2020-21
SCHOOL SELECTION BOOKLET
ROCHESTER PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS GRADES K-12
SCHOOL CHOICE IS YOUR CHOICE!
This booklet is for families of children entering a new K-12 school in 2020-21. Students who are currently enrolled in a charter school and plan to continue at that school in 2020-21 do not need to reapply.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
Rochester families have public school options

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Charter Schools Give Families a Choice
Charter schools offer families an opportunity to choose a K-12 school that best suits their child’s needs from among Rochester’s top performing schools. Rochester charters give city families education options—with 21 campus locations, charters offer quality academics, busing, athletics and after school programs to fit your schedule.

What is a Charter School?
Charter schools are public schools of choice, meaning that families choose them for their children. They operate with greater flexibility and more freedom to innovate, in return for greater accountability.

Charter schools are accountable for academic results and for upholding the promises made in their charters. They must demonstrate performance in the areas of academic achievement, financial management, and organizational stability.

Charters are free and serve all students, including those with special needs and English language learners.

More than 6,000 children attend Rochester charters and families have 21 area locations to choose from.

Students receive busing through their home district. In most cases, students who are eligible for district busing are transported by yellow bus. Some charter high schools use RTS services. Most charter schools provide busing even for students who live within 1.5 miles of the school location.

What Makes Charter Schools Different?
Each charter school has its own mission and approach. Some focus on hands-on learning or specialized job training. Others have unique learning formats and classroom styles to help students work at their own pace.

This model gives educators the freedom to create different classroom experiences and allows students and families more flexibility in choosing an education that is right for them.

Charter schools are free public schools, but are not district schools.

Charter schools have their own individual school dress code policies, many of which include uniforms. Many schools provide discounts for uniforms and some provide free shirts to new students.

Preparation for Career and College
Charter schools prepare students for the next stage of life. Whether that’s college or a trade, students are provided with the tools and educational experiences that will help them after graduation.

Students who wished to pursue an education beyond high school are guided through the college application process. Most Rochester charter schools have a 90% or more college acceptance rate, but students make a variety of choices—including entering trades or the general workforce, military careers and other training.
How it Works

If you wish to consider a public K-12 charter school for your child, or your school does not offer the next grade level, you have a wide range of charter school options. This booklet includes details about the schools and application process.

Parents can apply to as many schools as they wish and may be accepted at multiple schools.

Students are offered a seat through the lottery process. Families are encouraged to apply by the April 1, 2020 lottery deadline when schools have the most openings.

Applications continue to be accepted after the lottery deadline. Students applying after April 1, 2020, will be added to school waitlists and notified as a seat becomes available.

If your K-12 student currently attends a charter school and does not wish to change schools, you do not need to complete an application. Your child will automatically be enrolled in the next grade at that school.

Charter Application at a Glance

Charters welcome all students. You can apply from your phone, computer or tablet. Apply at GoodSchoolsRoc.org today!

1. Visit GoodSchoolsRoc.org to learn about your public charter school options. Contact schools if you would like to schedule a visit.
2. Create an account on GoodSchoolsRoc.org using your email or phone number.
3. Complete the application, including name, address and current grade enrolled.
4. Select as many schools as you want to apply to. There is no limit and you are not committing to any school at this point in the process.
5. Submit your online application using a phone, tablet or computer.
6. Call our Helpline with any questions at (585) 491-9777.

Important Dates

April 1: Charter school lottery deadline
April 15: Schools begin notifying families of offer status.
After April 15: Schools continue to accept applications. Students will be added to waitlists and offers will be on a rolling basis as seats open.
April-August: Applications continue to be accepted through the spring and summer.
September-December: Many schools continue to accept students to transfer during the current school year.

The Lottery

If a charter school receives more applications than it has open seats available, the school conducts a lottery. Names are drawn at random through a computer program.

Charter schools do not evaluate students for admission. Students are not given an advantage or disadvantage because of their academic standing, GPA or extracurricular activity participation. There are no tests or fees. There is no preference for students who apply early. Charters accept students who need extra help in school, have IEPs and are English language learners.

Students can apply to as many schools as they wish. Submitting applications to multiple schools does not hinder a student’s chance for enrollment.

After the lottery has been drawn, students will either be given an enrollment offer or be added to school waitlists. Students may receive offers from more than one school.

If a student receives an offer from more than one school, it is up to the family to choose which school to enroll in.

Services and Learning Support

Charter schools accept all students, including those who are English language learners, have IEPs and need extra learning support.

Charter Schools offer
(visit GoodSchoolsRoc.org for specific school offerings)
- Grades K-12
- 21 Rochester locations
- Support services for students
- Busing
- Free, public schools
- No entrance exams
- Sports/Athletics: Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cross-country, Dance, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Track & Field, Volleyball
- Music/Arts
- High graduation rates
- Single gender and co-ed options
- After school activities and wrap around care
Grades 5 – 6 (expanding to 8th grade) | ahscharter.org
Academy of Health Sciences prepares students for success in the #1 job industry in Rochester: health sciences! Students explore health sciences through field trips, project-based learning, and more. They graduate prepared for success in college, career, and lives of service. AHS is free to apply and attend, and we welcome all students including students with special needs and English language learners. Be empowered—NOW!

Location
1001 Lake Ave., Rochester, NY 14613 | 585-254-1003

Services
School Services
Free breakfast, lunch, and snack daily. Full-time school Counselor and Nurse on site every day.
Uniforms: Dress code

Instructional Models
At AHS, our teachers use research-based tools and methods to engage students and ensure that all students meet high standards. Our science-themed curriculum exposes students to new knowledge, skills, and interests. In addition, student voice is a major part of learning every day so that students are empowered to learn in ways that are relevant to them.

Academic Offerings
• Health sciences-themed curriculum
• Technology and engineering
• Art, music and P.E.
• Field trips
• College & Career Day
• Student-Parent Empowerment Meetings

Student Support
Daily academic reading and math intervention, special education services, and other individualized supports to ensure all students succeed.

School Performance
AHS is in its first year of operation and students will take state tests later in the year. Academic benchmarking will be shared when it is available.

Clubs and Activities
Enrichment classes daily, plus weekly clubs based on student interests.
Grades K-6 | rochesterdiscovery.com
Discovery prepares students to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world through an interdisciplinary program that integrates literacy, language arts, mathematics, social studies, visual arts and science. Discovery is an Expeditionary Learning (EL) School where students engage in active and hands-on learning opportunities to create meaningful experiences and character growth. The school environment fosters inquiry, sets high expectations, integrates core disciplines and builds on students’ existing understanding.

Location
133 Hoover Dr., Rochester, NY 14615 | 585-342-4032

Services
School Services
Discovery provides free breakfast, lunch and snack to all students.
We have a full-time Nurse on-site for medication administration and immediate first aid.

Uniforms: Yes

Instructional Models
DCS is Expeditionary Learning (EL) School. We believe that when students and teachers are engaged in work that is challenging, adventurous and meaningful, learning and achievement flourish. Our mission at Discovery Charter School is to build classrooms where teachers can fulfill their highest aspirations, and where students can achieve more than they think possible.

Approach to Learning
Our approach to curriculum makes standards come alive for students. At DCS, our project-based learning model uses expeditions, case studies, and fieldwork to inspire students to think beyond the classroom!

At Discovery Charter School, we foster a culture of respect. Our school motto of “We are CREW” resonates through our school traditions. At DCS, you will be invited to join a weekly Community Circle assembly, attend regular exhibitions of student work, and have opportunities for students to join creativity clubs. At Discovery, each student is nurtured as their individual interests are discovered.

DCS has a strong integrated arts program. Students in grades K-6 will have regular Performing Arts and Visual Arts programming built into their schedules. We also offer daily Physical Education classes for all students enrolled.

Our school leaders build a cohesive school vision focused on student achievement and continuous improvement. We strive to develop our students with mindsets and skills for success in life beyond the classroom.

Student Support
Discovery employs a Social Worker, Dean of Students, Behavior Specialist, Mindfulness Coach, Social Emotional Learning Specialists, and Academic Intervention Teachers. The goal at DCS is to work with every student to overcome any barriers to learning. Direct services are provided by means such as education, counseling, health consultation, and individual assessment. If a formal special education program is needed, our Student Services Coordinator will ensure that student IEPs/504 plans can be accommodated. We also have ENL teachers who can accommodate students needing both core content area support and English language development instruction.

Clubs and Activities
All family members of DCS students are invited to be a part of the school’s Family Association (FA). The goal of the FA is to strengthen and build school community through volunteerism, the coordination of social and educational events, and fundraising.
The Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School is celebrating 20 years of free public education service to the Rochester community as an educational institution of excellence.

The school’s success is attributed to the belief that if a child cannot learn the way we teach, then we will learn to teach the way the child can learn. The school is focused on its mission to create a safe and nurturing community of learners where students earn the Seal of Biliteracy (English and Spanish), learn to advocate for social justice, and are prepared to enjoy and access what the world has to offer.

The teachers address the different learning styles in their daily instruction and help students make connections between the classroom and the real world through project-based learning experiences.

The faculty, staff, and students view themselves as self-reflective, continuous learners, and parents see themselves as partners in their children’s education. Students are taught that in order to succeed, you need to believe in your ability to learn. Then you need to work hard to gain skills and knowledge. Therefore, the school’s motto is “Believe, Achieve, Succeed.”

Locations
Elementary School, Grades K-5 (Zimbrich Campus)
27 Zimbrich St., Rochester, NY 14621
585-544-6170

Middle School, Grades 6-8 (Joseph Campus)
1069 Joseph Ave., Rochester, NY, 14621
585-697-7115

High School, Grades 9-12 (Kodak Tower Campus)
343 State St., 5th Floor Building 10 Rochester, NY, 14650
585-544-6170 ext. 7500

School Services
All students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch. K-5th-grade students who participate in the after school program are offered a snack and dinner.

Instructional Models
Curriculum and Instruction
Bilingual Education (Spanish and English) Seal of Biliteracy.

Student Support
• Tutoring
• English As a New Language
• Academic Intervention Services
• Special Education Services
• Online Credit Recovery
• Work Experience
• CREW/Advisory Block

Before & After School Program
Before: EMHCS offers morning care for grades K-5 starting at 7:00am
After: EMHCS offers an Enrichment Learning After School Program from 4:30pm-6:00pm

Athletic Program
Home of the Hostos Hornets! EMHCS is part of the Private Parochial League (PPL) of Rochester.

Community Partnership Programs
• YMCA
• Ibero
• Villa of Hope
• Monroe Community College (MCC)
• SUNY Brockport
• Rochester Latino Rotary Club

Demographics
Enrollment by Gender 2018-19

School Performance
Grades 3-8 ELA Assessment 2018-19

Grade 3-8 Math Assessment 2018-19
Grades K-4 (expanding to 5th grade) 
explorationrochester.org

Exploration's mission is to engage learners, their families, and the community in the processes of scientific inquiry and the use of innovative technology to develop the social, emotional, and academic tools necessary to thrive in school and today's global world.

**Location**
1001 Lake Ave., Rochester, NY 14613  |  585-498-4700

**Services**
**School Services**
- Full-time Nurse, Counselor, Social Worker, Wellness Coordinators and campus mentors
- Multi-Tiered System of Support—addressing both social emotional and academic needs of all learners
- Bi-monthly family events

**Uniforms:** Yes

**Instructional Models**
Exploration uses a hands-on approach to learning. In addition to this, we incorporate center-based learning activities whenever possible.

**Programs and Offerings**
- Jr. Cav’s basketball
- Excellus Guest Reader Program
- PET Therapy
- 4H Clubs

**Community Partnership Programs**
- Rochester Museum & Science Center
- Education Success Foundation
- Food Link
- Cornell Cooperative Extension Office
- Maplewood YMCA
- Lollypop Farms Pet Therapy Program
- KaledoscopeMe
- Children’s Institute

**Demographics**

**Enrollment by Gender 2018-19**

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**Enrollment by Ethnicity 2018-19**

- Black or African American: 8%
- Hispanic or Latino: 1%
- Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: 1%
- White: 76%
- Multiracial: 1%

**Contact Information**
1001 Lake Ave., Rochester, NY 14613  |  585-498-4700
The Genesee Community Charter School (GCCS)—among the highest performing EL Education schools in the nation—is located on the campus of the Rochester Museum & Science Center. Genesee Community Charter School enrolls approximately 220 students in kindergarten through sixth grade. GCCS provides a rich educational experience that values intellectual rigor, respect for diversity, and community responsibility. The school uses local history, the arts, and our own cultural background to explore the Rochester community as our “home.”

Location
657 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607  |  (585) 697-1960

Services
School Services
Breakfast and lunch are provided for families who pay or qualify for free and reduced priced meals. Meals are currently provided by Julia K Caters and are served in classrooms as there is no cafeteria.

Uniforms: GCCS does not have uniforms, but they do have a dress code.

School Hours: M, T, Th, F - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
W - 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Instructional Models
GCCS is an EL Education School and therefore focuses on project-based learning and integrating most content such as English and Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, the Arts, and some Math into 12 week units of study called "Expeditions." Genesee Community Charter School also utilizes Deeper Learning and Instruction to challenge, engage, and empower students to be leaders of their own learning.

Academic Offerings
• Strong integrated arts program (art, music, movement) connected to classroom content
• Project-based learning
• Focus on Rochester’s history and active citizenship
• Extensive fieldwork

Sports
GCCS does not have any sports programs.

Clubs and Activities
The Family Association supports weekly Chess Club for approximately 5 months out of the school year. The Chess Club is offered on Wednesdays after the typical early dismissal from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Student Support
• All classrooms have 2 full time teachers and 1 full time teaching assistant
• Social Worker

• Reading Intervention Specialist
• Special Education Coordinator
• Special Education Service Providers (through district of residence)

Community Partnership Programs
• Rochester Museum & Science Center
• EL Education
• St. John Fisher College
• Our own families!

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School Performance
Grades 3-8 ELA Assessment 2018-19

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Grade 3-8 Math Assessment 2018-19

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Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts (RA) is a K-6 public elementary school located in Greece, NY. The mission of RA is to provide students an enriched and rigorous education through the humanities and arts integration leading to success in college, careers, and life. RA students develop academic and skills for life through investigation, creativity, inquiry, and reflection. The arts are used as a vehicle to make connections among various curricular areas, increase student engagement and ultimately lead to higher levels of student achievement.

Location
299 Kirk Rd, Rochester, NY 14612  |  585-225-4200

Services
School Services
All students at RA receive free breakfast, lunch and snacks each day. On-site mental health counseling by Catholic Family Services on site.
RA employs a Family Services Coordinator who works with families to ensure their needs are met.
Uniforms:Yes

Instructional Models

Academic Offerings
RA provides high quality units of study. Thematic units are the basis of ELA, social studies, and science curriculum in grades K-2. ELA, science, math, and social studies are departmentalized in grades 3-6. All students experience music, visual arts, dance, and drama curriculum in skills based and/or arts integration classes. Students also study physical education and library curriculum.

Sports
RA has an after school enrichment program in which sports experiences are offered.

After School Program
RA has a robust after school enrichment program. Offerings vary in each trimester and are organized and run by school staff. We are currently working with the YMCA to offer after school care on our site for the 2020-2021 school year.

Clubs and Activities
RA offers a wide range of clubs and activities during and after school. During the school day students may be pulled for enrichment in any of the art forms. Students in grades 4-6 can become members of the band or chorus.

Community Partnership Programs
• Center for Youth (CFY)
• Catholic Family Services
• FoodLink Backpack program

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School Performance
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Grades K-12 | racschool.com

In 2019, RACS was 1st among all district and charter high schools in Rochester for its 98% graduation rate. RACS is also ranked first among all Rochester Charter High Schools by US News in 2018.

RACS is the school of choice for students, families, teachers, and partners who value readiness for college through a STEM-focused education. RACS has provided its students with a safe learning environment and has become a unique school in the City of Rochester with high graduation rates since its first year of graduating classes.

Locations

Elementary School, Grades K-3
(expanding to 5th grade)
125 Kings Hwy S
Rochester, NY 14617
585-235-0135

Middle School, Grades 6-8
841 Genesee St.
Rochester, NY 14611
585-235-4141

High School, Grades 9-12
1757 Latta Rd.
Greece, NY 14612
585-467-9201

Services

School Services
All students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch.

Uniforms: Dress code

Instructional Models

RACS instructional model is designed to prepare its students for college through a STEM-focused education.

Academic Offerings
• AP Courses
• Dual Enrollment Courses
• Honor Courses
• STEM Courses

Sports
• Basketball (Boys)
• Volleyball (Girls)
• Soccer (Boys)
• Cheerleading (Girls)
• Basketball (Girls)
• Football (Boys)
• Track (Coed)

Before & After School Program
Before:
• Tutoring

After:
• Strategies to Success
• Science and Technology Entry Program
• Girl Scouts

Clubs and Activities
• National Honor Society
• Science Fair
• Math Counts
• Outdoor Experience
• Weight Training
• Science Olympiad
• Robotics
• Yearbook Club
• Peer Mentoring
• Student Councils

Student Support
• Special Education (Consultant Teacher and Resource Room)
• English as a New Language
• Academic Intervention Services

Community Partnership Programs
• Strategies To Success - Action for a Better Community (ABC)
• Science and Technology Entry Program—Monroe Community College (MCC)
• NYGearUp – Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
• Scholarship Through Blood Drives—Red Cross
• Research Study—University of Rochester

Demographics

Enrollment by Gender 2018-19

Enrollment by Ethnicity 2018-19

School Performance

Graduation Rates 2019
**ROCHESTER PREP CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**Grades K-12 | rochesterprep.uncommonschools.org**

The mission of Rochester Prep is to prepare all students to enter and succeed in college through effort, achievement, and the content of their character. Rochester Prep is free to apply and free to attend.

**Locations**

Elementary School, Grades K-4  
899 Jay St., Rochester, NY 14611  
585-235-0008

Middle School, Grades 5-8  
630 Brooks Ave., Rochester, NY 14619  
585-436-8629

Elementary School #3, Grades K-4  
85 St. Jacob St., Rochester, NY 14621  
585-368-5110

Middle School – West Campus, Grades 5-8  
432 Chili Ave., Rochester, NY 14611  
585-368-5090

Elementary School – West Campus  
Grades K-4  
85 St. Jacob St., Rochester, NY 14621  
585-368-5100

High School, Grades 9-12  
305 Andrew’s St., Rochester, NY 14604  
585-368-5111

**Services**

School Services  
Rochester Prep provides free breakfast, lunch, and snack to all students.

Uniforms: Yes

**Instructional Models**

Rochester Prep classes reflect a traditional classroom setting, with teachers and co-teachers at the elementary and middle school levels.

**Academic Offerings**

Rochester Prep offers a wide range of Advanced Placement Courses, technology-based courses, as well as other unique classes to challenge and expand your child’s mind and skills.

**Sports**

Rochester Prep’s athletic program continues to expand. Rochester Prep has 11 Varsity teams in football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, track, bowling, cheerleading, and outdoor track; 2 JV teams in golf and baseball; and 3 modified teams in basketball and track. The girls volleyball team was recognized as a NYS Public High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete team as 75% of the team achieved over a 3.0 GPA.

**Before & After School Program**

**Before:** Rochester Prep offers extended tutoring time in the mornings before the school day starts.

**After:** Rochester Prep’s school day is an extended day program with dismissal between 3:45 and 4:15 pm for most school levels.

**Clubs and Activities**

Being a full K-12 program, Rochester Prep has a lengthy list of clubs and offerings, check our website for more information!

**Student Support**

Rochester Prep provides extensive student support in all aspects of learning. From formal special education programs to simply extending tutoring time, we ensure every child has the tools to succeed.

**Community Partnership Programs**

Rochester Prep High School is proud to partner with the Rochester Institute of Technology! Professors teach classes, college students mentor our students, regular field trips to RIT campus, and Senior Capstone projects, are just some elements of this wonderful partnership.

**2019 New York State Exam Results**

How is Rochester Prep closing the achievement gap?

**4X**

Uncommon Rochester students achieved proficiency at more than 4 times the rate of Rochester City School District in math.

**3X**

Uncommon Rochester students achieved proficiency at more than 3 times the rate of Rochester City School District in ELA.

**LEVEL 4**

Uncommon Rochester students earned more Level 4 scores on the math and ELA exams than all of the Rochester City School District, with less than 10% of the enrollment.
At University Preparatory Charter School, we are changing the narrative for young men in the City of Rochester.

UPrep is an all boys public charter school where young men come every day prepared to learn and participate in their educational experience. They know the value of their time, their relationships and the importance of applying what they learn to meet their personal and academic goals.

UPrep faculty are dedicated to teaching male learners. Education methods engage students of all levels and address different learning styles. We work with every student to achieve his potential. UPrep means you leave prepared.

Location
1290 Lake Ave., Rochester, NY 14613 | (585) 672-1280

Services
School Services
UPrep serves breakfast and lunch every day. We have a full-time Nurse on staff.

Uniforms: Yes

Instructional Models
UPrep's instructional model is standards-based, student-centered and focuses on reflection, self-discovery, and active learning to promote critical thinking skills and deeper understanding of content. Our model is rigorous and we maintain an unwavering commitment to graduating young men with the necessary skills, knowledge, dispositions, and perseverance to attain success as they continue in their education, enter the workforce, and assume the challenges of adult citizenship in their community, nation, and the world.

Research-based best practices are employed to engage students, invigorate classrooms, and support inquiry-based learning for students and teachers. All instruction is planned and implemented using a consistent, research-based instructional framework across all grades and subject areas.

UPrep has a 96% graduation rate and prepares young men for both college and the workforce. UPrep’s Career & Technical Education (CTE) Center offers hands-on experiences and teaches important skills in culinary arts, machining, building trades and information technology.

Academic Offerings
- Honors
- Advanced Placement
- Dual Credit
- CTE (Culinary Arts, Building Trades, Information Technology, & Machining)
- Work-based Learning
- Technology
- Art
- Music
- Online Credit

Before & After School Program
Before:
- Open-door policy for morning parents visits
After:
- Tutoring
- Exam Prep

Clubs and Activities
- Arts/Performing Arts
- Chess Club
- Math Club
- College Club/Visits
- Field Studies

Student Support
- Tutoring
- Exam Prep
- ESOL
- Social-Emotional Support

Community Partnership Programs
- Center for Youth
- City of Rochester
- Pathways to Peace

Sports
- Baseball
- Football
- Lacrosse
- Soccer

- Basketball
- Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field

Demographics: All boys

Enrollment by Ethnicity 2018-19
- White
- Multiracial
- Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- Hispanic or Latino
- Back or African American
- Americas Indian or Alaska Native
Urban Choice Charter School has been notified that its charter will not be recommended for renewal and the school will close in June 2020. Applications continue to be accepted until after the New York State Board of Regents vote in April. Applicants to Urban Choice Charter School are strongly encouraged to apply to more than one school.

Grades K-8 | urbanchoicecharter.org
Urban Choice is an independent public school which serves 400 students in grades K-8.

Our school is designed to provide Rochester students with a safe, supportive and intellectually challenging educational environment. We believe that partnerships with families and strong student-teacher relationships are essential to student motivation, engagement and achievement. Small class sizes and additional adult support in the classroom allows students opportunities for individualized instruction. Urban Choice is a place that inspires and addresses the intellectual, physical, emotional and social aspects of all students, but most importantly Urban Choice is a school that cares about every single student that walks through our doors and works hard to make learning fun.

Location
545 Humboldt St., Rochester, NY 14610 | 585-288-5702

Services
School Services
• Free breakfast and lunch for all students
• Smile Mobile (dental services) available to all students

Instructional Models
Cooperative Learning Groups, Workshop Model

Academic Offerings
• Spanish for all students K-8, with the opportunity for 8th-grade students to earn one foreign language H.S. credit
• Instrumental lessons for students in grades 4-8
• Success for All reading program for all students
• Ready Math
• BOCES Science Kits

Sports
• Modified basketball (boys and girls)
• Modified Track and Field (boys and girls)

Before & After School Program
Urban Choice does not offer a before school program.

After: Center for Youth after-school program is offered free to our families. The main purpose is to highlight and enhance the educational day through social-emotional learning, teaching teamwork and building strong relationships with peers and adults.

• Activities include: homework help, Garth Fagan dance, Prevention/Intervention Education groups, cooking, arts and crafts, field trips, family events and more.
• Dinner is provided for free every day.

Clubs and Activities
• Urban Choice has two very active student councils—one for our 3-5th-grade students and one for our 6-8th-grade students. Each homeroom has a representative who serves as a liaison between students and staff, helping to plan activities and events for the school, bringing ideas and suggestions to the leadership team, and taking leadership roles in various ways throughout the school.
• Crafts club
• Homework support
• Lunch bunch support groups

Community Partnership Programs
• Center for Youth
• Pencils and Paper
• SmileMobile
• Colin F Kennedy Foundation
• St. John Fisher

School Performance

Demographics
Enrollment by Gender 2018-19

School Performance
Grades 3-8 ELA Assessment 2018-19

Grades 3-8 Math Assessment 2018-19

Grades 3-8 Math Assessment 2018-19
Vertus High School is an all-boys free public high school designed specifically for the needs of Rochester’s young men. We provide unprecedented individual support through our Preceptor program where every student has a strong one-on-one relationship with an adult mentor whose mission is to help the young man succeed, no matter how far behind or advanced he is. Each student proceeds at his own pace, so struggling students can go back and re-learn what they may have missed in other schools and advanced students can shoot forward. Vertus students are gaining more than one and a half years of education per year, and our personalized learning program focuses on character growth, as well as academics and athletics. Since we opened in 2014, our students have exceeded national expectations for student growth and performance.

Location
21 Humboldt St., Rochester, NY 14609 | (585) 747-8911

Services
School Services
Breakfast and lunch provided.

Uniforms: Yes

Instructional Models
Vertus is a year round school where students spend half their day with teachers in a computer lab taking individualized courses and half in regular classrooms. We offer a strong special education program and an emphasis on character training.

Academic Offerings
Vertus offers the opportunity for students meeting specific criteria to take MCC courses in Advanced Manufacturing, IT, HVAC, and others.

Sports
- Soccer
- Indoor Track
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Baseball
- Outdoor Track
- Cross Country

Before School Program
We offer certain activities prior to the school day that vary from year to year.

Demographics: All boys
Enrollment by Ethnicity 2018-19

School Performance
5 Year High School Graduation Rate for Males (2018-2019)

2018-19 Regents Pass Rate

Community Partners
- Youth Voice, One Vision (Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council)
- Encompass: Future Ready
- SOAR Youth Leadership
- Junior Achievement
- Re-NABLE
- RCTV Media Center
- WXIR Radio Programming
- Brockport College Summer Tutoring
Young Women’s College Prep is an all girls charter school, serving students in grades 7-12 in the Rochester area. Located in Greece, YWCP provides students with opportunities to develop strong voices they will need to be leaders. YWCP believes in educating the whole girl, which encompasses academic achievement, career, and college preparation, leadership, and personal and social development.

Location
133 Hoover Dr., Rochester, NY 14615 | 585-254-0320

Services
School Services
All students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch.
Uniforms: Yes

Instructional Models

Academic Offerings
• Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
• 1:1 Chromebooks for all students
• Fine Arts
• Electives

Sports
• Cross Country
• Basketball
• Cheerleading
• Track and Field
• Volleyball
• Bowling
• Softball

Clubs and Activities
• 18 modified to varsity sports teams
• 15 after-school clubs
• 2 college visits per year
• Multiple career exploration opportunities

Student Support
• ESOL
• Special Ed.

Community Partnership Programs
Multiple community partnership programs offered, including:
• R.I.T.
• U of R
• St. John Fisher College and more

Demographics: All girls

Enrollment by Ethnicity 2018-19

- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other
- Pacific Islander
- White
- Multiracial

Young Women's College Prep is an all girls charter school, serving students in grades 7-12 in the Rochester area. Located in Greece, YWCP provides students with opportunities to develop strong voices they will need to be leaders. YWCP believes in educating the whole girl, which encompasses academic achievement, career, and college preparation, leadership, and personal and social development.
Map number corresponds with the page number each school can be found within this guide.

4 Academy of Health Sciences
Charter School
Grades 5-6 (expanding to 8th grade)
1001 Lake Ave.

5 Discovery Charter School
Grades K-6, 133 Hoover Dr.

6 Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School
a: Elementary School, Grades K-5
   27 Zimbrich St.
b: Middle School, Grades 6-8,
   1069 Joseph Ave.
c: High School, Grades 9-12, 343 State St.

7 Exploration Elementary Charter School for
Science & Technology
Grades K-4 (expanding to 5th grade),
1001 Lake Ave.

8 Genesee Community Charter School
Grades K-6, 657 East Ave.

9 Renaissance Academy
Charter School of the Arts
Grades K-6, 293 Kirk Rd.

10 Rochester Academy Charter Schools
a: Grades K-3 (expanding to 5th grade), 125 Kings Hwy. S.
b: Middle School, Grades 6-8,
   841 Genesee St.
c: High School, Grades 9-12, 1757 Latta Rd.

11 Rochester Prep Charter School
a: Elementary School, Grades K-4,
   899 Jay St.
b: Elementary School – West Campus,
   and Elementary School #3, Grades K-4,
   85 St. Jacob St.
c: Middle School, Grades 5-8,
   630 Brooks Ave.
d: Middle School – West Campus,
   Grades 5-8, 432 Chili Ave.
e: High School, Grades 9-12,
   305 Andrew’s St.

12 University Preparatory
Charter School for Young Men
Grades 7-12, 1250 Lake Ave.

13 Urban Choice Charter School
Grades K-8, 545 Humboldt St.

14 Vertus High School
Grades 9-12, 21 Humboldt St.

15 Young Women’s College Prep
Charter School
Grades 7-12, 133 Hoover Dr.