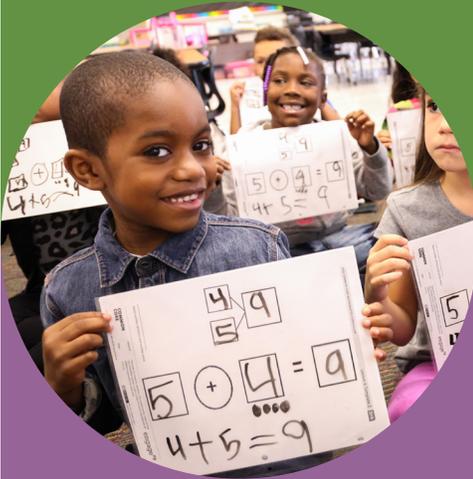




South Zone Elementary School Selection Booklet

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

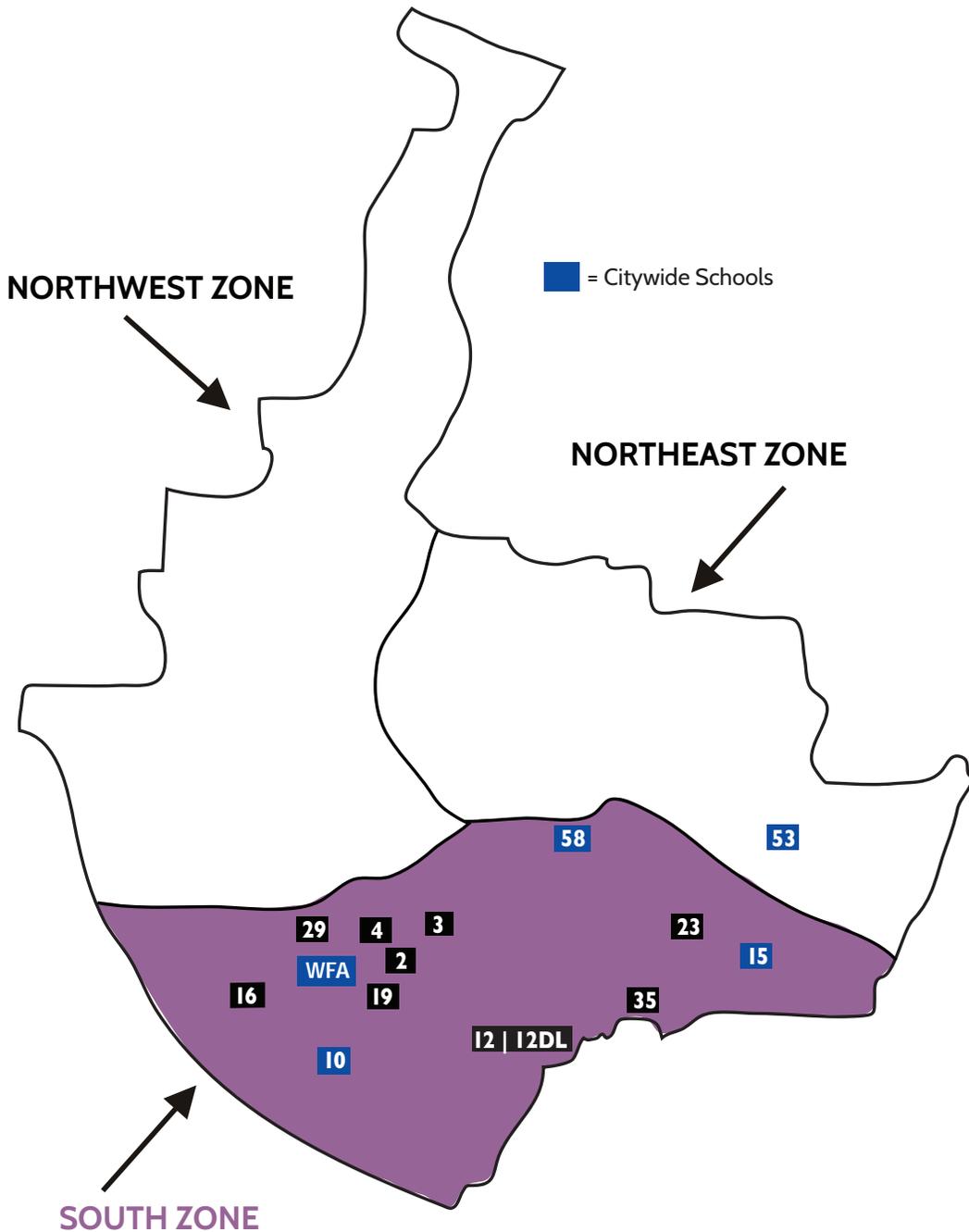
You live in the **SOUTH ZONE**, the following schools are available to your child:

Schools in the South Zone:

- Clara Barton School No. 2
- Nathaniel Rochester Community School No. 3
- George Mather Forbes School No. 4
- Anna Murray-Douglass Academy School No. 12
- John Walton Spencer School No. 16
- Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School No. 19
- Francis Parker School No. 23
- Adlai E. Stevenson School No. 29
- Pinnacle School No. 35

Citywide Schools:

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



Clara Barton School No. 2

PreK-6
SCHOOL



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Rochester, NY 14608
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FACTS

Uniforms Required: **Yes**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Kiwanis Club, Carlson Comedy Club, Mountain Rise Church, Harvest Bible Church, Abundant Life Faith Center, Judge Ninfo, Quad A, Monroe Community College, Genesee Community College, Foodlink, SMILEmobile, Junior Achievement, Primary Project Children's Institute**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Strong academic program that focuses on providing students with an education that prepares them to be successful in the 21st century. School No. 2 is committed to the implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards.
- Clara Barton School No. 2 is a Restorative Practices

school, which means kindness is practiced daily. The school strives to be proactive and not reactive, focused on the social emotional well-being of students, incorporating strategies from TCIS and Restorative Practices into daily instruction in order to build stronger relationships with students.

- School No. 2 shows pride in our community, which includes a strong parent group that meets regularly and community partnerships that provide students and families with support beyond the school day.
- Academic program that focuses on providing students with an education that prepares them to be successful in the 21st century. School No. 2 is committed to the implementation of good first teaching.
- Extensive focus on Arts and Music
- Participates in Terrific Kids, a monthly student recognition program sponsored by the Kiwanis Club to promote character development, self-esteem, and perseverance.
- Monthly Fatherhood Connection to support and collaborate with Dads/Father Figures.
- Literacy Initiatives: 25 Book Campaign, Tier 3 Interventions, Lexia Reading.

Nathaniel Rochester Community School No. 3

PreK-8
SCHOOL



85 Adams Street
Rochester, NY 14608
(585) 454-3525 • www.rcsdk12.org/3

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Parent Contact: Evana Harvey
Evana.Harvey@rcsdk12.org



FACTS

Uniforms Required: **No**
Foreign Languages: **Yes, Spanish**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **University of Rochester, Third Presbyterian Church, Cornhill Neighborhood Association, Center for Youth, Roberts Wesleyan College, Generation 2, Adams Street REC center, Hillside, Foodlink, Healthkids, Genesee Country Museum & Village**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- School-wide focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).
 - Opportunities for students in all grades to complete monthly STEM challenges.
 - Hands-on, inquiry-based science curriculum used in Grades K-6 (FOSS).

- There are 3 science labs in the building (primary STEM, intermediate STEM, and middle school science).
- Genesee Country Museum offers April and summer scholarships to camp.
- STEM field trips
- Opportunities to work with school partners at the University of Rochester medical center.
 - Exposure to STEM careers.
- Middle School Honors Academy for students who qualify. Middle school students have the opportunity to take high school Regents courses in 8th grade.
- All students have access to iPads, Chromeboxes and/or Chromebooks at school.
- Interscholastic school athletics for students in grades 7 and 8.
- Restorative practices are utilized to build relationships with students and to help students and adults resolve conflict.
- School Clubs: Challenge 24 (math), Chess Club, Student Council, Rochester Young Scientist Club.
- Monthly Celebrations: Community Circle to recognize soaring students, Zearn breakfast to recognize excellence in math.

George Mather Forbes School No. 4



198 Dr. Samuel McCree Way
Rochester, NY 14611
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FACTS

Uniforms Required: **Yes**
Early Literacy Program: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Advantage Federal Credit Union, Nazareth College, Kiwanis Club, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Bibleway Healing Assembly**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- New York State Alternate Assessments (NYSAA) Program for Kindergarten through grade 8 students.
- Technology includes Smart Boards in every classroom and the library; K-2 iPads/Chrome boxes; 3-6 Chromebooks are used for centers and targeted instruction.
- Provides Response to Intervention (RTI) blocks in grades K-6, which provide students additional time for reading and math instruction.
- Project STRIDE, a Saturday program funded and operated by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, provides an opportunity for students in grades 4-6 to learn self-development and self-empowerment.
- Partnership activities with area colleges, churches, and the larger community support students in academics, social skills, and exploring the larger community.

Anna Murray-Douglass Academy School No. 12



999 South Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620
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FACTS

Uniforms Required: **No**
Foreign Languages: **Spanish in a Dual Language Model Program**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Rochester Midland Corporation-Girls and Boys Groups, Greater Rochester Health Foundation, First Robotics Lego League, Center for Youth, YMCA**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Spanish/English Dual Language enrichment program (HOLA) is offered in grades K-6.
- The Essential 12: 12 rules to live by and are in place and taught.
- Extensive music and arts focus.
- Strong parent support group and community volunteers who support school-wide initiatives.
- Intramural sports are offered.

John Walton Spencer School No. 16

PreK-6
SCHOOL



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Rochester, NY 14619
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Parent Contact: Ernestine Brown
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FACTS

Uniforms Required: **No**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Ebenezer Baptist Church, St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Southwest Ecumenical Ministries (SWEM), New Life Fellowship Church, University of Rochester, SUNY Brockport, Center for Youth, Southwest Kiwanis, Rochester Presbyterian Home, Xerox Corporation, Victor-Farmington Rotary, 19th Ward Community Association, Quad A for Kids, CET, Common Ground Health, United Healthcare, Woodward Health Center, Arnett Library, KBA Basketball Association, University of Rochester Bio-Medical Engineers Program, Foodlink**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Located in the heart of the city's 19th Ward, our new state-of-the-art building is equipped with the latest technology in each classroom. In addition, we have two computer labs and students have individual Chromebooks.
- Our school is clean and bright with new learning spaces such



- as our Maker Space room where students engage in project-based learning activities.
- We also have a new library that is filled with culturally responsive literature choices.
- We take pride in the established partnerships that support our students and families such as the Arnett Library, the Presbyterian Home, the 19th Ward Association, Common Ground Health, Foodlink, KBA Basketball Association, and many more.
- Students participate in Terrific Kids, a student recognition program that promotes character development, self-esteem, and perseverance.
- Our students work with their classroom teachers to establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance, or schoolwork, and are recognized for achieving their goals in a set period of time.
- Our staff promotes a safe school environment and supports character building through the School-Wide Positive Behavioral Support (SWPBS) program and Restorative practices. Students are excited to participate in our annual spelling bee held at the University of Rochester.
- John Walton Spencer School 16 has an afterschool program called Quad A for Kids. This program runs from October through May. All students in grades 1- 6 are eligible to apply.
- John Walton Spencer School No. 16's Soaring Eagles learn and grow together as a community. Come and join our community where students and learning come first.

Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School No. 19

PreK-8
SCHOOL



465 Seward Street
Rochester, NY 14608
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Parent Contact: Alicia Bell
Alicia.Bell@rcsdk12.org

FACTS

Uniforms Required: **No**
Foreign Languages: **Spanish (Grade 8)**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Greater Rochester Health Foundation/FLHSA, Southwest Rotary Club, Foodlink, Fidelis Care, Flint Street Recreation Center, Center for Youth (ATS/Strings for Success), Primary Project Children's Institute, Edgewood Free Methodist Church, Church of Love, Leap (U of R), Gandhi House, SMILEmobile, Links 4 Kids, SUNY Geneseo, Villa of Hope**



SCHOOL FEATURES

- Intramural modified athletics for 7th and 8th grades, mediation grade level support through Restorative Justice practices, Student Council, violin orchestra, and much more.
- "Strings for Success;" a violin program for students in grades 3-8. Students travel to perform at various community organizations in Rochester, New York State, and throughout the United States.
- Parents are connected to the school community through the School-Based Planning Team, the PTO, volunteer opportunities, Greater Rochester Health Foundation, monthly parent events, and much more.
- Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School 19 and SUNY Geneseo are working together in a partnership. Through this partnership students will have the benefit of engaging in the CCTM (Collaborative Co-Teaching Model), receiving small group instruction daily in core subjects. Literacy and community building remain a focus.

Francis Parker School No. 23

PreK-6
SCHOOL



170 Barrington Street
Rochester, NY 14607
(585) 473-5099 • www.rcsdk12.org/23

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Parent Contact: Patricia McKinney
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FACTS

Uniforms Required: **Yes**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **University of Rochester, Memorial Art Gallery, The Warrior Factory**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Expanded Learning Time (ELT) School: Students receive additional time to have elective opportunities, i.e. Drama, Minecraft Edu, and Step Dance. Students are also provided opportunities for academic intervention and acceleration.
- A theater production occurs each school year.
- Ranked Best School in Monroe County for 2017 using the NYS School Quality Index.
- Strong parent presence and voice via the PTA.

Adlai E. Stevenson School No. 29

PreK-6
SCHOOL



88 Kirkland Road
Rochester, NY 14611
(585) 328-8228 • www.rcsdk12.org/29

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FACTS

Uniforms Required: **No**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Memorial Art Gallery, CURCS, Lawyers for Learning, Foodlink, Arnett Library, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Rochester Gardening Club**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Expanded Learning Time (ELT) School: Students receive additional time for academic, social-emotional, and recreational opportunities beyond those offered during a traditional school day, i.e. Drama, Minecraft Edu, and Step Dance. Students are also provided opportunities for academic intervention and acceleration.
- Committed to academic excellence by meeting students' individual needs and striving to prepare students to be global contributors and critical thinkers.
- Partnership with the Boys and Girls Club to offer exciting enrichment activities to all students.
- Memorial Art Gallery programs for grades 2-5.
- The GEM program (Growth and Education of Students with Multiple Disabilities) highlights belief that every child is a work of art. Students of all abilities and ages work together to reach their fullest potential.
- Community relationships offer tutoring, mentoring, school supplies, community resources, field trips, and friendships that last a lifetime.
- Literacy initiatives: 29 Book Campaign, Tier 3 intervention, Compass Learning, and Lexia Reading.
- Restorative Practices and Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS) are used to address student conflict and resolve matters peacefully.

Pinnacle School No. 35

K-6
SCHOOL



194 Field Street
Rochester, NY 14620
(585) 271-4583 • www.rcsdk12.org/35

Principal: Brenda Torres-Santana
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Parent Contact: Arlene Surita
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FACTS

Uniforms Required: **Yes**
Foreign Languages: **No**
Chorus: **Yes**
Band/Orchestra: **Yes**
Instrumental Music Lessons: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Third Presbyterian Church, Nazareth College, St. John Fisher College, Principal's Lending Closet**

SCHOOL FEATURES

- The 25 Book Campaign and software applications, Compass, Lexia, Dream Box, Reflex Math, Flocabulary, and Accelerated Reader are used to promote literacy.
- The school implements the School-Wide Positive Behavioral Supports (SWPBS) and Restorative Practices program and participates in the Primary Project, which proactively supports students' emotional and social needs in the primary grades.
- Transitional Bilingual Program that develops students' home language of Spanish while students learn English.
- English as a New Language (ENL) services support students' academic needs.
- Technology tools (Smart Board, iPad, Chromebooks and Document reader) used to support instruction in all grade levels.
- Classroom Morning Meeting and School-Wide Morning Meeting held twice a month to support and foster a community of caring and respect for learners.
- Reading and Intervention teachers to provide additional, small group reading and math support.

Dual Language Program at School No. 12

K-8
SCHOOL



999 South Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620
(585) 461-3280 • www.rcsdk12.org/12

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Parent Contact: Susan Allen
Susan.Allen@rcsdk12.org

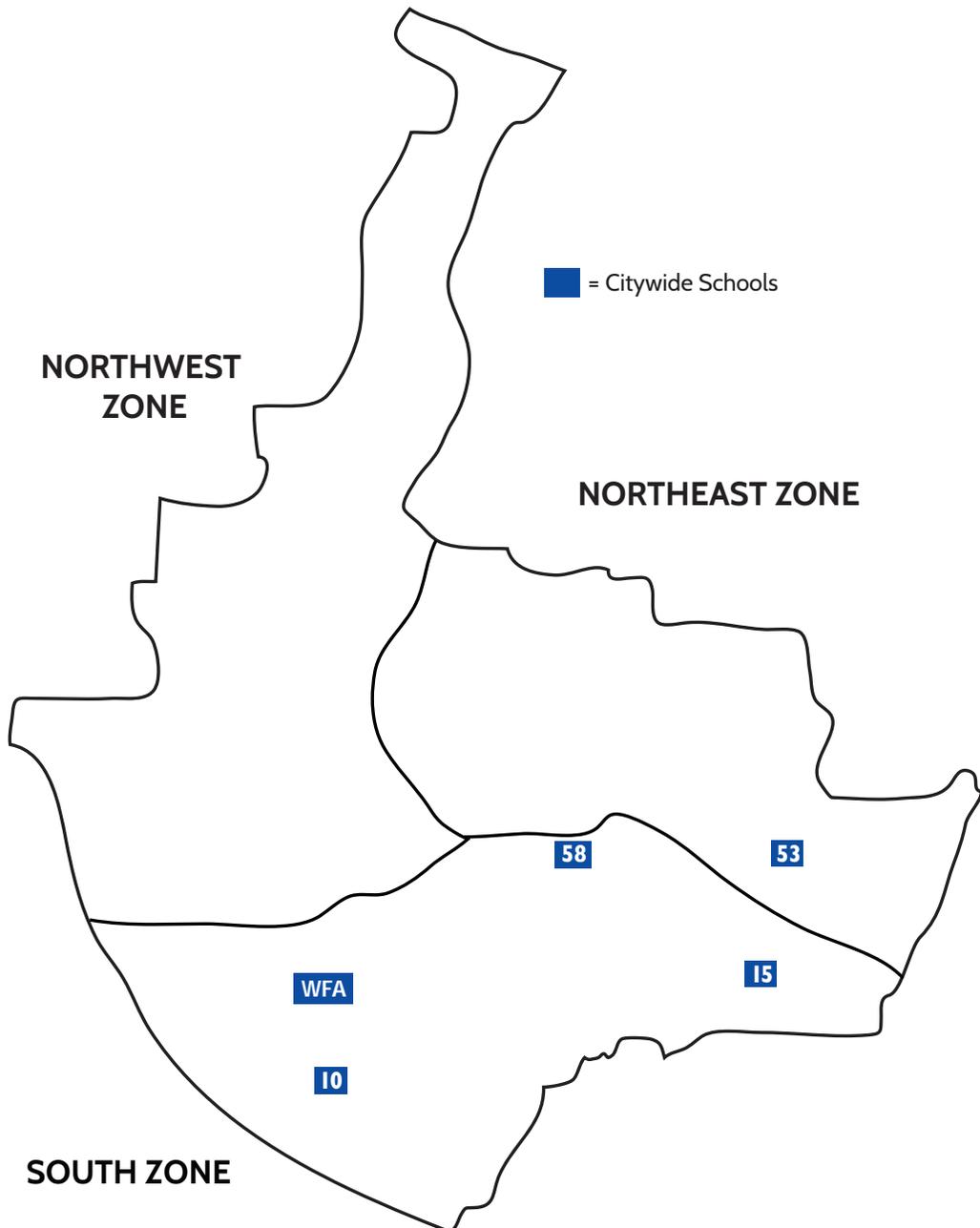
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The Dual Language Program:

- Helps students develop literacy in two languages (English and Spanish) from the time they first enter formal education.
- Classes are comprised of 50% Spanish-speaking students and 50% English-speaking students.
- Provides enrichment to both English and Spanish language learners.
- Allows students to join the program at kindergarten and progress through the elementary grades (K-6) with the same classmates.
- Staffed by certified bilingual teachers.
- Uses proven teaching methods for second-language acquisition.
- Incorporates instructional strategies (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
- 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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Camaron.Clyburn@rcsdk12.org
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



85 Hillside Avenue
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



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

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Parent Contact: Sherphine Dailey
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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.

World of Inquiry School No. 58

K-12
SCHOOL



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Rochester, NY 14605
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RP
RESTORATIVE
PRACTICES

MRP
MODEL RESTORATIVE
PRACTICE

EL
EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

25%
OR LESS

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.

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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.

South 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
Clara Barton School No. 2	PreK-6	X	X	X	X	X		X
Nathaniel Rochester Community School No. 3	PreK-8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
George Mather Forbes School No. 4	K-8	X	X	X	X	X		
Anna Murray-Douglass Academy School No. 12	K-8		X	X	X	X	X	
John Walton Spencer School No. 16	PreK-6		X	X	X	X		X
Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School No. 19	PreK-8		X	X	X	X	X	X
Francis Parker School No. 23	PreK-6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Adlai E. Stevenson School No. 29	PreK-6		X	X	X	X		X
Pinnacle School No. 35	K-6	X	X	X	X	X		
DUAL LANGUAGE								
Dual Language Program at School No. 12	K-6		X	X	X	X	X	

NOTES:

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
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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