



# 2020-21 SCHOOL SELECTION BOOKLET

For students entering grade 9 in 2020-21



Application  
deadline:  
March 27, 2020

# GRADE 9

## This booklet is for current 8th-graders entering a new school in 2020

The booklet explains the selection process and provides information on District schools serving 9th-grade students. For more detailed information, visit our website at [www.rcsdk12.org](http://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 School Expo  
Saturday, January 11, 2020  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Avademy  
200 Genesee Street, 14611

### Learn about school performance at: [data.nysed.gov](http://data.nysed.gov)

Type the name of any school in which you are interested for complete report card information.

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## 9<sup>TH</sup>-GRADE RECRUITMENT EVENTS

East Lower School.....	Feb. 13	5:30 p.m.
Integrated Arts and Technology High School.....	Jan. 14	5:00 p.m.
Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School .....	Jan. 15	5:30 p.m.
Leadership Academy for Young Men.....	Jan. 14	5:30 p.m.
School Without Walls.....	Dec. 3	5:30 p.m.
Vanguard Collegiate High School.....	Jan. 15	4:00 p.m.
World of Inquiry School No. 58 .....	Feb. 13	5:00 p.m.

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.



This booklet provides basic information; however, we encourage families to learn more by attending school recruitment events (listed on page 2) or scheduling a school visit. Schools will be represented at the RCSD Expo & Fair on January 11, 2020.

## CHOOSING A HIGH SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT

Having progressed through the elementary and middle grades, 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 high schools, each of which provides unique opportunities and programs to match a range of student needs.

### Enrollment in 9th grade – here’s how it works

- **If your 8th-grade student attends a school that offers 9th 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 8th-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 9th grade, but you must apply on or before March 27, 2020. Please review this booklet for details about our schools and the selection process.

Parents of incoming 9th-graders should identify the schools they most want their child to attend, ranking their top five choices on the online application, [www.rcsdk12.org/register](http://www.rcsdk12.org/register).

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

- Two schools have a separate application process: School of the Arts and School Without Walls. If you are interested in School of the Arts, please call the school by December 13 to obtain the application if you did not receive it in the mail. Once your application is returned, the school will contact you with an audition/interview date and time.
- If you are interested in School Without Walls, watch for a separate mailing explaining what you need to do to apply to this school. If you do not receive the mailing by December 18, please call the school to request the mailing and to schedule a visit and interview.
- One school requires an additional step in the lottery process: Wilson Magnet High School. Your child will need to write an original essay if Wilson is your first choice lottery school. Please call the school if you are interested in Wilson Magnet AND make Wilson your first choice on the online application.
- Most high 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. Some schools also conduct interviews with students and/or parents. 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](http://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 as Online Application for your remaining choices.

You will be notified of your 9th-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 8th grade need to choose a new school?

If your 8th-grade student attends a school that offers 9th 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 8th-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 9th 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.

# School Badge Key



This school is actively engaged and on the journey to becoming a restorative school. This may include formal and informal practices to strengthen the school community in building relationships, and repairing harm when it occurs.



This school is actively engaged and held as an exemplar model in restorative schools. This includes formal and informal practices to strengthen the school community in building relationships and repairing harm when it occurs, and engagement of students in restorative leadership.



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)*

### Fall Season

#### BOYS

Modified Football  
JV Football  
Varsity Football  
Modified Volleyball  
JV Volleyball  
Varsity Volleyball  
Modified Soccer  
Varsity Soccer

#### GIRLS

Modified Volleyball  
JV Volleyball  
Varsity Volleyball  
Modified Soccer  
JV Soccer  
Varsity Soccer  
Varsity Tennis  
Varsity Swimming

#### CO-ED

Modified Cheerleading  
Varsity Cheerleading  
Modified Cross Country  
Varsity Cross Country

### Winter Season

#### BOYS

Modified Basketball  
Freshman Basketball  
JV Basketball  
Varsity Basketball  
Varsity Swimming  
Modified Wrestling  
Varsity Wrestling

#### GIRLS

Modified Basketball  
JV Basketball  
Varsity Basketball

#### CO-ED

Varsity Indoor Track  
Modified Cheerleading  
Varsity Cheerleading  
Modified Swimming  
Varsity Bowling

### Spring Season

#### BOYS

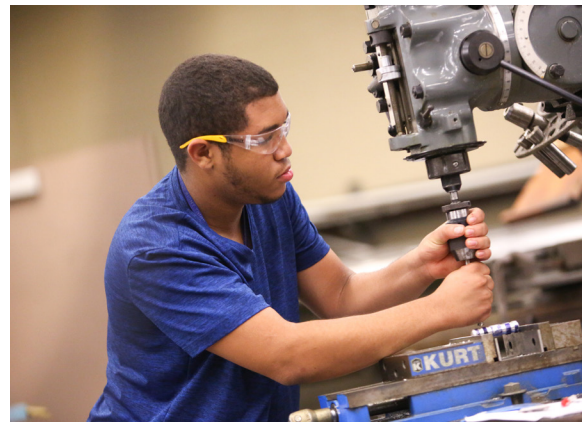
Modified Baseball  
JV Baseball  
Varsity Baseball  
Varsity Tennis  
Varsity Outdoor Track  
JV Lacrosse  
Varsity Lacrosse

#### GIRLS

Modified Softball  
JV Softball  
Varsity Softball  
Varsity Outdoor Track  
Modified Lacrosse

#### CO-ED

Modified Track  
Modified Tennis  
JV Golf  
Varsity Golf



## Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Career and Technical Education (CTE) provides students with the knowledge and training necessary to succeed as life long learners in future careers. CTE prepares students to be college and career ready by providing core and academic skills, employability skills, and technical, job-specific skills. Career and Technical Education transitions students to workforce development, career exploration, applied academics, and post-secondary education. The Rochester City School District has a total of fourteen New York State approved Career and Technical Education programs. Students who graduate from Career Pathways will have real-world work experience as well as the opportunity to earn college credit. These pathways and/or programs of study are located at the following high schools, East High School, Edison Career & Technology High School, and Rochester Early College International High School. Details about each school's programs are listed on their school profile pages. Students must meet specific criteria and complete an application for these programs.

In addition, Rochester City School District juniors and seniors have the opportunity of participating in CTE Shared-Time Programs at Edison or the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center (REOC) while staying enrolled in their current high school. Students must meet specific criteria and complete an application for the following programs. The following career prep courses are available in Shared-Time CTE Programs:

- Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program (Grade 11) at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Emergency Medical Services at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Emergency Communication/911 at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Cosmetology Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Automotive at Edison
- Construction at Edison

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:luke.wilson@rcsdk12.org), Co-Director, Anthony White; [anthony.white@rcsdk12.org](mailto: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.



# East Upper High School

1801 East Main Street, Rochester, NY 14609  
 (585) 288-3130 | [www.rcsdk12.org/east](http://www.rcsdk12.org/east)

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## WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

East’s mission is to enable scholars to take charge of their future by being tenacious, thinking purposefully, and advocating for self and others. East is committed to offering a rigorous learning environment by providing a longer school day and advanced courses. East is committed to providing a culture that is warm, welcoming, and peaceful. Restorative practices are used daily to build, maintain, and repair relationships. Each day a 30 minute “family group” takes place that fosters relationships between a small group of scholars and two adults to promote unity and a natural support system.

### FACTS

- Uniforms: **No**
- Busing: **RTS**
- Foreign Languages: **Spanish, American Sign Language**
- Advanced Placement (AP): **English Language, English Literature, World History, U.S. History, Spanish Language, Statistics, Physics**
- English Language Learners: **Yes**
- Health/Wellness Center: **Yes**
- Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **University of Rochester, Center for Youth, IBERO-American Action League, Hillside Work Scholarship, Monroe County Family Access and Connection Team, MCC Liberty Partnerships, Urban League, Champion Academy, Champp, Villa of Hope, Laws New York, Foodlink, Encompass, Step 2 College, College Prep Center, Gear Up, Upward Bound**



Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: **No**

### CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

- NYSED Approved CTE Programs
  - Culinary
  - Vision Care/Ophthalmic Dispensing
  - Information Technology
  - Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Fire Science at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Criminal Justice/Police at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center

### Shared-Time Programs

- Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program (Grade 11)
- Emergency Medical Services at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Emergency Communications/911 at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Cosmetology Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Automotive at Edison
- Construction at Edison

### Career Majors

- Optics
- Medical Careers
- Teaching and Learning Institute (TLI)

### SCHOOL FEATURES

- Longer instructional day
- Direct literacy instruction
- Double time allotted for math and English Language Arts
- Extensive community partners
- One way dual language program
- Driver’s Education
- Medical center
- Dental suite
- Barber shop
- Student Support Center
- Educational Partnership with University of Rochester
- 31 high school interscholastic sport teams
- Family group
- Support periods for academic assistance
- Multiple socio-emotional supports
- Dual credit college offerings



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## Edison Career and Technology High School

655 Colfax Street, Rochester, NY 14606  
(585) 324-9700 | [www.rcsdk12.org/edison](http://www.rcsdk12.org/edison)

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Cynthia Bermudez | [Cynthia.Bermudez@rcsdk12.org](mailto:Cynthia.Bermudez@rcsdk12.org)

### WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

Students will graduate from Edison Tech with a variety of academic, transferable, and technical skills that will be applied to pathway work-based experiences in order to be fully prepared for both college and careers. Consider being part of the tradition and pride that comes with being a student at Edison. The school is committed to working collaboratively with students and families to build positive relationships that will maximize the academic, social, emotional, and physical potential of all learners in the classroom and larger society.

#### FACTS

Uniforms: **No**

Busing: **RTS**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish**

Advanced Placement (AP): **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **Yes**

Business/College/Faith Partnerships:  
**Advisory committee and work-based learning opportunities related to each Career Pathway**

Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: **Yes**



#### CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

NYSED Approved CTE Programs

- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Masonry
- CADD-Architecture
- Manufacturing
- Automotive
- Advertising Design
- Digital Video Production
- Fire Science at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Criminal Justice/Police at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center

Shared-Time Programs

- Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program (Grade 11)
- Emergency Medical Services at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Emergency Communications/911 at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Cosmetology Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Automotive at Edison
- Construction at Edison

Career Majors

- P-Tech
- Engineering Technology/Photonics
- Interactive Media
- Digital Music and Audio Production
- Welding
- Automotive
- Construction
- Culinary
- Media
- Building and Grounds

#### SCHOOL FEATURES

Edison is a Career and Technical Education (CTE) school. In 9th grade, students participate in a CTE Foundation Pathway Rotation, where they explore and learn about the three CTE Pathways, Construction/Architecture/Design, Engineering and Manufacturing, and Digital Media Arts and Communication. At the end of 9th grade, students select the CTE Pathway in which they choose to concentrate. In 10th grade, students participate in a CTE Pathway Modules Rotation, where they dig deeper into the components of the pathway they chose. At the end of 10th grade, students choose one CTE program from within their Career Pathway for 11th and 12th grade. All students participate in work-based learning experiences, including paid work.

- Relevant hands-on instruction in labs, shops, and classrooms.
- Work experience at every grade level, including workplace visits, mentoring opportunities, internships, and work-based experiences.
- Ability to earn industry credentials and college credits.
- Alternate assessment option in place of one Regents exam.
- Sports, music, clubs, and extra-curricular activities available to provide a well-rounded education.

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## Integrated Arts and Technology High School

950 Norton Street, Rochester, NY 14621  
(585) 324-3750 | [www.rcsdk12.org/IAT](http://www.rcsdk12.org/IAT)

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### 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**

Advanced Placement (AP): **World History, U.S. History, Literature, Abnormal Psychology**

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**



#### CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

NYSED Approved CTE Programs

- Fire Science at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Criminal Justice/Police at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center

#### Shared-Time Programs

- Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program (Grade 11)
- Emergency Medical Services at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Emergency Communications/911 at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Cosmetology Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Automotive at Edison
- Construction at Edison

#### Career Majors

- Interactive Media/Design
- Computer Science/Programming
- Arts/Theatre

#### SCHOOL FEATURES

- Project-based learning using technology and the arts. State-of-the-art approach to teaching and learning utilizes current technology 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.

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## James Monroe High School

164 Alexander Street, Rochester, NY 14607  
(585) 232-1530 | [www.rcsdk12.org/monroe](http://www.rcsdk12.org/monroe)

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### 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**

Advanced Placement (AP): **English Language, English Literature, World History, U.S. History, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature**

Health/Wellness Center: **No**

Extended/Expanded Day: **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**

#### CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

NYSED Approved CTE Programs

- Fire Science at Rochester Educational



Opportunity Center

- Criminal Justice/Police at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center

#### Shared-Time Programs

- Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program (Grade 11)
- Emergency Medical Services at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Emergency Communications/911 at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Cosmetology Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Automotive at Edison
- Construction at Edison

#### 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, increase of 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 school's mission, vision, and initiatives.

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## Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School Commencement Academy

501 Genesee Street, Rochester, NY 14611  
(585) 328-3440 | [www.rcsdk12.org/wilsoncommencement](http://www.rcsdk12.org/wilsoncommencement)

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### WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW



Students who like to be challenged academically should consider Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School. The International Baccalaureate (IB) program encourages critical analysis, research skills, and service as part of the learning process. The curriculum and assessments are consistent among 4,000 IB schools worldwide and prepare graduates to excel in the global economy.

#### FACTS

Uniforms: **No**

Busing: **RTS**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish**

Advanced Placement (AP): **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **No**

Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **University of Rochester, Monroe Community College, Hillside Work Scholarship, Center for Youth, Teen Empowerment, Pathways to Peace, International Baccalaureate Organization**

Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: **Yes**

#### CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

NYSED Approved CTE Programs

- Fire Science at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Criminal Justice/Police at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center

Shared-Time Programs

- Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program (Grade 11)
- Emergency Medical Services at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Emergency Communications/911 at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Cosmetology Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Automotive at Edison
- Construction at Edison

Career Majors

- Computer Science
- Engineering Design

#### SCHOOL FEATURES

- The only International Baccalaureate (IB) Program in the Rochester City School District, which aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people. The rigorous curriculum, international standards, and examinations are consistent throughout the over 4,000 participating schools across the globe.
- The IB Middle Years Program is offered at grades 9 and 10, which prepares students for the IB Diploma Program offered in grades 11 and 12.

- Upon completing the IB Diploma Program, students who earn the diploma, apply, and are accepted into the University of Rochester are awarded a four-year, full-tuition scholarship.
- Balances a rigorous academic program with extensive art, music, athletic, and extra curricular offerings.
- Welcomes hard-working, motivated, and disciplined students who are determined to become successful, contributing members of society.
- The only school to offer both the IB Middle Years Program and IB Diploma Program.
- Offers AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Program.

### Application Required!

Two steps are required.

1) Attend a school recruitment event to receive the Student compact on December 12, 2019 and January 15, 2020. Your child will need to write an original essay. Please complete and return these materials per the directions by January 17, 2020.

2) Rank Wilson as your number one choice on your School Selection Application.

Both steps must be completed by March 27, 2020.



# Leadership Academy for Young Men

4115 Lake Avenue, Rochester, NY 14612  
(585) 324-7760 | [www.rcsdk12.org/lafym](http://www.rcsdk12.org/lafym)

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## 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**

Advanced Placement (AP): **Yes**

English Language Learners: **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **Yes**



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**

### CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

- NYSED Approved CTE Programs
- Fire Science at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Criminal Justice/Police at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center

### Shared-Time Programs

- Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program (Grade 11)
- Emergency Medical Services at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Emergency Communications/911 at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Cosmetology Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Automotive at Edison
- Construction at Edison

### 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.



# Northeast College Preparatory High School

940 Fernwood Park, Rochester, NY 14609  
(585) 324-9273 | [www.rcsdk12.org/NE](http://www.rcsdk12.org/NE)

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Parent Contact: Theresa Larkins  
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## WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

Students at Northeast receive a well-rounded education with many extracurricular activities in a positive school climate that provides support for students and families. 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**
- Advanced Placement (AP): **English Literature, English Language, Psychology, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP US History**
- Health/Wellness Center: **Yes**
- Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Center for Youth, Community Place of Greater Rochester, Educational Talent Search, Hillside Work Scholarship, Monroe Community College Liberty Partnership, University of Rochester Health Center, University of Rochester Upward Bound, In-Control Youth Development, CMAP College Readiness Program, RIT Gear Up**
- Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: **No**



### CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

- NYSED Approved CTE Programs
  - Fire Science at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Criminal Justice/Police at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Shared-Time Programs
  - Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program (Grade 11)
  - Emergency Medical Services at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Emergency Communications/911 at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Cosmetology Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Automotive at Edison
  - Construction at Edison

### SCHOOL FEATURES

- Courses include Criminal Law, with a state-of-the-art court room and Regents Prep.
- Over 30 different sports teams and a step and dance team.
- Student Support Center, which provides personal, social-emotional, and academic services through community partners.
- Youth and family support services are provided through a partnership with the Community Place of Greater Rochester.
- SUNY Brockport's Educational Talent Search provides mentoring and helps students prepare for college or careers after high school.
- EnCompass Resource for Learning provides educational services to struggling students and the families.
- Monroe Community College provides case management and academic support for high school completion and college preparation.
- Urban Poetry

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SCHOOL



## P-TECH Rochester Pathways to Technology Program at Edison Career and Technology High School

655 Colfax Street, Rochester, NY 14606  
(585) 324-9722 | [www.rcsdk12.org/ptech](http://www.rcsdk12.org/ptech)

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### WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

Students with a strong interest for computer technology should definitely consider P-TECH Rochester. Current students describe P-TECH as a family-oriented environment where students work together and have good attendance. Our program prepares students for jobs in computing and information technology. Students will be able to choose to study CyberSecurity, Cloud, and Mobile Computing or Networking as they pursue their associate's degree. P-TECH offers a small school feel while being a part of a big school campus at Edison Tech.

#### FACTS

Uniforms: **No**

Busing: **RTS**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish**

Advanced Placement (AP): **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **Yes**

Business/College/Faith Partnerships:  
**Monroe Community College and various Rochester IT companies**

Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: **No**



#### CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

NYSED Approved CTE Programs

- Fire Science at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Criminal Justice/Police at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center

Shared-Time Programs

- Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program (Grade 11)
- Emergency Medical Services at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Emergency Communications/911 at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Cosmetology Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Automotive at Edison
- Construction at Edison

#### SCHOOL FEATURES

- A unique six-year program where students graduate with a Regents diploma and a college degree from Monroe Community College at no cost to the students and families.
- Students are matched with business mentors during grade 9.
- A combination of high school and college courses beginning in grade 10.
- Students enjoy using computers, perform well in English, science and math, and learn the skills to succeed in the highly competitive technology industry.

- P-TECH welcomes curious, dedicated hands-on learners who are ready to take on the challenges of school, college, work, and life.
- Students attend a 2 week school orientation program during the summer before grade 9.
- Opportunities for internships at major companies in the Rochester area are available.
- Students are accelerated in English and mathematics to prepare for college-level courses.
- Students with a strong mathematics background are encouraged to apply to P-TECH and take 4 years of mathematics.

**Accepts 9th-grade students only**



# Rochester Early College International High School

200 Genesee Street | Rochester, NY 14611  
(585) 324-9010 | [www.rcsdk12.org/ECHS](http://www.rcsdk12.org/ECHS)

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## WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW



Rochester Early College is the only high school in the Rochester City School District that offers the Early College model. Our school provides an opportunity for our scholars to not only earn a high school diploma but also earn an Associate Degree in four years. Scholars who want to get a head start on a two-year or four-year college degree should consider Rochester Early College International High School. The school has a close partnership with Monroe Community College and provides a small school environment. Scholars who seek the personal attention of a smaller setting with college course offerings will find success at Rochester Early College International High School. Scholars who are highly motivated, college bound, and have strong work ethics are welcome to apply.

### FACTS

- Uniforms: **No**
- Busing: **RTS**
- Foreign Languages: **Spanish, Mandarin Chinese**
- Advanced Placement (AP): **No**
- Health/Wellness Center: **No**
- Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Monroe Community College, Hillside Work Scholarship, University of Rochester Upward Bound, Army JROTC, Ameri-Corps, RIT Gear Up, Center for Youth**
- Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: **Yes**

### CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

- NYSED Approved CTE Programs**
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Fire Science at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Criminal Justice/Police at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Shared-Time Programs**
  - Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program (Grade 11)
  - Emergency Medical Services at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Emergency Communications/911 at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Cosmetology Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Automotive at Edison
  - Construction at Edison

### SCHOOL FEATURES

- Scholars are expected to complete at least 24 college credits while still in high school. In addition to the advanced college work, all content areas promote globally competent scholars.
- Dual credit courses and college credits begin at grade 9. Areas of dual credit include: Art, Health, Microsoft Office, Personal Money Management, English, and Introduction to Business.

- College courses for grades 11 and 12 are offered at Monroe Community College.
- Each scholar is expected to take a full course load all four years either at the high school or college. Behavior disruptions will not be tolerated in the school environment. Only serious scholars who are willing to complete extensive homework and are committed to exemplify model behavior should apply.
- Summer credit attainment opportunities for both high school and college are expected.
- Diversity in all facets is celebrated and respected.
- Scholars are expected to tackle rigorous academic challenges and embrace all individuals' differences on a daily basis. College graduation is an expectation for all.

Rochester Early College International High School expects prospective 9th-graders to complete the school's compact, school application, and attend an orientation.



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SCHOOL



## School of the Arts

45 Prince Street, Rochester, NY 14607  
(585) 242-7682 | [www.rcsdk12.org/SOTA](http://www.rcsdk12.org/SOTA)

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## 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**

Advanced Placement (AP): **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **No**

Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Friends of School of the Arts, Eastman School of Music, Memorial Art Gallery, Hochstein School, Writers and Books, Geva Theatre, Lyric Theatre, Rochester Broadway Theatre League, Garth Fagan Dance, Visual Studies Workshop, Rochester Museum and Science Center, Strasenburgh Planetarium, University of Rochester, Roberts Wesleyan College, Nazareth College Arts Center, SUNY Geneseo, Corning Museum of Glass, Rochester Oratorio Society, Rochester Lyric Opera, Rochester International Jazz Festival,**

25%  
OR LESS

**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**

Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: **Yes**

### CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

NYSED Approved CTE Programs

- Fire Science at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Criminal Justice/Police at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center

Shared-Time Programs

- Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program (Grade 11)
- Emergency Medical Services at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Emergency Communications/911 at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Cosmetology Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Automotive at Edison
- Construction at Edison

### 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.
- New York State Regents, Regents Honors, and Advanced Placement

courses in American History, Art History, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Government and Politics: United States, English Language & Composition, English Literature, Physics, Virtual AP Computer Science, Virtual AP Psychology, World History, and Music Theory.

- 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.
- Acceptance to School of the Arts requires an audition and/or portfolio presentation.

## Audition Required!

**Apply directly to the school by December 13, 2019. Because the majority of SOTA's 8th-graders choose to stay with us for high school, the school generally does not have many open seats for students entering grades 9-11. Auditions take place January 21-24, 2020. All audition materials are available at [www.sotarochester.org](http://www.sotarochester.org).**

**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.*



## School Without Walls

480 Broadway, Rochester, NY 14607  
(585) 546-6732 | [www.rcsdk12.org/SWW](http://www.rcsdk12.org/SWW)

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Parent Contact: Freda Miller  
[Freda.Miller@rcsdk12.org](mailto:Freda.Miller@rcsdk12.org)

### WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

School Without Walls is one of the oldest alternative high schools in the nation. It is a community of learners who hold each other to high standards of behavior, school culture, and academics. Learning is a lifelong endeavor in a community that supports academic excellence and social-emotional well-being. The community we use for learning and we expect our students to do extensive community service. Additionally, students are expected to excel in rigorous academics, as well as complete performance-based assessments in all subjects leading to a Regents diploma. Seniors complete year-long senior projects, hold public exhibitions of their work, and defend their work to a rating/review panel that includes community experts, teachers, and other students. School Without Walls courses are not recognized by NCAA. Students anticipating a Division I or Division II athletic scholarship should take this into consideration before selecting School Without Walls.

#### FACTS

- Uniforms: **No**
- Busing: **RTS**
- Foreign Languages: **Spanish**
- Advanced Placement (AP): **English Language and Composition**
- Health/Wellness Center: **No**
- Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Yes**
- Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: **Yes**



#### CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

- NYSED Approved CTE Programs**
  - Fire Science at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Criminal Justice/Police at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Shared-Time Programs**
  - Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program (Grade 11)
  - Emergency Medical Services at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Emergency Communications/911 at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Cosmetology Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
  - Automotive at Edison
  - Construction at Edison
- Career Majors**
  - Geographic Information Systems

#### SCHOOL FEATURES

- Emphasizes critical thinking and responsible citizenship with a focus on social justice issues.
- Practices a learner-centered interdisciplinary philosophy in which the needs and interests of students, as well as the demands of society, form the school curriculum.
- Supports graduation-by-exhibition in which students must prove, through project presentations and oral defenses, that they are competent and ready to enter college or the world of work.

- Encourages students to pursue independent study projects and collegiate classes.
- Requires students to give back to the community through 2.5 hours of volunteer service each week.
- Provides opportunities for all students to be involved in the management of the school and in the decision-making and problem-solving of important schoolwide issues.
- Requires all students to have an advisor who conducts personal student conferences every two weeks.

**INTERVIEW REQUIRED!** School Without Walls is a non-traditional school; therefore, prospective students must be interviewed before selecting this school. Interviews take place in early January. Submit completed application directly to the school or your counselor. In the event you are not accepted at SWW, you should still participate in the School Choice Lottery to rank your other top school choices.

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## Vanguard Collegiate High School

950 Norton Street, Rochester, NY 14621  
(585) 324-3760 | [www.rcsdk12.org/vanguard](http://www.rcsdk12.org/vanguard)

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Parent Contact: Nora Roman  
[Nora.Roman@rcsdk12.org](mailto:Nora.Roman@rcsdk12.org)

### WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

Students who strive to attend a four-year college and want to explore professional career options should consider Vanguard. We have on-site support to help students in the college selection and admission process, with AP courses to earn college credit while still in high school. Elective courses provide exposure to real-world employment options that help students make an informed choice when considering college and career opportunities. Students receive the benefits of a small learning environment on a campus with all the facilities and amenities of a large high school. Parents at Vanguard take an active role in their children's education. They are encouraged to volunteer and to be proactive in school events with staff and parent groups. By collaborating with teachers, parents/guardians, and community agencies, success will be ensured for every student.

#### FACTS

Uniforms: **No**

Busing: **RTS**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish**

Advanced Placement (AP): **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **Yes**

Business/College/Faith Partnerships:  
**Educational Talent Search, Hillside Work Scholarship, University of Rochester Upward Bound and College Prep Center, Peer Court with Center for Youth, Help Zone, ACCESS-VR through the Center for Human Services Education**

Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: **No**



#### CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

NYSED Approved CTE Programs

- Fire Science at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Criminal Justice/Police at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center

Shared-Time Programs

- Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program (Grade 11)
- Emergency Medical Services at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Emergency Communications/911 at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Cosmetology Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Automotive at Edison
- Construction at Edison

#### SCHOOL FEATURES

- Elective courses expose students to career fields in Health, Business, and Athletics.
- Strong arts program with courses in Studio I, Drawing and Painting I and II, Music in Our Lives and Piano, Photography, and Web Design.
- The College Prep Center supports students and families with the college application process and steps to pursue post-secondary education with an emphasis on career education. The center also prepares students for the PSAT and SAT tests.

- Wide range of academic, social, and emotional support for students in a smaller learning environment.
- A district-wide push towards increased technology in the classroom offers students an opportunity to utilize Google Chromebooks. Students also have access to a Dell lab.
- GEAR UP college readiness program available to 2016 cohort students (in partnership with RIT).



## World of Inquiry School No. 58

200 University Avenue, Rochester, NY 14605  
(585) 325-6170 | [www.rcsdk12.org/58](http://www.rcsdk12.org/58)

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Parent Contact: Shelly Boyd  
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### 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 8th-graders choose to stay for high school, generally there are not many open seats in 9th grade.

#### FACTS

Uniforms: **Yes**

Busing: **RTS**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish**

Advanced Placement (AP): **Yes**

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**



#### CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

**NYSED Approved CTE Programs**

- Fire Science at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Criminal Justice/Police at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center

**Shared-Time Programs**

- Intro to Career Pathways to Public Safety Program (Grade 11)
- Emergency Medical Services at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Emergency Communications/911 at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Cosmetology Program at Rochester Educational Opportunity Center
- Automotive at Edison
- Construction at Edison

#### 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).

# At a Glance: Secondary Schools

	Grade Levels	Uniforms	School Buses/RTS	Foreign Languages	Honors Classes	Sports	Health/Wellness Center	Visual Arts and Music	Business/College/Faith Partnerships
East Upper High School	9-12		RTS	X	X	X	X	X	X
Edison Career & Technology High School	9-12		RTS	X	X	X	X	X	X
Integrated Arts & Technology High School	7-12		RTS	X	X	X	X	X	X
James Monroe High School	7-12		RTS	X	X	X		X	X
Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School	9-12		RTS	X	X	X		X	X
Leadership Academy for Young Men	6-12	X	RTS	X	X	X	X	X	X
Northeast College High School	9-12		RTS	X	X	X	X	X	X
P-TECH Pathways to Technology	9-12		RTS	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rochester Early College International High School	9-12		RTS	X		X		X	X
School of the Arts	7-12		RTS	X	X	X		X	X
School Without Walls	9-12		RTS	X	X	X		X	X
Vanguard Collegiate High School	9-12		RTS	X	X	X	X	X	X
World of Inquiry School No. 58	K-12	X	RTS	X	X	X		X	X

## NOTES:

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# Fall Sports Breakdown

	Cheerleading (COED)	Football (Var)	Soccer (Var) (Boys)	Soccer (Var) (Girls)	Swimming (Var) (Girls)	Tennis (Var) (Girls)	Volleyball (Var) (Boys)	Volleyball (Var) (Girls)	X-C (Var) (COED)	Football (JV)	Soccer (JV) (Boys)	Soccer (JV) (Girls)	Volleyball (JV) (Boys)	Volleyball (JV) (Girls)
East Upper High School	X	X	X	16	18	X	X	X	X	X				X
Edison Career & Technology High School	X	X	11	17	17	X	X	X	16	X				X
Integrated Arts & Technology High School		14	18	16		17	17	X	X	13				X
James Monroe High School	X	X	18	17			X	X	11	X				X
Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School	X	X	X	16	17	X	13	X	X	X		16		X
Leadership Academy for Young Men		13	11				X		12	13				
Northeast College High School		13	11	16			X	X						
P-TECH Pathways to Technology	X	X	11	17	17	X	X	X	X	X				X
Rochester Early College International High School	19	19	19	16	19	19	13	19	16	19				
School of the Arts	18	18	X	X	17	X	X	X	X	18		X		X
School Without Walls	18	18	11	17	17	18	18	18	16	18				18
Vanguard Collegiate High School		14	18	16		17	17	X	X	13				X
World of Inquiry School No. 58	19	11	X	16	X	X	X	X	16	11		16		12

# Sports Key

**x Sport take place at the school**

**A number in the box indicates that the sport is available but played at a different school.**

**Numbers correspond to the following schools:**

- Nathinal Rochester Community School No. 3..... 1
- John Williams School No. 5..... 2
- Roberto Clemente School No. 8..... 3
- Anna Murray-Douglass School No. 12 ..... 4
- Enrico Fermi School No. 17 ..... 5
- Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School No. 19 ..... 6
- Henry Hudson School No. 28 ..... 7
- Mary McLeod Bethune School No. 45..... 8
- Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50 ..... 9
- Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy.....10
- East Lower & Upper School.....11
- Franklin Campus  
(Integrated Arts & Technology High School and Vanguard Collegiate High School) ..... 12
- James Monroe High School..... 13
- Leadership Academy for Young Men ..... 14
- Douglass Campus  
(Northeast College Preparatory High School and Northwest Junior High at Douglass)..... 15
- School of the Arts..... 16
- World of Inquiry School No. 58..... 17
- Edison Career & Technology High School ..... 18
- Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School..... 19

Football (Mod)	Soccer (Mod) (Boys)	Soccer (Mod) (Girls)	Volleyball (Mod) (Boys)	Volleyball (Mod) (Girls)	Cheerleading (Mod) (COED)	X-C (Mod) (COED)	Unified Bowling (COED)
X	X		X	X	X	12	X
			17	17			X
13	15	16		X		X	
15	15		X	X			
X	X						
X	X		X		X		
							X
11	X	X	X	X		X	
			17	17			18
13	15	16		X		X	
11	X	16	16	X		16	

# Winter Sports Breakdown

	Basketball (Var) (Boys)	Basketball (Var) (Girls)	Bowling (COED)	Cheerleading (COED)	Indoor Track (COED)	Swimming (Var) (Boys)	Wrestling (Var)	Basketball (JV) (Boys)	Basketball (JV) (Girls)	Basketball (Fresh) (Boys)	Wrestling (Mod) WI	Basketball (Mod) (Boys) WII	Basketball (Mod) (Girls) WI
East Upper High School	X	X	X	X	X	17	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Edison Career & Technology High School	X	X	X	X	X	17	19	X	X	X	5	5	5
Integrated Arts & Technology High School	X	11	X	13	X	17	11	X	X	X	15	X	X
James Monroe High School	X	18	X	X	11	17	19	X	X		10	X	X
Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School	X	X	X	X	16	17	X	X	X	X			
Leadership Academy for Young Men	X		X		12	17	11	X		X	X	X	
Northeast College High School	X	16	X	X	12	11	11	X	X	X	X	X	X
P-TECH Pathways to Technology	X	X	X	X	X	17	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rochester Early College International High School	X	19	19	19	18		19	X					
School of the Arts	X	X	X	X	12	17	11	X	X	12	11	X	X
School Without Walls	18	18	18	18	18	17	19	18	18	18	5	5	5
Vanguard Collegiate High School	X	11	X	13	X	17	11	X	X	X	15	X	X
World of Inquiry School No. 58	X	19	X	19	12	X	11	X	19		11	X	X



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- Mary McLeod Bethune School No. 45.....8
- Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50 ..... 9
- Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy.....10
- East Lower & Upper School.....11
- Franklin Campus  
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- Leadership Academy for Young Men ..... 14
- Douglass Campus  
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Swimming (Mod) (COED) WII	Cheerleading (Mod) (COED)	Hockey RH
X	X	
X	X	
17		
X		
X		
X	X	
15		
18	18	
17		
X		

# Spring Sports Breakdown

	Baseball (Var) (Boys)	Golf (Var) (COED)	Lacrosse (Var) Boys	Tennis (Var) (Boys)	Track (Var) (Boys)	Track (Var) (Girls)	Softball (Var) (Girls)	Softball (JV) (Girls)	Baseball (JV) (Boys)	Golf (JV) (COED)	Lacrosse (JV) (Boys)	Softball (Mod) (Girls)	Baseball (Mod) (Boys)	Lacrosse (Mod) (Boys)
East Upper High School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	15
Edison Career & Technology High School	X		11	X	X	X	19	X			11	5	5	
Integrated Arts & Technology High School	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		17	17	15
James Monroe High School	X				11	11	X	X	X			X	X	14
Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School	X	X	11	X	18	18	X	18		X	11			
Leadership Academy for Young Men	X			X	12				X		11		X	X
Northeast College High School	X	X			12	12	X	X	X			X	X	X
P-TECH Pathways to Technology	X		11	X	X	X	X	X			11			
Rochester Early College International High School	19	19		19	19	19	19							
School of the Arts	X	X	11	X	12	12	X	X	X		11	X	X	15
School Without Walls	18		11	18	18	18	19	18			11	5	5	
Vanguard Collegiate High School	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		17	17	15
World of Inquiry School No. 58	12	X	11	X	12	12	12	12	12	X	11	X	X	15

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	Lacrosse (Mod) Girls	Lacrosse (JV) Girls	Tennis (Mod) (COED)	Track (Mod) (COED)	Unified Basketball (COED)
16			X	X	X
				5	X
16			X	X	
				15	
			X	12	
16			X	X	
					X
				18	
X	15	15	15		
				5	18
16			X	X	
16	16		X	X	

# Steps for Registering Online:

Online Registration Process for 2020-21 School Year

**All student registration for 9th grade will be done online** – it's convenient, fast, and ensures your information is accurate.

You will need a student ID number to register. Your child's ID number can be found on their report card, obtained from their school, from ParentConnect, or the Rcsdlink app. 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](http://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](http://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.

The screenshot shows the 'Parent Login' interface. On the left, there is a login section for existing accounts with fields for 'Email or Phone:' and 'Password:', a 'Login' button, and a link for 'Forgot your password?'. Below this is an 'OR' separator and four social media login buttons: 'Login with Google', 'Login with Facebook', 'Login with LinkedIn', and 'Login with Twitter'. On the right, there is a 'Create Account' section for new users. It includes fields for 'Guardian First Name', 'Guardian Last Name', 'Phone Number', 'Guardian Email', 'Confirm Email', 'Password', and 'Confirm Password'. There is also a 'Preferred Language' dropdown menu set to 'English' and a 'Create Account' button. A small note at the bottom of the form says 'If you do not have an email address, please create one here.'

- 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.”**

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