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Rochester City School District’s Summer of Discovery

Who:

Students in the Rochester City School District

What:

RCSD’s Summer of Discovery

When:

Monday, July 8, 2024 – Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Where:

Locations across Rochester and St. John Fisher University

Details:

(The following is a list of dates, times, and locations for media outlets to cover the RCSD’s Summer of Discovery learning experiences. If media outlets plan to cover any of these events, please contact Brendan O’Riordan, Director of Information, at 353-6390.)

Learning during the summer months should be fun, motivating, and engaging. That is why the Rochester City School District is proud to celebrate its Summer of Discovery learning programs that are being offered to students this summer. For a complete list of programs from July 8 – August 20, 2024, please visit www.rcsdk12.org/summer.

Acceleration University (incoming 9th-grade students), Tuesday, July 16, St. John Fisher University, 3690 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618, 8:15 a.m.

This is a unique program for incoming 9th-grade students, who can enter the school year in September with high school credits, get exposure to college-level coursework, and build anticipation for a future return to campus as college students. The program features rigorous coursework, including electives like Urban Poetry, where students study urban poetry’s origins, evolution, and contemporary voices. Students will explore the history of Hip Hop, identify its five elements, and what that looks and sounds like in a student’s life.

ROC Achieve (grades 7 – 8), Wednesday, July 24, James Monroe High School, 164 Alexander Street, Rochester, NY 14607, 10 a.m.

A program aimed at helping students succeed by focusing on four core subjects during daily 90-minute sessions. ROC Achieve, in partnership with the City of Rochester, includes enrichment activities such as arts exploration and sports. This collaboration supports physical development through sports games and competitions and provides aquatic education through swim lessons at local recreation centers led by experienced lifeguards and instructors. The curriculum is designed to be engaging, encouraging students to explore their interests and social-emotional needs and connect with real-world experiences.

ROC Explorers (grades K – 5), Thursday, July 25, The Flower City School No. 54, 36 Otis Street, Rochester, NY 14606, 8:15 a.m.

ROC Explorers is a dynamic summer program designed to ignite curiosity and foster holistic student development. The curriculum also includes STEM and social studies, all centered around the theme “Who I Am.” This approach respects different cultures, helping students connect with their own identity and heritage in deep, personal ways. Additionally, students engage in unity circles to learn about each other’s perspectives, highlighting the power of student voice. Teachers and Teaching Assistants collaborate to teach this program, developed with guidance from Dr. Susan Goodwin, Director of the Rochester Teaching Center.

ROC Vocademics (grades 6 - 7), Monday, July 29, MCC Downtown Campus, 321 State Street, Rochester, NY 14608, 8:00 a.m.

Provides students a comprehensive learning experience through the integration of literacy, mathematics, and Career and Technical Education (CTE). Teachers and CTE instructors closely designed a curriculum that connects CTE skills with mathematics and literacy concepts. The program ensures that students strengthen their academic foundations and acquire essential career-oriented skills.

Special Olympics Visits John Williams School No. 5, Thursday, August 8, John Williams School No. 5, 555 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester, NY 14608, 9 a.m.

More than 300 students who are part of the RCSD’s Extended School Year (ESY) program are celebrating with the Special Olympics, bringing local sports teams to volunteer and assist students participating in sports skills and carnival-type activities. This will include an opening ceremony and parade. The District’s ESY program for students in grades PreK - 12 extends the school year for scholars with 12-month Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), which support students in need of continuous engagement and learning.

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