



Northwest Zone Elementary School Selection Booklet

for School Year 2020-21



KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION DEADLINE: **MARCH 27, 2020**

If your child turns 5 on or before December 1, 2020, it's time to register for Kindergarten classes that start in September, 2020.

If your child currently has a student ID number, you can complete the registration process at the RCSD Expo & Fair, your child's current preschool program, or the Office of Student Equity and Placement.

If your child is new to the RCSD, they will not have a student ID number. You must come to the Office of Student Equity and Placement in person to register your child before participating in the lottery. Please see page 4 for more information.

This booklet explains the selection process and provides information on the District's elementary schools. 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
Wilson Foundation Academy
200 Genesee Street, 14611

[Learn about school performance at: data.nysed.gov](http://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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Choosing an Elementary School is Important



Kindergarten is an important milestone on your child's educational journey. Your child will make friends, develop social skills, and learn the basics he or she needs to succeed in later school years.

This booklet provides information on all Rochester schools with Kindergarten. All District schools provide services to students in both general and special education. For detailed information regarding special education services at each school, please contact the Department of Special Education at 262-8220.

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.

Transportation is provided to students who live more than 1.5 miles from the school they attend.

Make an informed school choice!

- Attend the RCSD Expo & Fair on January 11, 2020.
Explore school options for students in all grades, Pre-K to 12.
- Visit schools you are considering.
In-person visits are a great way to learn before you choose.

Here's how it works

By participating in the lottery, families have a chance to enroll in an elementary school in their zone or one of our "citywide" schools. Space is limited, so you must apply before March 27, 2020 and participate in the lottery to be placed in one of the schools you select.

There are two ways your child can qualify for immediate placement in a school you want for Kindergarten:

1. You select your neighborhood school.
2. You have a sibling attending a school in your zone.

Even if your child qualifies for immediate Kindergarten placement as described above, you must apply by March 27, 2020, to be assured an immediate placement seat.

If your child regularly attends a District Pre-K program in your zone, the lottery is designed to give you preference at that school. The school must be in your zone and selected as your first choice.

The Kindergarten lottery process

A computer assigns a random number to each student who has submitted an application by March 27 (there is no preference given to applications submitted early). Students are placed in their first choice school if there are Kindergarten seats available in that school. If students do not receive their first choice, they will be placed in their next choice if there is space in that school. The 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.

To select a citywide school, choose it on the lottery application and that school becomes your top choice. In addition, you still need to rank 4 zone schools. The lottery system will try to place your child in your citywide choice first. If your child cannot be placed in the citywide school, the lottery system will place him or her in one of the other schools within your zone that you ranked on the application.

If you do not receive your first-choice school, you will be placed on a waiting list for that school and your child will be placed in one of the other ranked schools. If space becomes available prior to October 31, 2020, you will be contacted by the Office of Student Equity and Placement and given the option to move your child into that school.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can register for Kindergarten?

If your child turns 5 on or before December 1, 2020, it's time to register for Kindergarten classes that start in September 2020.

When is the application deadline?

In order to participate in the Kindergarten 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 school 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.

Steps for Participating in the Kindergarten Lottery:

Step 1: Learn about your school options.

Step 2: Prioritize your school selections (order your choice 1st, 2nd, 3rd...).

Step 3: Complete the application in this book by March 27, 2020.
You may also complete this step in person at the Office of Student Equity and Placement.

Step 4: All families will be notified of their child's school assignment in May of 2020.

Steps for Registering Your Child in Kindergarten:

For Children without an RCSD Student ID Number

Documents Needed for Registration:

Child's Identification

- Birth certificate

Proof of Address (*one of the following*)

- Rent/lease contract—must be dated within a month
- Mortgage statement
- Current utility bill
- Pay stub with address

Proof of Guardianship

- Parent ID
- Guardianship papers if different than birth certificate

Child's Immunization Record (*if available*)

Updated immunizations are required to attend school.

If you don't have any of the documents listed above, visit www.rcsdk12.org/enroll for a complete list of acceptable documentation.

School Badges 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, 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 25% or less

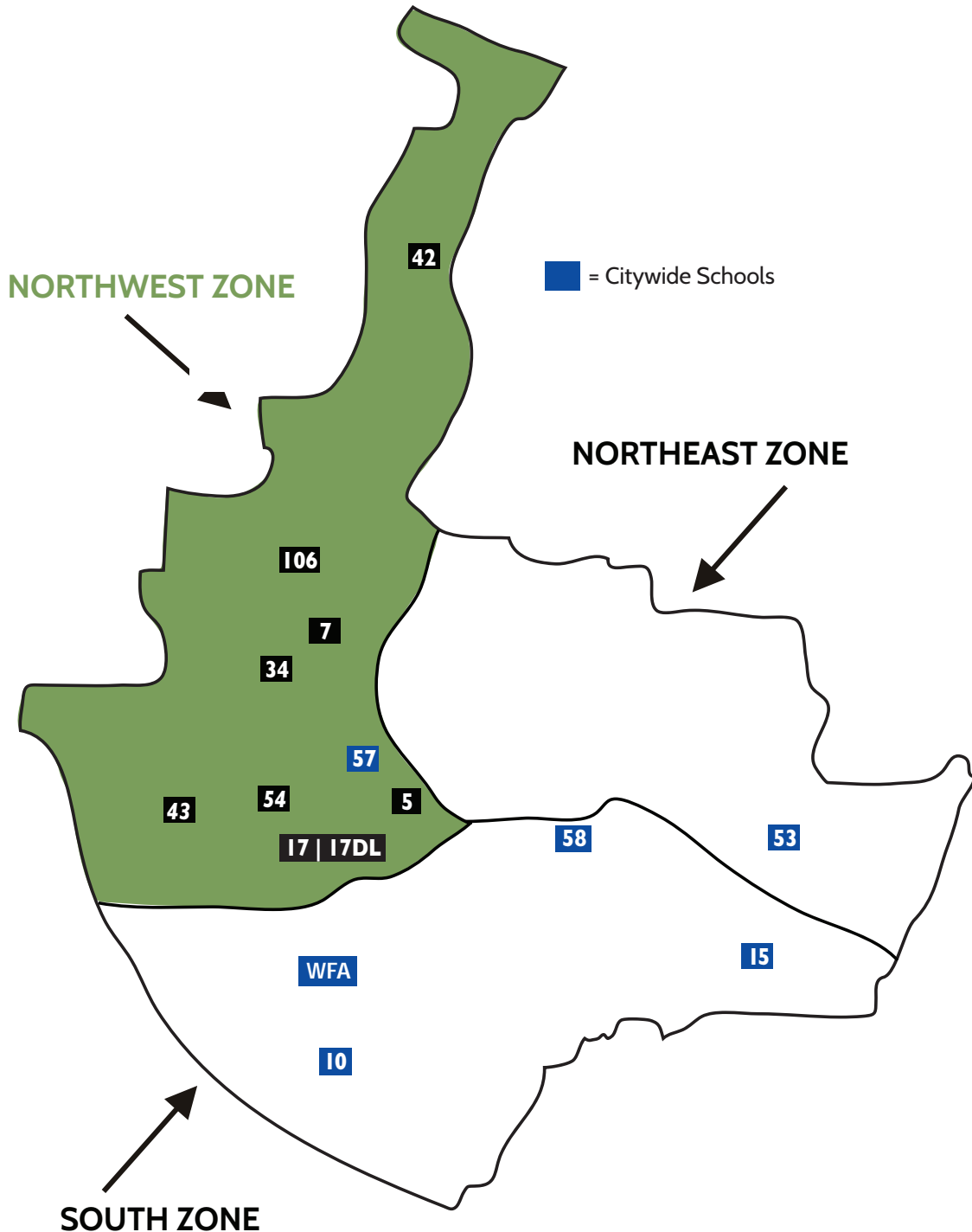
You live in the **NORTHWEST ZONE**, the following schools are available to your child:

Schools in the Northwest Zone:

- John Williams School No. 5
- Virgil I. Grissom School No. 7
- Enrico Fermi School No. 17
- Dual Language Program at School No. 17
- Dr. Louis A. Cerulli School No. 34
- Abelard Reynolds School No. 42
- Theodore Roosevelt School No. 43
- The Flower City School No. 54
- RISE Community School No. 106

Citywide Schools:

- Dr. Walter Cooper Academy School No. 10
- The Children's School of Rochester No. 15
- Montessori Academy School No. 53
- Early Childhood School of Rochester No. 57
- World of Inquiry School No. 58
- Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy No. 68



John Williams School No. 5

PreK-8
SCHOOL



555 North Plymouth Avenue
Rochester, NY 14608
(585) 325-2255 • www.rcsdk12.org/5

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90%
OR ABOVE

FACTS

Uniforms Required: **Yes**
Foreign Languages: **Spanish**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
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**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Family oriented, supporting students and providing assistance to families.
- Assists English Language Learners with both integrated language and newcomer classrooms to best support student needs.
- Provides grade 7-8 intramurals (soccer, lacrosse, basketball, and volleyball), band/orchestra, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, step team, safety patrol, National Junior Honor Society, Student Government/Voices, Peace Circles, Victorious Minds Academy, Multicultural Events.
- Character education programs, including Primary Project, daily school creed, Positively Pawsome incentive through School-Wide Positive Behavior Supports, Restorative Practices, and vision statement to cultivate respect and responsibility.

Virgil I. Grissom School No. 7

PreK-6
SCHOOL



31 Bryan Street
Rochester, NY 14613
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Principal: David Lincoln
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RP
RESTORATIVE
PRACTICES

75%
OR LESS

FACTS

Uniforms Required: **No**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **First Universalist Church, St. John Fisher College, University of Rochester, SUNY Geneseo, SUNY Brockport, Roberts Wesleyan College, Nazareth College, Harris Hill Elementary School (sister school)**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Features a technology lab, Clear Touch 60-inch monitors in all Pre-K-6 classrooms with Chromebook 1:1 correspondence for all students. The school follows the technology infusion plan for English Language Arts and mathematics.
- Parent involvement, including an active Parent Teacher Organization, a full-time parent liaison, and parent participation in all School-Based Planning Team meetings. Other engagement activities include student-led conferences, Coffee with the Principal, monthly Curriculum Nights, a Back-to-School Night, Scholastic Book Fair, and Kindergarten Lending Library.
- Extracurricular activities include a 24 Math Club, City League Basketball, Orchestra, Band, Choir, Cheerleading, Arts Camp, Flower City Days, and a sixth-grade class trip.

Enrico Fermi School No. 17



158 Orchard Street
Rochester, NY 14611
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Caterina.Leone-Mannino@rcsdk12.org
Parent Contact: Yaritza Santiago Lago
Yaritza.SantiagoLago@rcsdk12.org



FACTS

Uniforms Required: **Yes**
Foreign Languages: **Spanish (beginning in Kindergarten), Dual Language Enrichment Program**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Celebration of Life Community, Inc., Coordinated Care Services, Inc., Eastman Dental Center, Orchard Street Community Health Center, Healthi Kids/Finger Lakes Health Systems, AmeriCorps, M.K. Gandhi Institute, IBERO American Action League, Center for Youth, The Community Place, SUNY Brockport, Charles Settlement House, Charles House Neighbors in Action, Hillside-Crestwood, Neighborhood Safety Net, Allendale Columbia**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Neighborhood enrollment preference, sibling enrollment preference.
- Strong emphasis on diversity, reflected by the school motto, "Our Diversity is Our Strength."
- Expanded Learning Time (ELT) School: Students receive additional time for academic, social-emotional, and recreational opportunities beyond those offered during a traditional school day.
- State-of-the-art technology in every classroom.
- Offers a Universal Pre-K Program including a program for 3-year-olds.
- "Help Me Read" program, run by volunteers, provides students with additional literacy assistance.
- On-site R-Center open until 9:00 pm provides after-school activities and meals for 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 SUNY Brockport to receive academic instruction and social-emotional support along with fun summer enrichment activities.
- Participates in Junior Achievement and has an active PTO.

Dr. Louis A. Cerulli School No. 34



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Rochester, NY 14613
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FACTS

Uniforms Required: **No**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Center for Youth, Quad A for Kids, SUNY Geneseo, Foodlink**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- The Tiger Code: This school-wide program provides Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. It includes a focus on STAR Power: Be respectful, responsible, kind, and safe along with monthly character traits that reinforce expected school behaviors.
- A robust arts program that provides weekly opportunities for students to engage in collaborative artwork.
- High-quality instruction and a grade-level team approach to ensure an individualized learning environment.
- A daily targeted small group program that provides individualized academic supports and progress monitoring.
- Talent battles and monthly missions promote school-wide competitions, incentives, and celebrations.
- Current technology includes Smart Boards, computer lab, classroom computers, Chromebooks, iPads, and document cameras. All 3rd-6th grade students will have access to their own Chromebook to use during the school day. iPad centers are in grade K-2 classrooms.

Abelard Reynolds School No. 42

PreK-6
SCHOOL



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FACTS

Uniforms Required: **No**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Fearless Kidz Club, SUNY Geneseo, Nazareth College, Journey Church Rochester, Center for Youth, Eastman Rochester New Horizons Music, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Foster Grandparent Program**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Quality instruction and a grade-level team approach ensure an individualized learning environment for each student.
- The myON Reading Program provides a personalized digital library at every student's fingertips, both at school and at home. Each student has access to more than 6,000 enhanced digital books. Titles are matched to each individual student's interests, grade, and reading level, encouraging a love for reading.

- School 42 works with the community and holds reading contests throughout the school year. Students who read the most number of minutes are able to win prizes. Previous prizes have included places such as Horizon Fun FX, Dave and Busters, and SkyZone.
- Academic interventions for students needing additional support in ELA and math.
- Portable Chromebook learning labs available to all students, grades K to 6; iPads for K-2 students.
- Character development and appropriate student behavior reinforced through the School-Wide Positive Behavior Supports (SWPBS) program.
- Primary Project, sponsored by The Children's Institute, available to eligible K-2 students, which promotes positive feelings about school experiences.
- Students in Pre-K-5 start each day with First Class Breakfast in the classroom. Healthy Snacks, awarded through the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) USDA Grant, are also available to students in every grade during the school day.

Theodore Roosevelt School No. 43

PreK-6
SCHOOL



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Rochester, NY 14606
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Parent Contact: Lisa Alexander
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FACTS

Uniforms Required: **No**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **LONZA Chemical Corp., Gholkar, RIT Science/Engineering, Nazareth College, SUNY Geneseo, St. John Fisher College, SUNY Brockport**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Skilled Level Classes, which provide students with opportunities for acceleration and enrichment in grades 1 through 6. All students have learning plans that guide and support strengths and challenges.
- ENL program for students learning English as a new language.
- YMCA after-school program available Monday through Friday.
- Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, PTO, and All Pro Dads are offered.
- Greater Rochester Health Foundation (GRHF) grant provides programs and classes for healthy eating and exercised play for students at all grade levels.
- Supports a positive school atmosphere through school-wide Code of Conduct and Restorative Practices.
- Technology-based instruction and resources help prepare students for life in the 21st century.

The Flower City School No. 54



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Rochester, NY 14606
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Parent Contact: Tylynn Presha
Tylynn.Presha@rcsdk12.org



FACTS

Uniforms Required: **Yes**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Cameron Community Ministries, First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford, Boy Scouts, Center for Youth**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Here at Flower City School, we are committed to developing the total child in preparation for successful citizenship by instilling Eagle character traits. We have a Principal's Book of the Month that is connected to the Character Traits of the Month and the 7 Principles of Kwanza.
- Restorative Practice principles are utilized amongst staff and students.

- Safe and nurturing environment provides the foundation for successful learning environments with all classrooms starting each day with classroom morning meetings.
- Weekly School-Wide Morning Meetings
- As a school-wide instructional priority, all students engage in ongoing literacy development beyond the Readers and Writers Workshops, through the use of a Walk to Intervention model of instructional supports.
- Student leadership opportunities are available through Standard Bearers, Safety Patrol, and being Circle Leaders. In addition, our students are not only offered band and chorus, but there are instrumental music lessons including hand bells, recorders, and mallets.
- Partnership with the Center for Youth expands and enriches our students' opportunities to engage in restorative practices, while also developing self-regulation and coping skills, leadership skills, and life skills.
- Fully remodeled school building for the 2020-2021 school year with state-of-the-art furniture and technology. All intermediate grades have access to Chromebook carts for 1:1 blended learning opportunities.

RISE Community School No. 106



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Rochester, NY 14615
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FACTS

Uniforms Required: **No**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Center for Youth, AmeriCorps, Partners in Restorative Initiatives (PIRI), Healthi Kids, Generation 2, Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Expanded Learning Time (ELT) School: Students receive additional time for academic, social-emotional, and STEAM opportunities beyond those offered during a traditional school day.
- Morning meetings are held within each classroom.
- Peace circles and restorative practices are used to build relationships and promote harmony.
- A "POD" structure of five teachers per grade level that allows for personalized instruction for students, low teacher to student ratio, and flexibility to better meet student needs.
- A daily Creative Block for all students to participate in activities such as coding, theater, graphic design, and creative arts.
- Reconnect Room is available to all students to assist in problem solving.
- House Model that promotes community, a safe school environment, and character building.
- Family events that promote community and foster relationships.
- Has an active PTO that assists in planning family events.

Dual Language Program at School No. 17

PreK-8
SCHOOL



158 Orchard Street
Rochester, NY 14611
(585) 436-2560 • www.rcsdk12.org/17

Principal: Caterina Leone-Mannino
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Parent Contact: Yaritza Santiago Lago
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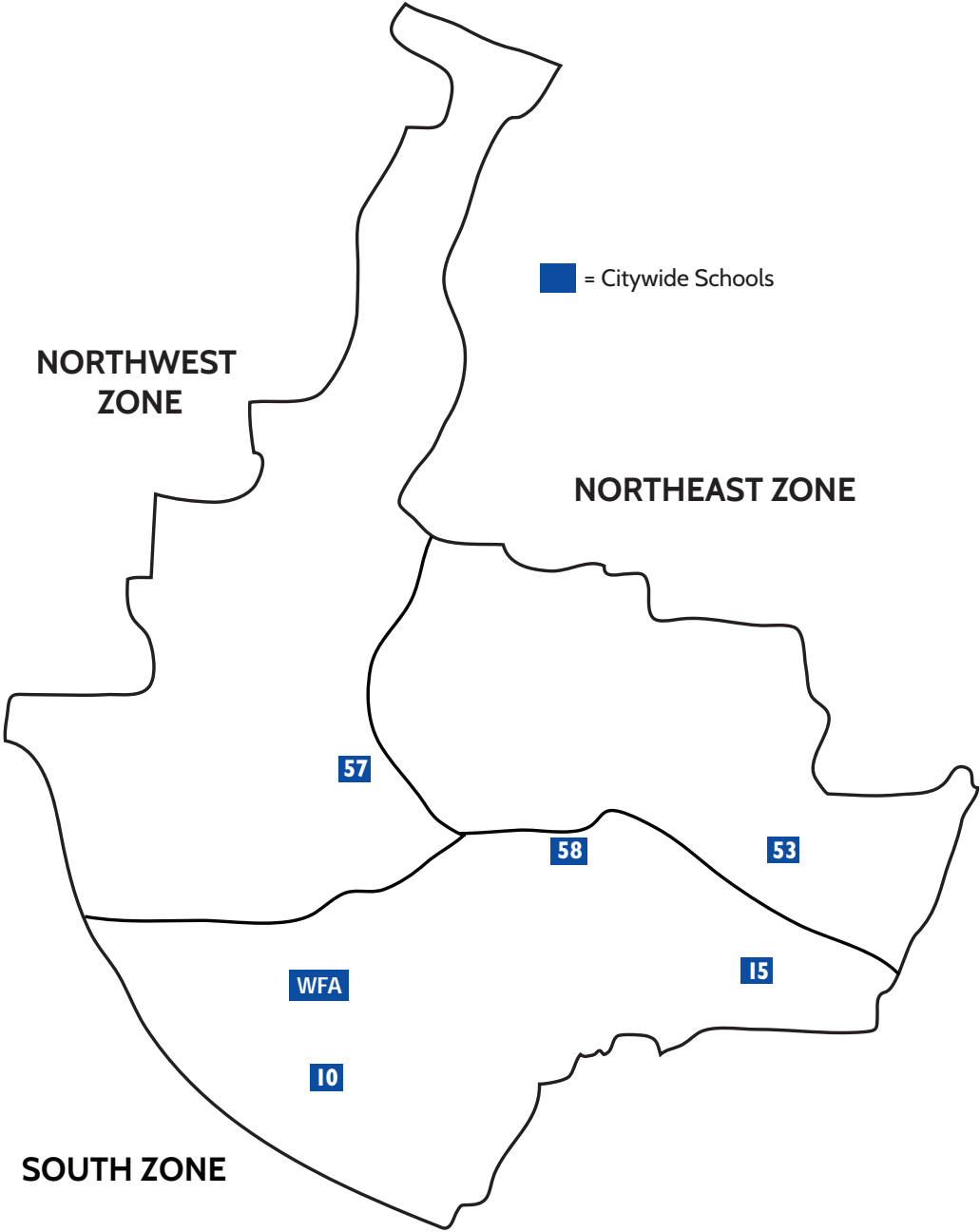
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The Dual Language Program:

- Helps students develop literacy in two languages (English and Spanish) from the time they first enter formal education.
- Has classes comprised of 50% Spanish-speaking students and 50% English-speaking students.
- Provides instruction in English half the time and in Spanish half the time.
- Allows students to join the program at kindergarten and progress through the elementary grades (K-8) with the same classmates.
- Uses proven teaching methods for natural second-language acquisition.
- Incorporates instructional strategies (project-based learning, cooperative learning, direct instruction, whole language, and individualized instruction) that help students develop fluency in both Spanish and English.

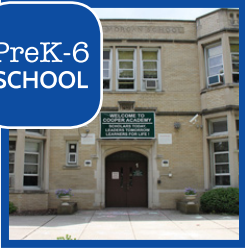
The following schools are **Citywide** and are available to all children across the District:

- Dr. Walter Cooper Academy School No. 10
- The Children's School of Rochester No. 15
- Montessori Academy School No. 53
- Early Childhood School of Rochester No. 57
- World of Inquiry School No. 58
- Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy No. 68



Dr. Walter Cooper Academy School No. 10

PreK-6
SCHOOL



353 Congress Avenue
Rochester, NY 14619
(585) 324-2010 • www.rcsdk12.org/10

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Parent Contact: Freedia Ogden
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FACTS

Uniforms Required: **Yes**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **EL Education, Greater Rochester Health Foundation, YMCA, Rochester Engineering Society, University of Rochester Medical Students, International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP)**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Dr. Walter Cooper Academy (DWCA) follows the EL Education model. The school engages its diverse student body in joyful, rigorous, and fascinating learning experiences, instilling both perseverance and a sense of responsibility in students. It is reinforced in the motto, “We never give up, never give up, never give up!”
- The EL Learning model promotes rigorous and engaging curriculum through long-term, interdisciplinary studies and active, inquiry-based learning along with the development of positive school culture and students’ character.
- Daily morning meetings are held in every classroom along with weekly school-wide community meetings to foster a community of caring and respectful learners.
- Incorporates the use of technology in all grade level instruction with use of Smart Boards, iPads, ELMOS, cameras, Chromebooks, and a double computer lab.

The Children’s School of Rochester School No. 15

PreK-6
SCHOOL



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Rochester, NY 14610
(585) 262-8830 • www.rcsdk12.org/15

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Jay.Piper@rcsdk12.org
Parent Contact: Ashwin Basnet
Ashwin.Basnet@rcsdk12.org



FACTS

Uniforms Required: **No**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **First Unitarian Church, University of Rochester School of Nursing, University of Rochester Refugee Student Alliance**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Extracurricular activities provide opportunities for families and community partners to work collaboratively in shared decision making. This includes the PTO and school work groups that provide school governance.
- Families are invited to participate in “Morning Briefings,” which are assemblies and/or celebrations that provide an opportunity for students to share their accomplishments and establish a firm literacy foundation.
- English as a New Language (ENL) services support students’ academic needs. Half of the students in this school are from other countries and bring a variety of cultural traditions and life experiences, which enrich instruction for all students. These are celebrated and shared at frequent school events for students, families, and community partners.

Montessori Academy School No. 53

PreK-6
SCHOOL



625 Scio Street
Rochester, NY 14605
(585) 325-0935 • www.rcsdk12.org/53

Principal: Dr. Kimberly Harris-Pappin
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Parent Contact: Sherphine Dailey
Sherphine.Dailey@rcsdk12.org

25%
OR LESS

FACTS

Uniforms Required: **Yes**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **The Community Place**
(after-school program included), **Friends of Dr. Freddie Thomas, Inc.**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Incorporates the motto: "We Believe in the Child."
- Multi-age classrooms at three levels: Primary (ages 3, 4, 5); Lower Elementary (grades 1, 2); Middle Elementary (grades 3, 4); and Upper Elementary (grades 5, 6).
- Integrates the philosophical perspective of Dr. Maria Montessori into the Prepared Learning Environment through the teaching of Grace and Courtesy, Peace, Practical Life Skills, Sensorial, and uses Montessori

materials.

- Children engage in the Next Generation Learning Standards and NYS curriculum guided by the Montessori curriculum.
- Peer mentoring, role modeling, and long-term teacher-child relationships in multi-age classes.
- Students develop a global understanding of the world and become skilled at problem-solving by working collaboratively with peers.
- Considers child growth and development and children's interests in its student-centered, individualized instructional approach.
- Environment is designed to offer children opportunities to make positive choices and to enjoy academic success. Students are provided the materials, space, and time to build concentration, which promotes higher-level thinking skills.

Because the majority of Pre-K choose to stay for kindergarten, generally there are not many open seats for kindergarten.

Early Childhood School of Rochester School No. 57

PreK-2
SCHOOL



15 Costar Street
Rochester, NY 14608
(585) 277-0190 • www.rcsdk12.org/57

Principal: Eva Thomas
Eva.Thomas@rcsdk12.org
Parent Contact: Donita Cummings
Donita.Cummings@rcsdk12.org

RP
RESTORATIVE
PRACTICES

75%
OR LESS

FACTS

Uniforms Required: **Yes**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **No**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Monroe Community College, St. John Fisher College, Charles Settlement House, Healthi Kids Program, Spiritus Christi Church, The OCHO Project, The Community Place, Genetaska Club of Rochester, Nazareth College, Jewish Family Services: Pencils and Paper, Rochester Teacher Center, University of Rochester, Rochester Chamber of Commerce, Brockport College, Geneseo College, Lake Avenue Baptist Church, Adonai Assemblies of God of Rochester, Roc Central Library, Optimist Club, and Arc of the Church of God in Christ**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Only PreK-2 school in the Rochester City School District.
- Follows Next Generation Learning Standards curriculum, including a full block of ELA and math, and has a Speech and Language program.
- Raising a Reader Program and Foster Grandparent Program.
- Strong partnerships with local colleges for student teaching and internships.
- Active Parent Teacher Community Association (PTCA) group that sustains parents as partners, as well as All Pro Dads Program.
- Multiple clubs for student activities: Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts Club, Art Club, Music Club.
- Hosts an annual Black History family/community celebration dinner.
- Promotes a safe school environment and supports character building through School-Wide Positive Behavior Support Program (SWPBS).
- Students receive daily Response to Intervention (RTI) services delivered by both the classroom teachers and RTI specialists.
- Universal Pre-K program on campus.
- National Primary Project Program.

World of Inquiry School No. 58



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FACTS

Uniforms Required: **Yes**
Foreign Languages: **Yes, starting in 7th Grade**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **University of Rochester, Nazareth College, St. John Fisher College, Monroe Community College, Key Bank, Expeditionary Learning, Junior Achievement, Buddy Readers through a local church**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- A K-12 Expeditionary Learning (EL) school and recipient of the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award (2010).
- Staff follow EL best practices that promote rigorous and engaging curriculum; active, inquiry-based teaching; and a school culture that demands and teaches compassion and good citizenship.
- Students engage in a rigorous and well-rounded curriculum that integrates math, ELA, science, social studies, arts, music, and fitness within a learning expedition.
- Students engage in two grade-level “learning expeditions,” which are long-term intellectual investigations where learning is connected to real-world experiences through interdisciplinary projects that promote citizenship and character development.
- Students participate in two Outward-Bound excursions that challenge their mental and physical well-being.

Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy No. 68



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FACTS

Uniforms Required: **Yes**
Foreign Languages: **Spanish, Kiswahili**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Southwest Area Neighborhood Association (SWAN), University of Rochester**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- The only International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program for grades 7-8 in the Rochester City School District, and an IB Candidate School for the Primary Years Program for grades K-6.
- Primary grades K-6 students are introduced to the IB instructional framework through the implementation of the ten IB learner profiles and six transdisciplinary themes.
- The IB Middle Years Program provides a framework of academic challenge that encourages students to become critical and reflective thinkers. The students understand and embrace the connections between traditional subjects and the real world.

Northwest Elementary Schools At a Glance

	Grade Levels	Uniforms	Business/College/Faith Partnerships	Choir/Chorus	Band/Orchestra	Instrumental Music Lessons	Foreign Languages for English Speakers	Pre-K Site
John Williams School No. 5	PreK-8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Virgil I. Grissom School No. 7	PreK-6		X	X	X	X		X
Enrico Fermi School No. 17	PreK-8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dr. Louis A Cerulli School No. 34	PreK-6		X	X	X	X		X
Abelard Reynolds School No. 42	PreK-6		X	X	X	X		X
Theodore Roosevelt School No. 43	PreK-6		X	X	X	X		X
The Flower City School No. 54	K-6	X	X	X	X	X		
RISE Community School No. 106	PreK-6		X	X	X	X		X
DUAL LANGUAGE								
Dual Language Program at School No. 17	PreK-6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Citywide Elementary Schools At a Glance

	Grade Levels	Uniforms	Business/College/Faith Partnerships	Choir/Chorus	Band/Orchestra	Instrumental Music Lessons	Foreign Languages for English Speakers	Pre-K Site
CITYWIDE SCHOOLS								
Dr. Walter Cooper Academy School No. 10	PreK-6	X	X	X	X	X		X
The Children’s School of Rochester No. 15	PreK-6		X	X	X	X		X
Montessori Academy School No. 53	PreK-6	X	X	X	X	X		X
Early Childhood School of Rochester No. 57	PreK-2	X	X	X		X		X
World of Inquiry School No. 58	K-12	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy No. 68	K-8	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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