



2019-20 SCHOOL SELECTION BOOKLET

For students entering grade 9 in 2019-20



Application
deadline:
March 8, 2019

GRADE 9

This booklet is for current 8th-graders entering a new school in 2019

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 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 12, 2019
9:00 am - 2:00pm
Riverside Convention Center
123 E. Main Street, 14604

Learn about school performance at: data.nysed.gov

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

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9TH-GRADE RECRUITMENT EVENTS

East Upper School	Dec. 6	5:30 p.m.
Edison Career & Technology High School	Dec. 5	5:00 p.m.
Integrated Arts & Technology High School	Jan. 17	6:00 p.m.
James Monroe High School	Dec. 18	4:00 p.m.
Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School	Dec. 13	5:30 p.m.
	Jan. 16	5:30 p.m.
P-TECH Rochester	Dec. 5	5:00 p.m.
Rochester Early College International H.S.	Dec. 4	5:30 p.m.
School Without Walls	Jan. 8	5:30 p.m.
Vanguard Collegiate High School	Jan. 16	4:00 p.m.

It is important to note that the information in this booklet is subject to change based upon recommendations made as a result of the District's Path Forward Plan implementation.



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 School Expo on January 12, 2019.

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 8, 2019. 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.

Students are assigned to the available seats in a school through the lottery process. Three 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 14 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 8 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 and interview expectations. If you are not able to visit a school, compacts and detailed school information are available at the Office of Student Equity and Placement.

Step 4: Apply online by March 8 at rcsdk12.org/register.

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Note: If you apply to SOTA or SWW, you also need to complete that school's application. Remember, to play the lottery smart, you must also complete the online application for the school choice lottery. Apply online by March 8 at rcsdk12.org/register.

You will be notified of your 9th-grade placement in early May. Students accepted by application schools 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 8 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 a 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. Families who have signed a school's compact will get preferential placement in the lottery.

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 Upper 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 either of our application schools (School of the Arts or School Without Walls), you must participate in the lottery also, so that you get one of your school choices if you do not gain admission.
- 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 an 8th 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.

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.



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.



Music and Art

Students in all schools have opportunities to learn and express themselves through music and visual arts. Check your school for elective courses and extracurricular offerings.

***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 major school and community events.

Sports Offerings for 2018-19

(Offerings subject to change for 2019-20)

Fall Season

BOYS	GIRLS	CO-ED
Modified Football	Modified Volleyball	Modified Cheerleading
JV Football	JV Volleyball	Varsity Cheerleading
Varsity Football	Varsity Volleyball	Modified Cross Country
Modified Volleyball	Modified Soccer	Varsity Cross Country
JV Volleyball	JV Soccer	
Varsity Volleyball	Varsity Soccer	
Modified Soccer	Varsity Tennis	
Varsity Soccer	Varsity Swimming	

Winter Season

BOYS	GIRLS	CO-ED
Modified Basketball	Modified Basketball	Varsity Indoor Track
Freshman Basketball	JV Basketball	Modified Cheerleading
JV Basketball	Varsity Basketball	Varsity Cheerleading
Varsity Basketball		Modified Swimming
Varsity Swimming		Varsity Bowling
Modified Wrestling		
Varsity Wrestling		

Spring Season

BOYS	GIRLS	CO-ED
Modified Baseball	Modified Softball	Modified Track
JV Baseball	JV Softball	Modified Tennis
Varsity Baseball	Varsity Softball	JV Golf
Varsity Tennis	Varsity Outdoor Track	Varsity Golf
Varsity Outdoor Track	Modified Lacrosse	
JV Lacrosse		
Varsity Lacrosse		



East Upper High School

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Rochester, NY 14609
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www.rcsdk12.org/east

Principal: Marlene Blocker
Marlene.Blocker@rcsdk12.org
Parent Contact: Angel Alicea
Angel.Alicea1@rcsdk12.org

FACTS

Uniforms: **No**

Busing: **RTS**

Student Enrollment: **800**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish, American Sign Language**

Honors Classes: **Pre-AP and AP**

Tutoring/After School: **Yes**

Summer Programs: **Yes**

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

English Language Learners: **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **Yes**

Extended/Expanded Day: **Yes**

Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **University of Rochester, Center for Youth, IBERO-American Action League, Hillside Work Scholarship, Monroe County Probation, Monroe County Family Access and Connection Team, MCC Liberty Partnerships, Urban League, Science Stars, Champion Academy**

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



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

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Longer instructional day, with literacy classes to enhance individual reading skills and double instructional time allotted for math and English Language Arts in grade 9.
- Career Pathway offerings include: Culinary Pathway, Optics Pathway, Vision Pathway, Information Technology Pathway, Medical Pathway, and Teaching and Learning Institute.
- Multiple community partners.
- Restorative Practices used to resolve issues peacefully.
- Dual Language Program for bilingual scholars.
- Family Group daily with one adult and 10 scholars to foster relationships.
- A large offering of interscholastic sports for scholars in grades 7-12.
- Driver’s education.
- On Campus University of Rochester Medical Clinic, which provides free services to any scholar enrolled at East.
- Student Support Center with connections to community-based organizations.
- Educational Partnership with the University of Rochester to enhance all components of the school.

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SCHOOL



Edison Career and Technology High School



655 Colfax Street
Rochester, NY 14606
(585) 324-9700
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FACTS

Uniforms: **No**
Busing: **RTS**
Student Enrollment: **1,800**
Foreign Languages: **Spanish**
Honors Classes: **Yes**
Tutoring/After School: **Yes**
Summer Programs: **Yes**
Advanced Placement (AP): **Yes**
English Language Learners: **Yes**
Health/Wellness Center: **Yes**
Extended/Expanded Day: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships:
Advisory committee and work-based learning opportunities related to each Career Pathway
Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: **Yes**

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 career. 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.

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. 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.

Career Pathway Programs:

CONSTRUCTION/ ARCHITECTURE/DESIGN

CTE Programs: Carpentry, Masonry, Electrical, Architecture and Design

ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING

CTE Programs: Engineering Technology, Advanced Manufacturing, Automotive Technology, Welding

DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS AND COMMUNICATION

CTE Programs: Digital Video, Advertising Design, Interactive Media, Music Production

- 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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SCHOOL



Integrated Arts and Technology High School



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Rochester, NY 14621
(585) 324-3750
www.rcsdk12.org/IAT

Principal: Kevin Klein
Kevin.Klein@rcsdk12.org
Parent Contact: Marta Vargas-Perez
Marta.Vargas-Perez@rcsdk12.org

FACTS

Uniforms: **Preferred but not required**

Busing: **RTS**

Student Enrollment: **850**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish**

Honors Classes: **Yes**

Tutoring/After School: **Yes**

Summer Programs: **Yes**

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

English Language Learners: **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **Yes**

Extended/Expanded Day: **No**

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**

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.

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Project-based learning using technology and the arts. State-of-the-art approach to teaching and learning utilizes current technology tools such as netbooks, iPads, 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.
- Students are engaged in two grade-level learning expeditions per year based on the NYS standards. The expeditions are based on topics that teach reading, writing, math, science, and social studies, and promote citizenship and character development.
- 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.

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SCHOOL



James Monroe High School

164 Alexander Street,
Rochester, NY 14607
(585) 232-1530
www.rcsdk12.org/monroe

Principal: Sandra Chevalier-Blackman
Sandra.Chevalier-Blackman@rcsdk12.org
Parent Contact: Sertzai Weld
Sertzai.Weld@rcsdk12.org

FACTS

Uniforms: **No**

Busing: **RTS**

Student Enrollment: **1,050**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish**

Honors Classes: **Yes, Monolingual and Bilingual**

Tutoring/After School: **Yes**

Summer Programs: **Yes**

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

English Language Learners: **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **No**

Extended/Expanded Day: **Yes**

Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Center for Youth, M.K. Gandhi Institute, RIT-Gear Up, University of Rochester Upward Bound, IBERO American Action League, SUNY Brockport, Hillside Work Scholarship, Monroe Community College, Next Level and Beyond**

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



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 experience rigorous coursework while also building an appreciation of world cultures and acquiring the skills needed to live, work, and succeed in a global society.

SCHOOL FEATURES

- The Red Jacket Help Zone Pilot Project 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 a safe school environment, supports character building, and teaches students restorative strategies that transfer to all areas of their lives. Homebase Advisors monitor attendance in their Period 1.
- Honors Bilingual 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 Microsoft Office.
- 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.
- 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.

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SCHOOL



Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School Commencement Academy



501 Genesee Street
Rochester, NY 14611
(585) 328-3440
www.rcsdk12.org/wilsoncommencement

Principal: Julie Van Derwater
Julie.VanDerwater@rcsdk12.org
Parent Contact: Anthony Padilla
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FACTS

Uniforms: **No**

Busing: **RTS**

Student Enrollment: **798**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish**

Honors Classes: **Yes**

Tutoring/After School: **Yes**

Summer Programs: **Yes**

Advanced Placement (AP): **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **No**

Extended/Expanded Day: **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**

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.

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 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 13, 2018 and January 16, 2019. Your child will need to write an original essay. Please complete and return these materials per the directions by January 18, 2019.

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

Both steps must be completed by March 8, 2019.



Leadership Academy for Young Men

4115 Lake Avenue
Rochester, NY 14612
(585) 324-7760
www.rcsdk12.org/lafym

Principal: Wakili Moore
Wakili.Moore@rcsdk12.org
Parent Contact: Dianet Dorsey
Dianet.Dorsey@rcsdk12.org

FACTS

Uniforms: **Yes.** Business-like attire: **Black or Tan Khaki pants, any color button down shirt, any tie or bow tie and Black or Brown footwear.**

Busing: **RTS**

Student Enrollment: **700**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish**

Honors Classes: **Yes**

Tutoring/After School: **Yes, and Saturdays**

Summer Programs: **Yes**

Advanced Placement (AP): **Yes**

English Language Learners: **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **Yes**

Extended/Expanded Day: **Yes**

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

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



WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

The Leadership Academy instills and reinforces the Five Prides – respect, integrity, loyalty, accountability, and courage. Young men at Leadership Academy pride themselves on their appearance and attend school in our business-like attire. Ready for instruction and leading students who are not. The school’s vision is to graduate young men with high moral character who have been challenged with rigorous academic standards. Upon graduation, our mission is to see 100 percent of the young men college and/or career ready. Students get involved in extracurricular activities, which give them a sense of pride in Being A Leadership Academy Lion!!

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.
- Business-like attire: tan khaki pants, white or solid blue button down shirt, tie, and black shoes are required.
- Large on campus offering of interscholastic sports for scholars in grades 6-12.

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SCHOOL



Northeast College High School

940 Fernwood Park
Rochester, NY 14609
(585) 324-9273
www.rcsdk12.org/NE

Principal: Ali Abdulmateen
Ali.Abdulmateen@rcsdk12.org
Parent Contact: Theresa Larkins
Theresa.Larkins@rcsdk12.org

FACTS

Uniforms: **No**

Busing: **RTS**

Student Enrollment: **700**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish, American Sign Language**

Honors Classes: **Yes**

Tutoring/After School: **Yes**

Summer Programs: **Yes**

Advanced Placement (AP): **English Literature, English Language, Psychology, Physics, US History**

English Language Learners: **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **Yes**

Extended/Expanded Day: **Yes**

Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **AmeriCorps, 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**

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



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.

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.
- The M.K. Gandhi Institute helps students understand how to respond to situations in a non-violent manner and gives them the tools to help reduce violence.

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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

Administrator: Latresha Fuller
latresha.fuller@rcsdk12.org

FACTS

Uniforms: **Business casual (recommended)**

Busing: **RTS**

Student Enrollment: **370**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish**

Honors Classes: **Students are enrolled in MCC college courses working toward an Associate (A.A.S.) Degree in Computer Information Technology**

Tutoring/After School: **Yes**

Summer Programs: **Yes, mandatory summer bridge program**

Advanced Placement (AP): **No**

English Language Learners: **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **Yes**

Extended/Expanded Day: **No**

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

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

WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

Students with a passion 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. P-TECH offers a small school feel while being a part of a big school campus at Edison Tech.

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 school orientation program during the summer before grade 9 and participate in extended-day programs.
- Opportunities for internships at major companies in the Rochester area are available.

Accepts 9th-grade students only

9-12
SCHOOL



Rochester Early College International High School

Grades 9 and 10
200 Genesee Street
Rochester, NY 14611
(585) 324-9010

Grades 11 and 12
Monroe Community College
Downtown Campus
321 State Street
Rochester, NY 14608
585-685-6148
www.rcsdk12.org/ECHS

Principal: Uma Mehta
Uma.Mehta@rcsdk12.org
Parent Contact: TBD

FACTS

Uniforms: **No**

Busing: **RTS**

Student Enrollment: **350**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish, Mandarin Chinese**

Honors Classes: **No**

Tutoring/After School: **Yes**

Summer Programs: **Yes**

Advanced Placement (AP): **No**

English Language Learners: **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **No**

Extended/Expanded Day: **No**

Business/College/Faith Partnerships:
St. John Fisher College, Monroe Community College, Hillside Work Scholarship, University of Rochester Upward

Bound, Army JROTC, AmeriCorps, RIT Gear Up, Center for Youth

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

WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

Rochester Early College is the only high school in the Rochester City School District that is housed at the downtown campus of Monroe Community College for grades 11 and 12. It is also the only high school in the District that 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.

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, Microsoft Office, Personal Money Management, and Introduction to Business
- College courses for grades 11 and 12 are offered at the Monroe Community College downtown campus.
- 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.
- Provide high quality curriculum and instruction utilizing college rigor.

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

7-12
SCHOOL



School of the Arts

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Rochester, NY 14607
(585) 242-7682
www.rcsdk12.org/SOTA

Principal: Kelly Nicastro
Kelly.Nicastro@rcsdk12.org
Parent Contact: Adele Fico
Adele.Fico@rcsdk12.org

FACTS

Uniforms: **No**

Busing: **RTS**

Student Enrollment: **1,143**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish**

Honors Classes: **Yes**

Tutoring/After School: **No**

Summer Programs: **No**

Advanced Placement (AP): **Yes**

English Language Learners: **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **No**

Extended/Expanded Day: **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, Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival, Rochester Association of Performing Arts (RAPA), First Niagara Rochester Fringe Festival, Leisure Care Village at Unity**

and Mill Landing, Rochester Regional Health, Center for Youth

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

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.

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 14, 2018. Because the majority of 8th-graders choose to stay for high school, there are generally not many open seats for students entering grades 9-11. Auditions take place January 22-24, 2019. 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 8, 2019.*

** 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 student placement*



School Without Walls

480 Broadway
Rochester, NY 14607
(585) 546-6732
www.rcsdk12.org/SWW

Principal: Coretta Bridges
Coretta.Bridges@rcsdk12.org
Parent Contact: Freda Miller
Freda.Miller@rcsdk12.org

FACTS

- Uniforms: **No**
- Busing: **RTS**
- Student Enrollment: **272**
- Foreign Languages: **Spanish**
- Honors Classes: **Yes**
- Tutoring/After School: **Yes**
- Summer Programs: **No**
- Advanced Placement (AP): **English Literature, English Language and Composition**
- English Language Learners: **Yes**
- Health/Wellness Center: **No**
- Extended/Expanded Day: **No**
- Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **No**
- Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: **Yes**

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 is used as a resource for learning beyond the school walls. Students are also required to give back through extensive community service. Additionally, students are provided rigorous academic courses culminating in Performance Based Assessments, 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 the NCAA. Students anticipating a Division I or Division II athletic scholarship should take this into consideration before selecting School Without Walls.

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Emphasizes critical thinking and responsible citizenship with a focus of honoring all students' learning styles.
- 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. If interested, mail your completed application to School Without Walls to be scheduled for an interview, along with a letter of recommendation from a current teacher, counselor, or administrator. 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.

9-12
SCHOOL



Vanguard Collegiate High School

950 Norton Street
Rochester, NY 14621
(585) 324-3760
www.rcsdk12.org/vanguard

Principal: Edward Mascadri
Edward.Mascadri@rcsdk12.org
Parent Contact: Nora Roman
Nora.Roman@rcsdk12.org

FACTS

Uniforms: **No**

Busing: **RTS**

Student Enrollment: **636**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish**

Honors Classes: **Yes**

Tutoring/After School: **Yes**

Summer Programs: **No**

Advanced Placement (AP): **Yes**

English Language Learners: **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **Yes**

Extended/Expanded Day: **No**

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**



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.

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.
- After-school program allows students the opportunity to study beyond the school day in support of their academic needs and in preparation for Regents.
- 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/WOI

Principal: Sheelarani Webster
Sheelarani.Webster@rcsdk12.org
Parent Contact: Shelly Boyd
ShellyD.Boyd@rcsdk12.org

FACTS

Uniforms: **Yes**

Busing: **RTS**

Student Enrollment: **910**

Foreign Languages: **Spanish**

Honors Classes: **Yes**

Tutoring/After School: **Yes**

Summer Programs: **No**

Advanced Placement (AP): **Yes**

English Language Learners: **Yes**

Health/Wellness Center: **No**

Extended/Expanded Day: **No**

Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Key Bank, M&T, Monroe Community College, University of Rochester, St. John Fisher College, Nazareth College, Hart's Grocery, Junior Achievement, Please add the following: Hillside Work Scholarship, Upward Bound, Liberty Partnership, Science Stars**

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



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 a family. The majority of 8th-graders choose to stay for high school, generally there are not many open seats in 9th grade.

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.

At a Glance: Secondary Schools

	Grade Levels	Uniforms	School Buses/RTS	Student Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Honors Classes	Tutoring/After School	Summer Programs	English Language Learners	Sports	Health/Wellness Center	Extended/Expanded Day	Visual Arts and Music	Business/College/Faith Partnerships
East Upper High School	9-12		RTS	800	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Edison Career & Technology High School	9-12		RTS	1,800	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Integrated Arts & Technology High School	7-12	X	RTS	850	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
James Monroe High School	7-12		RTS	1,050	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School	9-12		RTS	798	X	X	X	X		X			X	X
Leadership Academy for Young Men	6-12	X	RTS	700	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Northeast College High School	9-12		RTS	700	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
P-TECH Pathways to Technology	9-12	X	RTS	370	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Rochester Early College International High School	9-12		RTS	350	X		X	X	X	X			X	X
School of the Arts	7-12		RTS	1,143	X	X			X	X			X	X
School Without Walls	9-12		RTS	272	X	X	X		X	X			X	X
Vanguard Collegiate High School	9-12		RTS	636	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
World of Inquiry School No. 58	K-12	X	RTS	910	X	X	X		X	X			X	X

NOTES:

Steps for Registering Online:

New Online Registration Process for 2019-20 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 For a complete list of acceptable documentation.

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

First, Sign Up

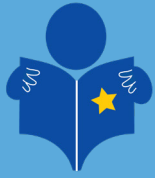
Go to rcsdk12.org/register and create an account. You must create an account to log in and register your child in the new system.

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 registration section for new accounts with 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 blue link at the bottom of the registration section reads '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”**

For additional support, please visit [\(link\)](#) or visit the Office of Student Equity and Placement at 131 West Broad Street, Rochester, NY 14614, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.



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Parent Engagement.....324-9999
parents@rcsdk12.org

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transportation@rcsdk12.org

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