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2022-23

SCHOOL SELECTION BOOKLET

Rochester Charter schools, now with 25 area locations, are committed to offering students a free, quality public education. More than 7,400 students have already enrolled. It's easy to learn more and apply with one application.

SCHOOL CHOICE IS YOUR CHOICE!

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This booklet is for families of children entering a new K-12 school in 2022-23.

Students who are currently enrolled in a charter school and plan to continue at that school in 2022-23 do not need to reapply.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Rochester families have public school options

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 25 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 7,400 children attend Rochester charters and families have 25 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 the right education.

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 wish 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, 2022, lottery deadline when schools have the most openings.

Applications continue to be accepted after the lottery deadline. Students applying after April 1, 2022, 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](https://www.GoodSchoolsRoc.org) today!

1. Visit [GoodSchoolsRoc.org](https://www.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](https://www.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**.

Lottery Deadline: April 1

Families will be notified of acceptance for enrollment on April 5. Parents are encouraged to apply by the lottery deadline when schools have the most openings. Applications are accepted all 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.

Charter Schools Offer (visit GoodSchoolsRoc.org for specific school offerings)

- ☑ Grades K-12
- ☑ 25 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



Services and Learning Support

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

The COVID-19 Pandemic and Charter Schools

The pandemic has changed everything about “normal life” and has had a significant impact on schools. Rochester charter schools have been responsive to families’ needs during the pandemic, adapting offerings and reimagining the delivery of educational resources to provide a consistent, quality education.

Charters have surveyed and listened to their own communities to provide instruction either remotely, in-person or by a combination hybrid program during the pandemic. Offerings vary by school and give families a choice based on their needs.

Charter schools put students first and have remained

focused on educating all students during the COVID-19 pandemic. Charter schools are able to respond quickly to technology needs, food services and social-emotional support while providing an excellent education.

While many students in K-12 schools across Rochester lost many months of education during the pandemic, Rochester charters have remained committed to providing a consistent, quality education to its students.

Charter schools follow all New York State health and safety guidelines for K-12 schools.



ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCES CHARTER SCHOOL



Grades 5 – 8 | AHScharter.org

Academy of Health Sciences Charter School (AHS) prepares students for success in Rochester’s #1 jobs industry—Health Sciences! AHS students learn through student-led, project-based activities. AHS is a free, public charter school in the historic Maplewood District of Rochester. We eagerly welcome all students including those 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 and lunch daily. Full-time school Counselor. Chromebooks for students.

Uniforms: Dress code



Instructional Models

At AHS, our exciting science-themed learning exposes students to new skills and interests. Students learn through field trips, technology, and more. Teachers communicate frequently with parents and parents are involved in events throughout the year!

Academic Offerings

- Health sciences-themed curriculum
- 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.

Clubs and Activities

Enrichment classes daily, plus after school programs and athletics.

What AHS Parents Say

“At AHS, my child likes learning and going to school again.”

“I have seen some improvements that I never thought I would see [in my child].”



CITIZENSHIP & SCIENCE ACADEMY OF ROCHESTER CHARTER SCHOOL (CSA)



Grades K-2 (expanding to 12th grade) | csarochester.org

The Citizenship & Science Academy of Rochester Charter School will provide support, challenges and opportunities for its students, and it will instill the necessary skills and knowledge in math, science, and technology to empower students, through high intellectual standards, preparing them for college, career, and citizenship.

The CSA Rochester Charter School will be a replication of successful schools Syracuse and Utica Academies of Science, and Syracuse Academy of Science and Citizenship.

The CSA Rochester Charter School will open in September 2022 with grades K-2, and we will add an additional grade every subsequent year until it becomes grades K-12.

Location

151 E. Henrietta Rd., Rochester, NY 14620
315-671-5470

Services

School Services

- All students receive free breakfast and lunch daily
- School nurse and counselor on-site

Uniforms: Yes

Instructional Models

CSA Rochester follows the SANY instructional model with an emphasis on STEM and citizenship. We offer a student-centered learning environment that promotes building relationships in an effort to provide students with an opportunity to succeed in an academic learning environment that is challenging, collaborative, and applicable to the real world.

Academic Offerings

- STEM and Coding
- Technology Integration
- Co-Teachers (K-1)
- Intervention Support Teacher (Grade 2)
- Differentiation and Personalized Instruction
- Fine Arts and PE

- College and Career Readiness Focus
- Character Education and SEL Curriculum

There will be Advanced Placement (AP) Courses, Honors Courses, Technology Courses, College Courses at the high school level in the future.

Student Support

- English as a New Language (ENL) Services
- Special Education Services
- Math and Reading Intervention for All Students
- Response to Intervention (RTI)
- Family Engagement and Home-visits



Grades K-6 | rochesterdiscovery.com

Discovery Charter School provides a high-quality education in a safe and supportive learning community for students and families, empowers students with diverse talents, delivers rigorous and culturally relevant instruction, and fosters creativity, inquiry, and strong character development.

Location

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

Services

School Services

DCS 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



DCS features:

- ELA and Math instruction informed by rigorous data monitoring
- Hands-on learning opportunities and field studies in all grades
- Special Education and English as a New Language certified teaching staff
- PE, Visual & Performing Arts “Encores” classes for all students
- Technology integration in classrooms and 1:1 student-device ratio
- Availability of multi-age classrooms
- Student Leadership Crew to foster student agency
- Instruction to fit all learning styles
- A kindergarten extension program
- Low student to teacher ratios
- Student-Led report card conferences
- Long-standing connections with local colleges

All are welcome here!

DCS is a safe and equitable space for all. Every member of our community feels recognized and valued. Staff members develop close relationships with students and their families to provide an educational experience tailored to embrace and enhance their lives.

Approach to Learning, DCS provides:

- a personalized approach: We meet every child where they are and empower them to lead their own learning
- programming that reflects our students’ cultural backgrounds and experiences
- multilingual teachers and staff to facilitate communication with families
- Creative Crews for students to explore different interests and passions
- Student and Staff Equity committees to address bias and increase equity within our school community
- regular staff professional development focusing on equity and anti-bias trainings
- an emphasis on Social-Emotional Learning

Innovative Academics

In addition to rich social experiences, DCS provides academically rigorous and culturally relevant instruction for all. We use ongoing data collection to track growth and assess needs. Personally targeted academic goals

and multiple modes of daily instruction empower students to reach their goals and prepare for success in the future.

Student Support

DCS 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 IEP’s/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.



Grades K-12 | emhcharter.org

A school for your child to **BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SUCCEED**

The school's 21 years of 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.



Locations

Elementary School, Grades K-6
27 Zimbrich St., Rochester, NY 14621
585-544-6170

Middle School, Grades 7-8
1069 Joseph Ave., Rochester, NY, 14621
585-544-6170

High School, Grades 9-12
343 State St., 5th Floor Building 10
Rochester, NY, 14650 | 585-544-6170

Services

- Breakfast and lunch cooked on site
- Full-time nurse, counselors, social workers
- Social-emotional and academic supports

- Family support services
- Before & After school program with snack and dinner

Uniforms: Yes

Instructional Models

Students at EMHCS learn Spanish K-12 and are eligible to earn the Seal of Biliteracy. EMHCS is a network school under EL Education, engaging students in their learning through expeditions, case studies and projects. Students demonstrate ownership of their learning when they participate in Student Led Conferences. Crew allows students to build positive connections with their peers and with their crew leader. At EMHCS we are CREW!

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-6 starting at 7:00am

After: EMHCS offers an Enrichment Learning After School Program from 4:00pm-5:30pm

Athletic Program

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

School Clubs

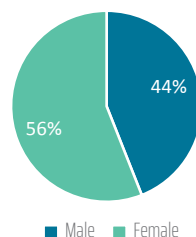
- Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute
- Student Government
- Dance Club
- Book Club
- Sports Club
- Art Club
- Lego Robotics
- Drumming Club
- Culture Club
- Chess Club
- Music Club

What Parents Say

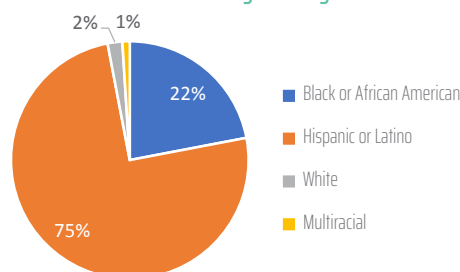
"EMHCS is my school of choice. My oldest graduated and my youngest is currently in the middle school."

Demographics

Enrollment by Gender 2019-20

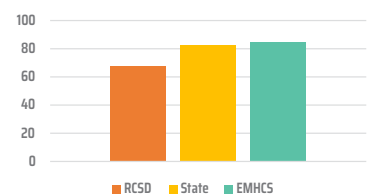


Enrollment by Ethnicity



School Performance

Graduation Rate



EXPLORATION ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Grades K-5 | 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

- All students receive breakfast, lunch, as well as a daily snack
- Full-time Nurse, Counselor, Social Worker, Deans and Campus Mentors
- Multi-Tiered System of Support—addressing both social emotional and academic needs of all learners
- Quarterly 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.

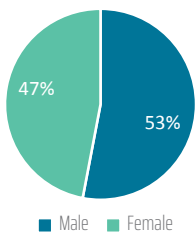
Community Partnership Programs

- Rochester Museum & Science Center
- Education Success Foundation
- Food Link
- Cornell Cooperative Extension Office
- Maplewood YMCA
- EnCompass Learning
- Catholic Family Center
- Children's Institute

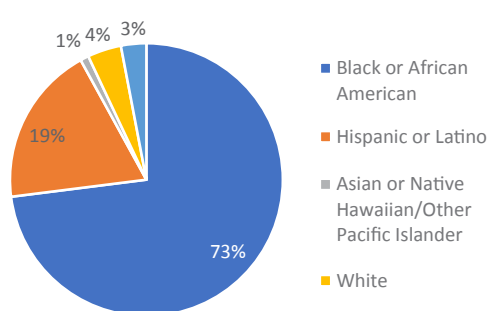


Demographics

Enrollment by Gender 2019-20



Enrollment by Ethnicity 2019-20



Every Child. Every Family. Every Day.

Grades K-6 | gccschool.org

The Genesee Community Charter School (GCCS)—among the highest performing Expeditionary Learning (EL) schools in the nation—is located on the campus of the Rochester Museum & Science Center.

GCCS enrolls approximately 220 students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Beginning in 2022-23, GCCS will open its Flour City campus to enroll another 90 students in kindergarten through second grade, expanding one grade annually until 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 student's own cultural backgrounds to explore the Rochester community as our "home." Learn more about our school community by watching the video online.

Location

GCCS - River Campus, Grades K-6

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

NEW: Flour City Campus coming fall 2022, Grades K-2
(Expanding one grade annually until sixth grade)

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 with a focus on project-based learning and multi-disciplinary integration of English and Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, the Arts, and some Math into 12 week units of study called "Expeditions." Genesee Community Charter School believes fostering character is equally important to academic instruction and empowers students to be leaders of their own learning while discovering their place in our diverse community.



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

Student Support

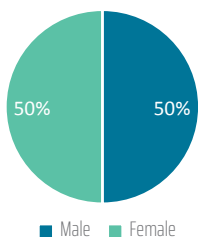
- All classrooms have 2 full time teachers and 1 full time teaching assistant
- Social Emotional Learning and Restorative Justice
- Reading and Math Intervention Specialists
- English as a New Language Services
- Special Education Services (through district of residence)

Community Partnership Programs

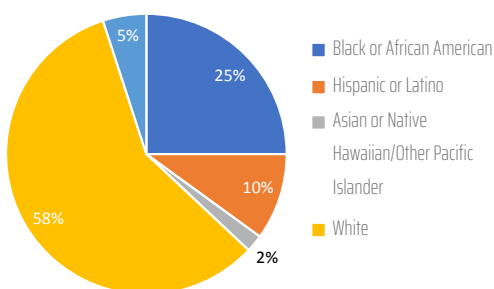
- Rochester Museum & Science Center
- EL Education
- St. John Fisher College
- Our own families!

Demographics

Enrollment by Gender 2019-20

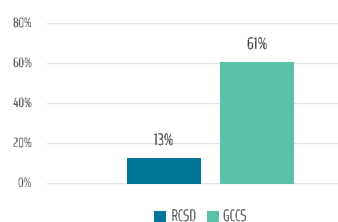


Enrollment by Ethnicity 2019-20

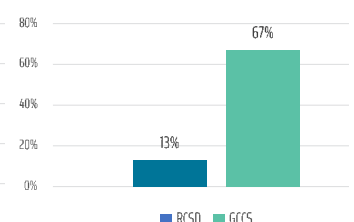


School Performance

Grades 3-8 ELA Assessment 2018-19



Grade 3-8 Math Assessment 2018-19



RENAISSANCE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS



Grades K-6 | renacad.org

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.

RA employs a Family Services Coordinator who works with families to ensure their needs are met.

Uniforms: Yes



Instructional Models

Renaissance Academy provides an educational program using research-proven, rigorous curricula in all subject areas. Within the instructional day are blocks of time specifically dedicated to whole group and small group instruction in co-taught classrooms as well as an additional 30 minute ACE (Academic Collaboration and Enrichment) block of time, dedicated to meeting the needs of all students. The arts are integrated into instruction to leverage learning in both the arts and core content areas as well as providing skills-based arts instruction. RA also has a strong emphasis on the social-emotional well-being and growth of students through the use of mindfulness, morning meetings, Second Step, and our Positivity Project (P2) curriculum.

Academic Offerings

RA provides high quality units of study. Thematic units are the basis of ELA, Math, 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 a library curriculum.

Co- and Extracurricular 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.

Students are able to sign up for our after school enrichment program that has vast offerings. Some of our most popular clubs are Cooking and Crafting Around the World, Ballet, Sports Club, Mad Scientists, and Girls on the Run.

Community Partnership Programs

- Center for Youth (CFY)
- Catholic Family Services
- St. John Fisher College
- Garth Fagan Dance School
- Rochester Broadway Theatre League
- Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha

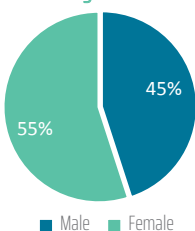
Student Support

- Special Education Coordinator and Service Providers (through home district of residence)

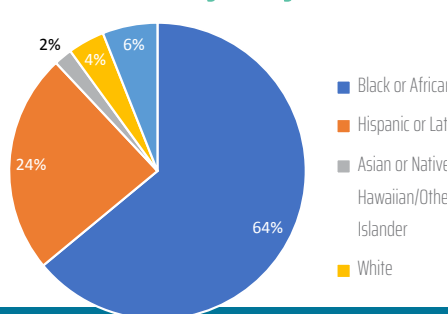
- English as a Second Language instruction
- Dean of Students
- Therapy Dog, Remy, participates in classroom social-emotional learning lessons and with individual students
- Literacy Specialist, Math Specialist, Academic Intervention Specialists
- Social Worker
- School Psychologist
- School Nurse
- Family Services Coordinator
- 1 Lead teacher and 1 Assistant teacher per classroom
- ICOT classrooms and 15:1 Special Education Classrooms

Demographics

Enrollment by Gender 2021-22



Enrollment by Ethnicity 2021-22



ROCHESTER ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL (RACS)



Grades K-12 | racschool.com

RACS is consistently 1st among all district and charter high schools in Rochester for its high graduation rate.

RACS is also ranked first among all Rochester Charter High Schools by US News in 2020.

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-4

310 Hinchey Rd.
Gates, NY 14624
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: Yes



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 Olympiad
- Science Fair
- Robotics
- Math Counts
- Yearbook Club
- Outdoor Experience
- Peer Mentoring
- Weight Training
- Student Councils

Student Support

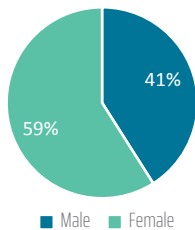
- Special Education (Consultant Teacher and Resource Room)
- English as a New Language
- Academic Intervention Services

Community Partnership Programs

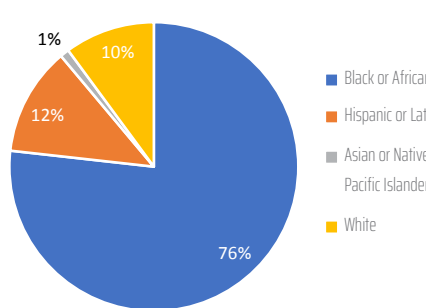
- Strategies To Success – Action for a Better Community (ABC)
- Science and Technology Entry Program—Monroe Community College (MCC)
- NYGearUp – Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
- Scholarship Through Blood Drives—Red Cross
- Research Study—University of Rochester

Demographics

Enrollment by Gender 2019-20

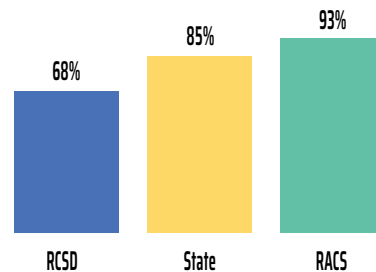


Enrollment by Ethnicity 2019-20



School Performance

Graduation Rates 2020



Grades K-1 (expanding to K-12) | rocsci.org

RocSci is a tuition-free, college preparatory school. Our mission is to provide an excellent K-12 academic experience that ensures all students are prepared for college and careers of the highest potential as academically, socially, emotionally, and physically well-rounded and contributing citizens.

Our program offers a STEM-infused college preparatory curriculum, character development and social-emotional learning. Our teachers receive ongoing professional development and use data-driven decision-making to provide instructional support for students.

RocSci is part of the Buffalo Academy of Science Charter Schools, one of the top-performing charter schools in New York. 100% of our graduates are accepted into college.

Location

545 Humboldt St., Rochester, NY 14610 | 585-736-8786

Services

School Services: Students receive free breakfast, lunch and snacks. Every student receives a chrome book to use in class.

Uniforms: Students are required to wear the RocSci uniform. All students receive two free RocSci uniform shirts and are able to purchase additional shirts.

Transportation: Transportation is provided by the home district of each student. Transportation is provided to all RCSD students who live more than 1.5 miles from the school.

Instructional Models

RocSci offers a variety of instructional models to ensure that we are meeting the needs of every student. Examples include the use of small group instruction, whole-class direct instruction, and experiential learning. Our curriculum is STEM-infused beginning in kindergarten. Every day our students receive social emotional learning, which includes beginning each day with a community circle in class.

Academic Offerings

Our curriculum offers a wide range of courses in the humanities and STEM fields with a strong alignment to NYS subject standards, and allows for differentiated instruction within each classroom. Differentiated instruction allows our teachers the flexibility to meet and respond to the individual needs of each student. Our high school will offer a variety of Advanced Placement Courses.

Clubs and Activities

RocSci offers a robust list of clubs and activities! These can include, but are not limited to, theater, music, dance, engineering, computer science, and a variety of sports clubs.

School Performance

RocSci will begin taking the NYS tests in the 2024-2025 school year when we will have our first group of third graders.



ROCHESTER PREP CHARTER SCHOOLS

Uncommon Schools
ROCHESTER PREP

Grades K-12 | rochesterprep.org

As one of the few K-12 charter schools in Rochester, Rochester Prep students are immersed in college-prep culture from day one. Our teachers infuse joy into every day, creating an active engaged learning environment and preparing every student to succeed in college and beyond.



Locations

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

Elementary School - West Campus, Grades K-4, 305 Andrews St., Rochester, NY 14604, 585-368-5100

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

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

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

Middle School #3, Grades 5-6 (Expanding to grade 8 by 2024)
85 St. Jacob St., Rochester, NY 14621
585-498-4455

High School, Grades 9-12
14 Mark St., Rochester, NY 14605
585-368-5111

Services

School Services

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

Uniforms: Yes



Instructional Models

Our students engage in cross-cultural studies each year starting in Kindergarten. We teach our students to value themselves and each other. We ask them to read diverse authors, to debate their ideas in class, to engage with global issues during and after school, and to be part of a strong community. We develop our students' voices not only because they will need them to succeed, but because the world needs to hear them.

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. We are pleased to offer formal special education programs to students who may need additional support or are English Language Learners. Our goal is to ensure every child has the tools needed to succeed.

Sports

Rochester Prep High School recently opened their state of the art gym to host their 9 Varsity sports programs, including modified football. Our middle schools also offer a variety of modified and JV sports programs.

Notable Achievements

- Our 2020 Girls Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Cheerleading teams were named a NYSPHAA Academic Award winners for having 75% of the team having over a 90% average in the classroom.
- Five RPHS students were named as NYSPHSAA scholar athletes.
- Two RPHS Seniors were named Questbridge Scholars with full scholarships to Boston University and Washington University in St. Louis.

Clubs and Activities

Being a full K-12 program, Rochester Prep has a lengthy list of clubs and offerings that are updated every year.

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.

UNIVERSITY PREP CHARTER SCHOOL (UPREP)



UPREP ROCHESTER

Grades 7-12 | upreprochester.org

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

Sports

- Baseball
- Football
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field

Before & After School Program

Before:

- Open-door policy for morning parents visits

After:

- Tutoring
- Exam Prep
- Credit Recovery
- PM School

Clubs and Activities

- Arts/Performing Arts
- Chess Club
- Math Club
- College Club/Visits
- Field Studies
- Music/Band
- Masterminds
- Public Speaking/Poetry Slam
- Work-based Learning

Student Support

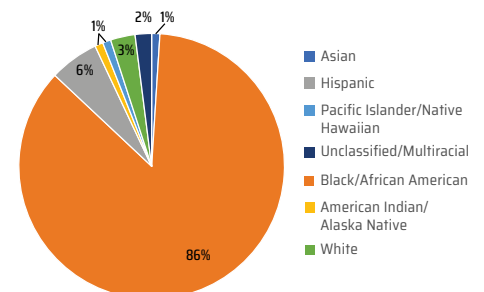
- Tutoring
- Exam Prep
- ESOL
- Social-Emotional Support
- Credit Recovery
- Foreign Language
- Special Education (ICOT & Resource)
- Field Trips

Community Partnership Programs

- Center for Youth
- City of Rochester
- Pathways to Peace

Demographics: All boys

Enrollment by Ethnicity 2020-2021



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

1020 Maple St., Rochester, NY 14611
585-288-5702

Services

School Services

- Free breakfast and lunch for all students
- Smile Mobile (dental services) available to all students

- East High School vision program available to students who need glasses
- One-to-one Chromebooks for all students

Uniforms: Yes

Instructional Models Cooperative Learning Groups, Workshop Model

Academic Offerings

- Wit and Wisdom Reading Program
- Eureka Math Program
- Science BOCES Science Kits
- Social Studies
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Art
- Instrumental Lessons
- Field Trips

Student Support

- Special Education Teachers (Consultant and Resource)
- English Language Learners Teacher
- Response to Intervention Teachers
- Student Support Services Coordinator
- Dean of Students
- Behavior Interventionists (Help Zone)
- Social Worker
- Counselor
- Each K-4 classroom has a Teaching Assistant
- 8:1 ratio of students to staff

Sports

- Modified Basketball (Boys and Girls)
- Modified Track and Field (Boys and Girls)

After School Program

- Monday-Friday 3:30pm-6:00pm
- Center for Youth after-school program is offered free for 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, crafts, field trips, family events and more.
- Dinner is provided for free every day.

Clubs and Activities

- **Project Boost:** Enrichment Program helping students to gain skills and talents necessary for success. Project Boost supports academic, social-emotional, cultural enrichment and community engagement.
 - Esports engages students to problem solve and collaborate in innovative ways.
 - Arts Education encompasses hands-on

visual art, music and creative movement to teach academic content and strengthen social-emotional learning.

- Robotics provides engaging programs in coding and robotics.

Student Council:

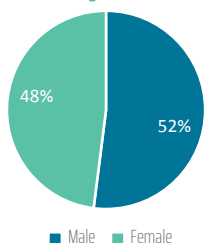
Student Council provides students a voice in decisions being made on their behalf. There are two student councils: Grades 1-4 and Grades 5-8. Each homeroom has a representative who serves as a liaison between students and staff, helping to plan activities and events for the school. They also make suggestions and bring ideas to the Leadership Team and take leadership roles in various ways throughout the school.

Community Partnership Programs

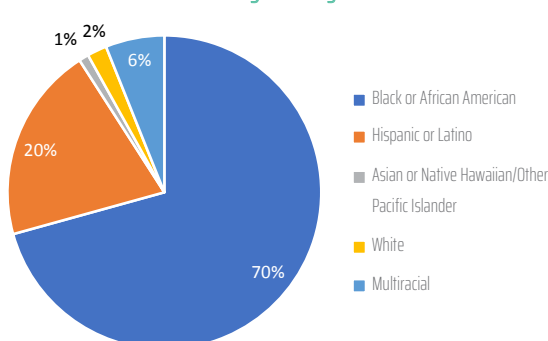
- Center for Youth
- Pencils and Paper
- SmileMobile
- Colin F Kennedy Foundation
- Center for Educational Innovation
- Foodlink
- Jewish Family Services
- East High vision program
- Volunteer program

Demographics

Enrollment by Gender 2019-20



Enrollment by Ethnicity 2019-20



VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL



Vertus HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12 | vertusschool.org

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.
- 1 to 1 technology
- School supplies provided

Uniforms: Yes

Year-round: 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 at MCC, Bryant & Stratton, and SUNY Empire.

Sports

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

Before School Program

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

Clubs and Activities

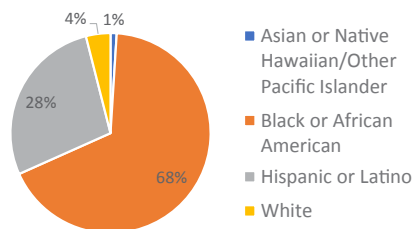
- Music Production Program
- Audio Recording Club
- Barbering
- Volleyball Club
- Construction
- Brothers Keepers
- Robotics
- Literacy Magazine
- Strength & Conditioning
- Video Game Club
- eSports/Video Game Club
- Live student-led FM radio show on 100.9FM
- Student Council
- WXIR The Vertus Way: From Boys to Men
- Yearbook

Student Support

- ELL classes
- Integrated Co-Teaching Model for SPED
- AIS services
- Community Food Pantry
- College & Career preparation
- 24/7 Mentorship/support
- Driver's Ed
- Community Partners
- Youth Voice, One Vision (Mayor's Youth Advisory Council)
- Encompass: Future Ready
- SOAR Youth Leadership
- Junior Achievement
- RCTV Media Center
- WXIR Radio Programming
- Brockport College Summer Tutoring

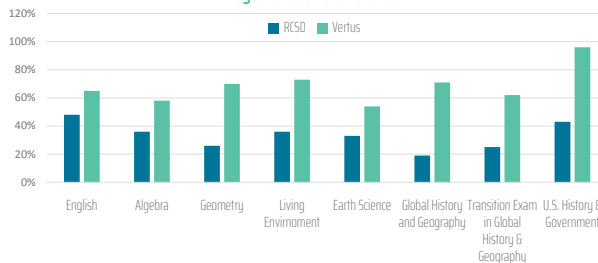
Demographics: All boys

Enrollment by Ethnicity 2021-22



School Performance

Regents Pass Rate 2018-19





YOUNG WOMEN'S COLLEGE PREP (YWCP)

Grades 7-12 | youngwomenscollegeprep.org

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

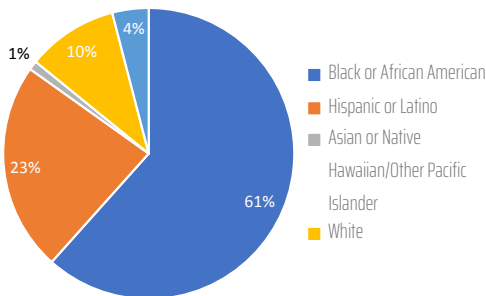
Multiple community partnership programs offered, including:

- R.I.T.
- U of R
- St. John Fisher College and more



Demographics: All girls

Enrollment by Ethnicity 2019-20





Will your child be one of them?

The 2022-23 charter school application is now available at **GoodSchoolsRoc.org**. Rochester parents want a great K-12 public school that offers a quality education and a supportive learning environment for their children.

Safety, special education programs, high graduation rates—these are just some of the reasons parents choose charter schools. **Find out why 7,400 students are currently enrolled at Rochester charter schools.**

Many parents wish they had K-12 school options—and they do at GoodSchoolsRoc.org!

There are 25 free public charter school locations and families of K-12 students can apply to multiple charter schools with a single online application. More than 1,200 seats are expected to be open for the 2022-23 school year.

Charter schools offer parents a choice—Charters have:

- Smaller schools and a positive learning environment where parent and student voices are heard
- Supportive teachers and administrators who get to know your child
- Schools committed to safety and your child's wellbeing
- Programs for English Language Learners
- Programs for special education students and students with IEPs

- Special offerings in health sciences, science & technology, performing and visual arts, dual language programs, hands-on learning, career preparation, college visits
- Quality academics and high graduation rates
- Preparation for college and career
- All male and/or female options
- Athletic programs including football, basketball and cheerleading

1,200 seats are available at Rochester charter schools—apply now.

Get information about each charter school, then apply today at **GoodSchoolsRoc.org**

Need help? Call our Helpline at 585-491-9777.



To the Parent or Guardian of:

C/O E3 Rochester
255 East Avenue - Suite 310, Rochester, NY 14604

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- 5 Academy of Health Sciences Charter School**
Grades 5-8, 1001 Lake Ave.
- 6 Citizenship & Science Academy of Rochester**
Grades K-2 (expanding to 12th grade)
151 E. Henrietta Rd.
- 7 Discovery Charter School**
Grades K-6, 133 Hoover Dr.
- 8 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.
- 9 Exploration Elementary Charter School for Science & Technology**
Grades K-5, 1001 Lake Ave.
- 10 Genesee Community Charter Schools**
Grades K-6, 657 East Ave.
- 11 Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts**
Grades K-6, 299 Kirk Rd.
- 12 Rochester Academy Charter Schools**
a: Grades K-5, 310 Hinchey Rd.
b: Middle School, Grades 6-8, 841 Genesee St.
c: High School, Grades 9-12, 757 Latta Rd.
- 13 Rochester Academy of Science Charter School**
Grades K-1 (expanding to 12th grade)
545 Humboldt St.
- 14 Rochester Prep Charter School**
a: Elementary School, Grades K-4, 899 Jay St.
b: Elementary School - West Campus,
Grades K-4, 305 Andrews St.
c: Elementary School #3, Grades K-4, and
Middle School #3, Grades 5-6
(expanding to 8th grade), 85 St. Jacob St.
d: Middle School - Brooks Campus,
Grades 5-8, 630 Brooks Ave.
e: Middle School - West Campus,
Grades 5-8, 432 Chili Ave.
f: High School, Grades 9-12, 14 Mark St.
- 15 University Preparatory Charter School for Young Men**
Grades 7-12, 1290 Lake Ave.
- 16 Urban Choice Charter School**
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- 17 Vertus High School**
Grades 9-12, 21 Humboldt St.
- 18 Young Women's College Prep Charter School**
Grades 7-12, 133 Hoover Dr.

