program, Community Place Grandparents Program, Buffalo State College

Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: No

SCHOOL FEATURES

• Focus on literacy, integrating reading and writing into all of the content areas, including math and science.
• Fully bilingual program in K-6, supporting students and families in Spanish and in English in all grades.
• Monthly STAR assemblies celebrate student successes at school. Student successes are also celebrated with parents and families throughout the year.
• Strong character education that teaches students good citizenship.
• Extracurricular activities include school band and instrumental music.
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

At Mary McLeod Bethune School No. 45, we love our children tremendously. We know every child and have a specialized plan in place for each student. All children have goals they are working toward with the help of their teachers, so they are learning at an accelerated rate. We are working to establish ourselves as a lighthouse school by incorporating the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Children. We are a community school looking for new and creative ways of providing community supports to our students and their families. We love to have families visit the school and spend time with their children in the classroom. This is a school designed for children who are positive members of the school community and for those looking to become leaders. If you are looking for a school that will do whatever it takes to support your child in becoming leaders, then School No. 45 is the school for you!

FACTS

- Uniforms: No
- Busing: School Buses
- Foreign Languages: Spanish
- Health/Wellness Center: No
- Business/College/Faith Partnerships: Center for Youth, Genesee Mental Health, G2, Memorial Art Gallery, Inc., Xerox, Jewish Federation of Literacy Volunteers, Celebration of Life Community, Inc., Breath of Life Church, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Crazy Dog T-Shirts, Excellus, Rochester Urban League

Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: No

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Free after-school programming at the Boys and Girls Club onsite.
- Daily Leadership block in grades K-6 and Advisory block in grades 7-8.
- Additional ELA and math support provided in grades K-8.
- Leadership hour in every grade.
- Leader in Me schoolwide programming promoting The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.
- Individualized student goal setting.
- Student-led conferencing.
- Mediation provided to solve problems.
- Daily advisory and individualized support team time every other day in grades 7-8.
- All 8th grade students have the opportunity to take Algebra and Living Environment for high school credit.
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

Helen Barrett Montgomery School is located in a residential neighborhood near scenic Seneca Park and the Genesee River. If you desire a Pre-K through 8th-grade school where children achieve academically in a nurturing and safe environment, then you should consider Helen Barrett Montgomery. The school promotes academic excellence in a well-rounded educational setting that encourages children to explore their musical, artistic, and athletic interests. A close-knit sense of community is fostered that celebrates student learning and success.

FACTS
Uniforms: No
Busing: School Buses
Foreign Languages: American Sign Language
Health/Wellness Center: No
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: SUNY Brockport, St. John Fisher College, St. Joseph’s Church, Northridge Church, Nazareth College, Center for Youth, Foodlink, UR SMILEmobile
Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: No

SCHOOL FEATURES
• Extracurricular activities include chess club, yearbook club, student council, and instrumental music.
• Upper school for grades 7 and 8 provides opportunities to explore different areas during the lunch time. Areas include art adventure, technology, physical activity/fitness, and library time.
• Help Zone maintained by the Center for Youth staff provides social emotional support.
• The school holds “Eagle Pride” Fridays!
• Helen Barrett Montgomery is a Restorative Practice school. Restorative practices promote inclusiveness, relationship-building and problem-solving, through such restorative methods as circles for teaching and conflict resolution to conferences that bring victims, offenders and their supporters together to address wrongdoing.
• Helen Barrett Montgomery has CORE Values of SOAR: Self-control, Outstanding Teamwork, Accountability, Respect.
• Interscholastic sports for grades 7 and 8 that are throughout the entire school year.
• Student Government is an active student group that advocates throughout the school year.
• School vision—Together we lead!

• Students in grades 6, 7, 8 are trained as circle champions to support in restorative circles/conferences.
• Helen Barrett Montgomery’s K-8 library has a diverse and widespread variety of books for students and their interests. The library is open for all students every day of the school week.
• Helen Barrett Montgomery has a diverse student population with over 18 different languages spoken by students.
• Students in grade 4-8 can learn to plan an instrument. Students in grades 7 and 8 can participate in a modern rock band group, learning to play guitar, bass, drums and piano.
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

If you prefer a small school community in a supportive, safe, and challenging learning environment, choose Wilson Foundation Academy to get a head start on the globally recognized International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. Parents of Wilson students take an active role in their children’s education—we encourage them to volunteer and be proactive in communicating with teachers, administrators, and all staff. By working together, we will ensure success for every child.

FACTS

Uniforms: Yes
Busing: School Buses
Foreign Languages: Spanish, French, Kiswahili
Health/Wellness Center: No
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: University of Rochester, Southwest Area Neighborhood Association (SWAN), SUNY Brockport
Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: Yes

SCHOOL FEATURES

- The only International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program for grades 7-8 in the Rochester City School District with an IB Primary Years Program for grades K-6.
- Tradition of academic excellence as demonstrated by local, state, and national recognition for student performance.
- The IB Middle Years Program provides a framework of academic challenge that encourages students to embrace and understand the connections between traditional subjects and the real world, and become critical and reflective thinkers.
What Every Family Should Know

East Lower School is committed to offering a rigorous learning environment by creating additional time for teaching and learning daily. Scholars receive extra instruction in English Language Arts and math daily. Restorative practices are used to promote lifelong peaceful problem solving. Every day a 30-minute “Family Group” connects one adult to 10 scholars to foster relationship building and provide a personal support network for each scholar. East also offers a variety of academic pathways to ensure student success.

East is taking charge of its future by being tenacious, thinking purposefully, and advocating for self and others.

Facts

- Uniforms: No
- Busing: School Buses
- Foreign Languages: Spanish
- Health/Wellness Center: Yes, U of R Health Clinic and SMILEmobile
- Business/College/Faith Partnerships: University of Rochester, Center for Youth, IBERO-American Action League, Hillside Work Scholarship, MCC Liberty Partnerships, Educational Talent Search, Connected Communities, Champion Academy, Villa of Hope, Foodlink, LawNY, College Prep Center, Step 2 College, and Encompass
- Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: No

School Features

- Longer instructional day, with literacy classes to enhance individual reading skills and double instructional time allotted for math.
- Multiple community partners.
- Restorative Practices used to resolve issues peacefully.
- Bilingual program.
- Family Group daily with one adult and 10 scholars to foster relationships.
- A large offering of interscholastic sports for scholars in grades 7-12.
- On campus University of Rochester Medical Clinic, which provides free services to any scholar enrolled at East.
- Student Support Center with connections to community-based organizations.
- Educational Partnership with the University of Rochester to enhance all components of the school.
- Our 8th grade team coordinates a CTE tour prior to course selections for 9th grade. 8th grade scholars visit each program and hear from staff and scholars.
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

Integrated Arts & Technology students want to be part of a collaborative learning school, in which students and staff work together in project-based learning activities. The school has a variety of after-school activities, sports, and clubs to give students an opportunity to engage in school life beyond the classroom. Integrated Arts and Technology stresses the importance of family and community. Students receive the benefits of a small learning environment on a campus with all the facilities and amenities of a large high school.

FACTS
Uniforms: No
Busing: RTS
Foreign Languages: Spanish
Health/Wellness Center: Yes
Business/College/Faith Partnerships:
Institute for Student Achievement, Educational Talent Search, Hillside Work Scholarship, St. John Fisher College, SUNY Brockport
Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: No

SCHOOL FEATURES
- Project-based learning using technology and the arts. State-of-the-art approach to teaching and learning utilizes current technology tools such as netbooks, Chromebooks, and digital tools.
- A commitment to excellence is required by each student and parent. The school is a community of learners based on respect, responsibility, high expectations, the ability to work with others, and a desire to be an active part of a focused learning environment.
- The campus has a state-of-the-art athletic field and track.
- A full slate of athletic programs and sports teams is offered from modified to varsity.
- Advanced Placement and Dual Credit classes are offered.
- 100% of seniors who graduated were accepted into college programs in 2019.
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

Monroe High School students have excellent opportunities in academics, arts, and athletics in a grade 7-12 community that incorporates language and culture into the school experience. Staff, students, and parents of Monroe work together to create a safe community that fosters respect and caring for each other. Students at Monroe are ambassadors of diversity. They learn, work, and contribute to the community. They are the jewel of the city.

FACTS

Uniforms: No  
Busing: RTS  
Foreign Languages: Spanish  
Health/Wellness Center: No  
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: Center for Youth, RIT - Gear Up, University of Rochester Upward Bound, IBERO-American Action League, SUNY Brockport, Hillside Work Scholarship, Hillside Health Homes, Foodlink, YMCA, Trillium Health, Flower City Arts Center, Excellus, Borinquen Dance Theater  
Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: No

SCHOOL FEATURES

- The Red Jacket Help Zone provides effective social and emotional supports for students in grades 7 through 12. This, in turn, minimizes the loss of instructional time and provides the individualized academic and social support that students need.  
- Homebase session occurs daily and contributes to positive school culture. It promotes understanding of community partners, increases literacy, and teaches students restorative strategies that transfer to all areas of their lives. Homebase Advisors monitor attendance in their Period 1.  
- Monroe students are eligible for the New York State Seal of Biliteracy, which signifies a high level of proficiency in more than one language. In addition, it prepares students with 21st century skills and provides those seeking college acceptance with an advantage during the application process.  
- Restorative approaches are used to address student conflict and resolve matters peacefully. Our student ambassadors have been recognized throughout the state for their work in this program.  
- Honors Program featuring acceleration in English, math, science, social studies, and Languages Other Than English (LOTE). Students have the potential to earn high school credits during 8th grade.  
- Dual enrollment courses with Monroe Community College include Spanish and Personal Management.  
- Art department offers foundational, ceramics, and progressive technology courses.  
- Music department features a state award-winning Steel Drum Band, piano instruction, and guitar instruction.  
- Foreign Language department offers college-level courses and Spanish for Heritage Learners and native speakers.  
- Social Studies department offers college-level classes including AP U.S. History and AP World History.  
- Established and welcoming Parent Resource Center that supports parents as partners in their child’s education.  
- Parent Ambassadors, student ambassadors, and Student Government are active groups that support the school’s mission, vision, and initiatives.
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

The vision of Leadership Academy for Young Men is that 100% of our graduates will be college and/or career ready. The mission is to focus on teaching the importance of discipline, respect, and education through holding scholars to a higher standard. Leadership Academy for Young Men will provide a safe place for young men to strengthen the mind, body, and soul by focusing on community, brotherhood, and accountability of self through the reinforcement of the Five Prides – Respect, Integrity, Loyalty, Accountability, and Courage. These Prides are embraced at weekly, grade-level Community. Staff and administration expect students attending Leadership Academy for Young Men to pride themselves on their appearance, be ready for instruction, demonstrate service to others, and model good citizenship and brotherhood. Graduates of Leadership Academy for Young Men will leave leaders of their lifelong learning.

FACTS

Uniforms: Expected attire. Business-like, Black or Tan Khaki pants, any color button down shirt, any tie or bow tie and any footwear, no athletic sneakers.

Busing: RTS

Foreign Languages: Spanish

Health/Wellness Center: Yes

Leadership Academy for Young Men

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Business/College/Faith Partnerships:
St. John Fisher College, University of Rochester, Charlotte Community Association, Urban League, Hillside Work Scholarship, Center for Youth

Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: No

SCHOOL FEATURES

• All-male environment that focuses on the learning styles and social/emotional needs of young men.
• Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) is available to all students who elect to participate. The program is designed to build character and leadership skills, positive values, and the personal responsibility associated with being a contributing member of the larger community.
• Variety of school clubs, such as Chess, Raiders, Drill, Gaming, and Ping Pong.
• Large on campus offering of interscholastic sports for scholars in grades 7-12, year round.
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

Northwest Junior High at Douglass is a comprehensive school that utilizes Restorative Practices. Students are encouraged to self-reflect on behavior and mend broken relationships through circle work. Northwest Junior High is looking for students who are self-motivated, willing to learn, and enjoy being challenged in the middle grades, which helps to prepare them for success in high school, college, and careers in any field. Additionally, we offer rising 7th-graders (who qualify) and 8th-graders the opportunity to take high school Regents level courses during middle school. At Northwest Junior High, we believe that all students can learn and experience success with the right supports and resources. Our staff is committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure student academic and social-emotional growth. Nestled in a residential setting in a northeast Rochester neighborhood, students can learn on a campus with spacious grounds and a variety of athletic fields.

FACTS

Uniforms: No
Busing: RTS
Foreign Languages: Spanish
Health/Wellness Center: Yes
Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: No

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Middle School Honors Academy for students who qualify. Middle school students have the opportunity to take high school Regents courses in 7th and 8th grade.
- College and Career Counseling: Students focus on specific themes to heighten their awareness of college and careers. Counselors engage students in a series of presentations, field trips, and workshops that focus on the transition from high school to college. Naviance software is used to assist students in identifying their strengths and possible career pathways.
- Positive Behavior Supports are in place using incentives to reward positive student behavior. Each student is expected to have PRIDE (Problem-solver, Respectful, Independent, Dedicated, and Effort).
- Extracurricular and athletic opportunities include step team, football, cheerleading, volleyball, tennis, swimming, soccer, lacrosse, basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, and track.
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

If you desire high academic achievement and are interested in developing your artistic talents, then School of the Arts is the place for you. Students at SOTA carry a full academic course load in addition to a rigorous Fine Arts sequence. Each semester, students are required to participate in performances and exhibitions within their major field of study. Due to the extensive Performing Arts calendar, SOTA students commit to instruction that extends well beyond the school day. Students may also wish to participate in the many athletic teams, clubs, and performance events throughout the school year. SOTA’s outstanding faculty and staff create an educational environment that is safe, nurturing, and promotes lifelong learning.

FACTS

Uniforms: No

Busing: RTS

Foreign Languages: Spanish

Health/Wellness Center: No


Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: Yes

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Arts-based education blending traditional academic subjects with a Fine Arts sequence in one of six subject areas: Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Music, Theatre Technology, or Visual Arts.
- Annual guest artist, cultural, and artistic exchange opportunities.
- Hillside Work Scholarship Program Director on-site to help students receive mentoring, academic support, and work opportunities outside school.
- Full complement of interscholastic sports for students in grades 7-12.

Lyric Opera, Rochester International Jazz Festival, Rochester Association of Performing Arts (RAPA), First Niagara Rochester Fringe Festival, Leisure Care Village at Unity and Mill Landing, Rochester Regional Health, Center for Youth, Therapy Dogs International

Audition Required!


To ensure that you have a chance at another school of your choice should you not gain acceptance to School of the Arts, you must also participate in the School Choice Lottery by March 27, 2020.*

* Students who apply and participate in the lottery will be notified of their admission in May. Accepted students can choose admission to SOTA or enroll in their lottery placement school. Check back with the Office of Student Equity and Placement.
WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

World of Inquiry is a close-knit community that teaches students of all ages to be questioners, critical thinkers, and problem-solvers. The school motto is, “We are crew, not passengers.” Learning at World of Inquiry occurs through grade-level expeditions, which are in-depth studies of a single topic or theme that promote active learning, adventure, and service to others. A K-12 school, many of the current 9th- through 12th-graders have attended school together since Kindergarten, forming close relationships that foster a sense of family. Because the majority of 6th-graders choose to stay for high school, generally there are not many open seats in 7th grade.

FACTS

Uniforms: Yes
Busing: RTS
Foreign Languages: Spanish
Health/Wellness Center: No
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: Key Bank, M&T, Monroe Community College, University of Rochester, St. John Fisher College, Nazareth College, Junior Achievement, Hillside Work Scholarship, Upward Bound, Liberty Partnership, U of R Science Stars
Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: Yes

SCHOOL FEATURES

- A K-12 Expeditionary Learning School (also known as EL Education Schools).
- Students are engaged in learning expeditions and case studies, which can include project-based learning, working with community experts, and participating in field studies to places near and far.
- Juniors and seniors are required to take capstone classes, which allow them to create their own mini-expedition and/or case study.
- Rigorous academics are balanced with intentional development of character. All students will be enrolled in advisory crew, contribute to school-wide morning meetings, conduct student-led conferences, learn the art of presentation, and participate in service-learning opportunities. Students will also have the opportunity to partake in multiple outdoor activities.
- The school is built on a culture of collaboration between home and school, with high levels of parent engagement and participation.
- World of Inquiry has demonstrated an average 90% graduation rate since 2015.
- All students who applied to college were accepted (100% college acceptance rate in 2019).
Steps for Registering Online:

Online Registration Process for 2020-21 School Year
*All student registration for 7th grade will be done online* – it’s convenient, fast, and ensures your information is accurate.

You will need a student ID number to register. If you do not have a student ID number, you can obtain one by visiting the Office of Student Equity and Placement at 131 West Broad Street, Rochester, NY 14614, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Visit www.rcsdk12.org/enroll for a complete list of acceptable documentation.

Once you have a student ID number, complete the steps below to register your child for school.

**First, Sign Up**

Go to rcsdk12.org/register and create an account. You must create an account to log in and register your child in the system.

You will need to provide an email address. You can also sign up through Facebook, Google, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

**Step 1:** Click “Start New Application” and select “Begin Choice Application.” You will be required to enter your child’s student ID number.

**Step 2:** Enter the student’s information.

**Step 3:** Complete the information about which schools you would like to select. You must choose 5 school options.

**Step 4:** Review application. Click “Send my Application” and Sign Out. You will receive a confirmation email once your registration is complete. If you “Save and Exit” on the application, it will not be submitted to the lottery. *You must click “Send My Application.”*

For additional support, please visit www.rcsdk12.org/enroll or visit the Office of Student Equity and Placement at 131 West Broad Street, Rochester, NY 14614, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.
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| John Williams School No. 5                                  |                         |                         |                |                     |                     |                       |                  |                         |                          |                          |                          | $                       |                          |                          | $ |
| Roberto Clemente School No. 8                              |                         |                         |                |                     |                     |                       |                  |                         |                          |                          |                          | $                       |                          |                          | $ |
| Anna Murray-Douglass Academy School No. 12                  |                         |                         |                |                     |                     |                       |                  |                          |                          |                          |                          | $                       |                          |                          | $ |
| Enrico Fermi School No. 17                                  |                         |                         |                |                     |                     |                       |                  |                          |                          |                          |                          | $                       |                          |                          | $ |
| Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School No. 19                       |                         |                         |                |                     |                     |                       |                  |                          |                          |                          |                          | $                       |                          |                          | $ |
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| Mary McLeod Bethune School No. 45                           |                         |                         |                |                     |                     |                       |                  |                          |                          |                          |                          | $                       |                          |                          | $ |
| Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50                      |                         |                         |                |                     |                     |                       |                  |                          |                          |                          |                          | $                       |                          |                          | $ |
| Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy                          |                         |                         |                |                     |                     |                       |                  |                          |                          |                          |                          | $                       |                          |                          | $ |
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