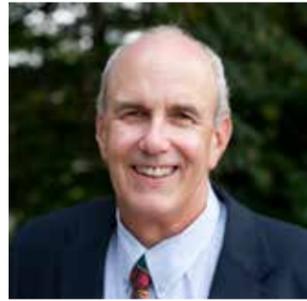


Welcome to East High School!



We are so excited that you are considering joining the East High School community! Everyone involved in the new partnership between the University of Rochester and East is busy planning for the 2015-16 school year, and we hope that you will be a part of this really exciting collaboration.

This will be a school with high expectations for our students, coupled with high caring and supports to help you achieve your dreams. East will be a comprehensive high school, offering a wide range of programs that prepare students for excellence and open doors to exciting college and career opportunities, while providing rich opportunities to excel in athletics and the arts.

East High will be staffed by caring and capable adults who want to be there and who want to work in this unique school partnership, and we'll be focusing on great teaching, expanding social and emotional support for students, and developing stronger relationships with students and their families.

While we have done extensive work to plan a basic framework for the school, we do not yet have all the answers. We'll be rebuilding this school together, with East educators, students, and families, while harnessing the resources of the University of Rochester and the Rochester community.

We are honored to have this opportunity, and we look forward to getting to know you and your family!

Sincerely,
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GREAT THINGS

ARE GOING TO HAPPEN HERE

Lower School (Grades 6-8) and Upper School (Grades 9-12)
In Partnership with the University of Rochester



ACADEMICS + ARTS + ATHLETICS =

EAST

HIGH SCHOOL

A New Era at East High School

2015-16 will be the beginning of a new era at East High School. In collaboration with the University of Rochester, East will begin a transformation that builds on a strong tradition of pride and excellence and enhances every aspect of the academic and social support system at the school to focus on student learning, development, and achievement.

While there is lots of work to be done to design and implement the new program, these are our commitments to East students and families:

“All in... All the Time”

East High will nurture an “All In” culture, with teachers, school leaders, and staff who direct their full professional efforts to creating a positive and successful educational experience for you.

School Family Groups

You’ll be part of a small “family group” with 10 or fewer students, meeting regularly with a mentor (faculty, staff, or administrator), who helps you navigate the school and supports you as you become a leader and great student.

Engaged, Active Students

At East, we place students squarely at the center of the schooling experience. You’ll learn to take charge of your education and to take leadership roles both within the school and community.

Expanded Social and Emotional Support

East will be a safe and healthy school environment for teachers, students, and their families, establishing important relationships that foster respect and order and using a restorative practice approach. You’ll also have access to counselors, social workers, and health and dental care at the school.

Deep Recognition of Families as True Partners

We are eager to partner with the important people in your life, focusing on the strengths of students and families and creating meaningful opportunities for shared decision-making with youth, families, and other partners in the Rochester community.

Better Support for English Language Learners

East will offer a full continuum of programs for English language learners, including integrated supports throughout the school program, as well as an enhanced dual language program for students whose home language is Spanish.

Enrichment Through Athletics, Music, and Activities

As a comprehensive high school, East will be a place where you can be a student, an athlete, and a performer, with opportunities to participate in a variety of teams, ensembles, and clubs. A new partnership with the Eastman School of Music will help to revitalize the music offerings.



Lower School (Grades 6-8)

We know that these middle school years are critical to developing academic and social foundations that lead to success in high school and life, and we’re making some changes that will strengthen this foundation and create an engaging, vibrant school experience for you.

Join Us in 6th Grade

You’ll get a jumpstart on developing the foundational skills and attitudes necessary for success in high school and have the opportunity to earn high school credits before entering 9th grade.

Extended School Day

You’ll have extended learning time every day through a longer 7.5-hour school day, with increased instructional time devoted to math and literacy, and more opportunities to get extra help when you need it.

Nurturing Environment

Students in the Lower School will have their own place within the East High building, creating a small school atmosphere, with 160 students per grade level, and small classes in core subject areas. Staggered start times for the Lower and Upper Schools will help to nurture the Lower School community. We’re also planning for transportation of Lower School students by yellow school buses.

Expeditionary Learning

The East Lower School is on the path to becoming an expeditionary learning school, where learning is active, challenging, meaningful, public, and collaborative. The focus will be on college and career readiness and lifelong success, both providing support and challenges that foster literacy, numeracy, problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, persistence toward excellence, and active citizenship.



Upper School (Grades 9-12)

We’re taking a fresh look at the opportunities and challenges that the high school years present, and we’re designing a robust school experience designed to help every student graduate ready for college or a career.

Special Focus on 9th Grade

With the new Freshman Academy, you’ll have your own wing of the building, with extra support; continued extended time devoted to math and literacy; and opportunities to complete four or more high school credits.

Engaging and Rigorous Curriculum

A comprehensive program will offer a full range of classes leading to the Regents diploma, including career and technical pathways, as well as more AP and early-college classes. The extended learning day opens up the schedule to allow you to accelerate, take electives, work on credit recovery, and get support when needed. And subjects will be taught in ways that connect schoolwork to your community and future and engage you as an active learner, ready to take charge of your own education and future.

Expanded Careers Program

In-house programs designed to create a pathway to careers will include: Health Related Careers (featuring a new partnership with UR Medicine and the ongoing program in Clinical Optics), Culinary Arts, Information Technology, Advanced Manufacturing, Teaching, and Business. Additionally, you will have access to the full range of BOCES programs.

Alternative Pathways

For students who are falling behind, there will be alternative programs available to provide support and focus. East Evening will offer select courses at night to allow for credit recovery and to welcome nontraditional students back to school.