

CHOOSE A GOOD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL WITH 1 APPLICATION

# SCHOOL CHOICE IS YOUR CHOICE



## CHARTER SCHOOL SELECTION BOOKLET

Rochester charter schools offer a free, quality public education. Find out why more than 8,000 students have already enrolled. It's easy to learn more and apply with one application.



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# This booklet is for families of children entering a new K-12 school in 2023-24.

**Students who are currently enrolled in a charter school and plan to continue at that school in 2023-24 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 charter schools give city families education options—with 27 campus locations, charters offer quality academics, busing, athletics and after school programs to fit your schedule.

### **What is GoodSchoolsRoc?**

**GoodSchoolsRoc.org** is an application tool that makes it easy for families to learn about and apply to Rochester charter schools. The online application takes about 3-4 minutes to complete.

### **What is a Charter School?**

Charter schools are free 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 welcome all students, including those with special needs and English language learners.

More than 8,000 children attend Rochester charter schools and families have 27 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. Some 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.

## Starting Your Child in Kindergarten

While students may apply to a charter school at any point during their academic career, many parents choose to start their child in kindergarten to give them a firm foundation and positive first school experience.

When students begin at a charter school in kindergarten, they are often accepted into their **first choice school**, avoiding waitlists that may occur at later grades.

Students who enter at a charter school in kindergarten take full advantage of the flexibility, personal attention and strong curriculum charter schools offer. Rochester kindergarten charter schools provide a safe school experience, built on relationships and trust and the flexibility to respond to today's changes and challenges.

## Services and Learning Support

Charter schools accept students who are English language learners, have IEPs or need extra learning support.

## Athletics

Rochester charter schools offer many sports, including baseball, basketball, bowling, cheerleading, cross-country, dance, football, golf, lacrosse, softball, soccer, track & field and volleyball.

## No Entrance Exams

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. Charter schools encourage applications from students who need extra help in school, have IEPs and are English language learners.

## Apply to Multiple Schools

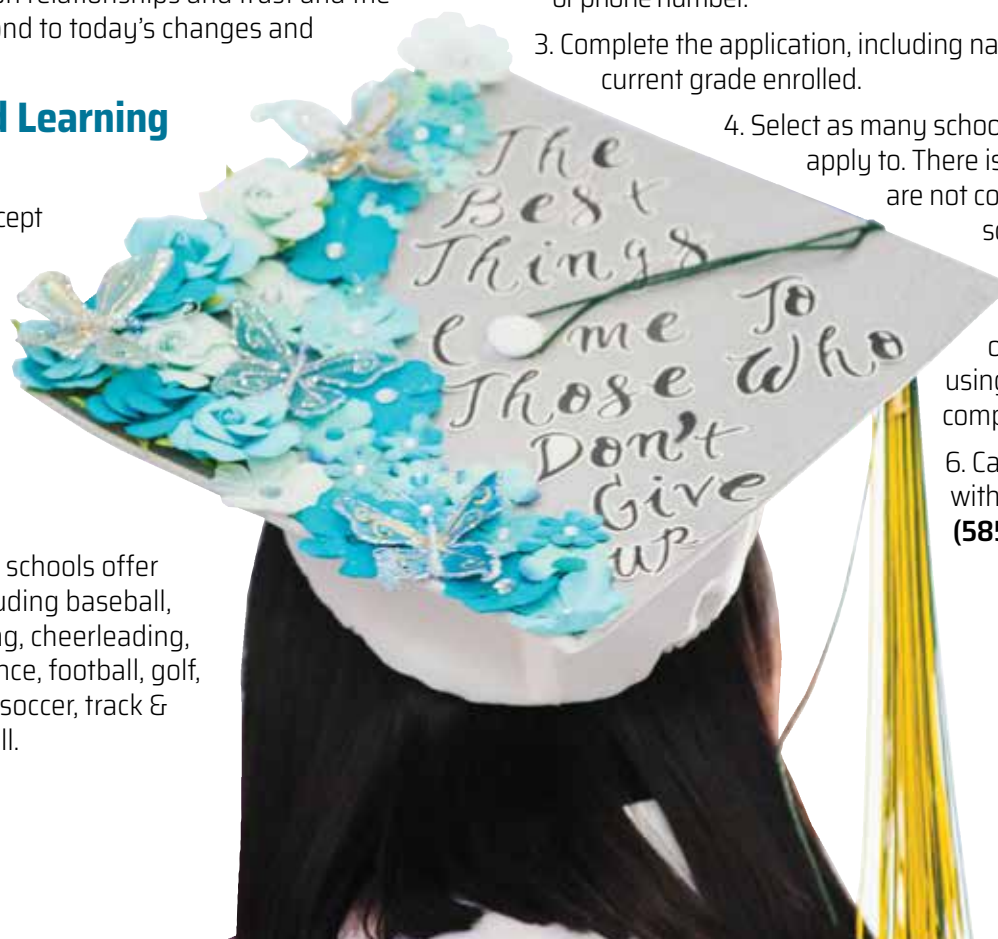
Students can apply to as many schools as they wish. Submitting applications to multiple schools does not hinder a student's chance for enrollment. If a student receives an offer from more than one school, it is up to the family to choose which school to enroll.

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 to apply. 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**.



## Lottery Deadline: April 1

Families will be notified of acceptance for enrollment on or after April 11. 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. Schools that do not receive more applications than openings are able to offer acceptances to all applicants without running a lottery. Chances of getting your first choice school are greatest if you apply by the lottery deadline when schools have the most openings.

The lottery is conducted through a computerized random drawing process. Students who don't receive an enrollment offer are automatically added to school waitlists. Students may receive offers from more than one school. Waitlisted students move up or are given a place as students enroll at their school of choice.

Applications are accepted year round. The sooner you apply after the lottery, the greater the chance of being accepted at the school of your choice.

## Top 10 Reasons to Choose a Charter School

1. As a parent, you are in control. Parents choose a school that best fits their child's needs. There are 27 charter school locations in the Rochester for parents to choose from.
2. Charter schools are free, public schools serving Kindergarten to 12th grade
3. More than 8,000 students are enrolled in Rochester charter schools—about 1/4 of Rochester's K-12 students
4. A commitment to children. Rochester schools put students first and are committed to their education and wellbeing.
5. Smaller class sizes offer individualized learning support.
6. Safety and security are a top priority.
7. Charter schools encourage applications from students who have Special Needs, IEPs or are English Language Learners.
8. Charter schools enroll students of all levels. Charters help students who are struggling and need extra help in school and also students who are right on track or ahead of grade level.
9. You can apply to ALL Rochester charter schools with one simple online application. Just check the boxes where you'd like the application to be sent.
10. Some charter schools have special offerings: health sciences, science & technology, performing and visual arts, dual language programs, or a special focus on hands-on learning.

# ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCES CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades 5 – 8 | [AHScharter.org](http://AHScharter.org)

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

**New location Fall 2023:** 1151 Ridgeway Ave., Rochester, NY 14615



## AHS is focused on the #1 job in our region: health sciences

AHS is a free, public charter school in the historic Maplewood District. Our students learn reading, writing, math, social studies, science, and the arts through the lens of Health Sciences. Health Sciences is about life, service, and innovating to help others thrive. We eagerly welcome all students including those with special needs and English language learners. AHS students will be prepared to choose the best college and career path for them!

### 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].”

### AHS Offers

- Caring teachers
- Rigorous academics
- Enrichment classes in art, music and P.E.
- Clubs based on student interests
- Exciting exploration through field trips every year
- Individualized support based on each student's needs
- Free transportation, breakfast and lunch, and school supplies
- Full-time School Nurse and Counselor on site every day

### What is AHS All About?

We believe everyone can learn and achieve. Our school culture thrives on authentic personal relationships and respect.

AHS students are prepared for college and career.

They develop good study habits, learn how to access college and other opportunities, meet high academic expectations, and embrace risk-taking and new ideas.

We start in Grade 5 to ensure that every student is ready for middle

school learning. Students receive extra support in areas they may have missed in earlier grades.

Students have a voice at our school! Our teachers and staff use data and student input to guide their classrooms. We celebrate what we learn!

We follow NYS learning standards and the best teaching methods to engage students in learning.

**Be Empowered. Now.**





# CITIZENSHIP & SCIENCE ACADEMY OF ROCHESTER CHARTER SCHOOL (CSA)

Grades K-3 (expanding to 12th grade) | [csarochester.org](http://csarochester.org)

151 E. Henrietta Rd., Rochester, NY 14620 | 585-857-9920



## Imagine a school that allows your student to shine

We've taken the best of what we know about learning and brought it to Rochester!

Science Academies of New York Charter Schools (SANY) has brought its highly successful program from Syracuse and Utica to Rochester.

We put children first and pride ourselves on a STEAM-focused and college preparation curriculum. CSA is inclusive, diverse, and creates a positive and supportive learning environment that allows all children to reach their full potential and thrive.



### College Prep

We want students to attend college and graduate from a high-quality, civic-minded program. Over a span of five years, SANY schools have had a 91% or higher college-acceptance rate.

### STEAM & Environment

Real-world problem solving and exploration in science and mathematics, with interactive engagement and collaborations, field trips and regular use of technology.

### Student-Centered & Safe

Our students are our family. Small school environments provide a close-knit, safe environment for learning.

### Glocal Education

Think globally and locally! Our student experience focuses on character-building education, mentorship, community service and citizenship.

### Parent Partnerships

We love working together with our parents and their involvement is a significant part of our student successes.

### Performance & Accountability

Academic excellence achieved through outstanding instructional quality.



# Inspiring every child to reach their full potential

Discovery Charter School (DCS) provides a high-quality education in a safe and supportive learning community for students and families. We empower students with diverse talents, while delivering rigorous and culturally relevant instruction and fostering creativity, inquiry, and strong character development.



## 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.

## Individualized Programing

Teachers, assistants and specialists are committed to helping children learn. We keep class sizes small and offer a personalized approach that meets every child where they are and empowers them to lead their own learning. We work with students to develop personally targeted academic goals and use ongoing data collection to track growth and assess needs.

## Student Supports

Direct services are offered in education, counseling, health consultation, special education/ individual assessment and English language support to help students overcome barriers to learning.

## Why Discovery?

- Programming that reflects our students' cultural backgrounds
- Diverse students, teachers, and staff
- Creative experiences for students to explore different interests and passions
- An emphasis on Social-Emotional Learning
- Outstanding academic performance on NYS assessments
- A personalized approach: We meet every child where they are and empower them



# EUGENIO MARÍA DE HOSTOS CHARTER SCHOOL (EMHCS)

Grades K-12 | [emhcharter.org](http://emhcharter.org)



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

## If a child cannot learn the way we teach, then we will learn to teach the way the child can learn

Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School (EMHCS) offers a safe and nurturing community of learners where students earn the New York State 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.



### What EMHCS Parents Say

**“As a parent, the only thing more amazing than watching your child progress from speaking single words to full sentences is watching your child do it in two languages.”**



### Individualized Teaching Approach

Students learn in many ways. Our caring faculty and staff address different learning styles in their daily instruction and help students make connections between the classroom and the real world through project-based learning experiences. We offer services to support students who need special education programming.



### Dual Language Program

#### • Immersive Experience

All students take English and Spanish in a rich and authentic language environment. Our students experience and celebrate Spanish and English culture, language, and heritage.

#### • Seal of Biliteracy

EMHCS graduates are eligible to earn a New York State Seal of Biliteracy, recognizing proficiency in speaking, listening, reading and writing both English and Spanish. No prior Spanish language experience is necessary.

#### • Benefits

Learning a second language has a positive effect on cognition and improves attention span and focus. Bilingual graduates have an advantage in the workplace when seeking employment.

### Longstanding Success

EMHCS is Rochester's longest standing charter school, educating students for 23 years. We offer all grades K-12, making it possible for your children to graduate from the same school where they began.

### Be Part of a Growing School!

Our school is expanding! We're adding on to our middle school building to create a permanent home for our high school.



# EXPLORATION ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Grades K-5 | [explorationrochester.org](http://explorationrochester.org)

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



## Every Child. Every Family. Every Day.

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.

### Innovation

We are a vibrant and safe school where young learners grow into tomorrow's innovators, communicators, problem-solvers, and collaborators. We use scientific inquiry and a technology-rich environment to prepare students to thrive in the 21st century.

### Student Learning Experiences

Students participate in daily lab-based learning and engage in "hands-on, minds-on learning." Community resources enhance student experiences—including public parks, natural sites, centers of innovation and hospitals—and help students learn about nature, technology, the environment and the human body.

### Our Attributes

- Curious
- Critical Thinking
- Reflective
- Perseverance
- Resourceful



# GENESEE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL (GCCS)

Grades K-6 | [gccschool.org](http://gccschool.org)



GCCS at Rochester Museum and Science Center, Grades K-6: 657 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 | 585-697-1960

GCCS Flour City Campus, Grades K-3 (Expanding one grade annually until sixth grade):  
1100 S. Goodman St., Strong Hall, Rochester, NY 14620 | 585-417-7020

## Our diverse-by-design school erases social and traditional academic boundaries

Genesee Community Charter School (GCCS) provides a rich educational experience that values intellectual rigor, respect for diversity, and community responsibility. Our local history-based and globally-connected program immerses our diverse population of children in investigation and discovery, extensively using the cultural and natural resources of our community. We nurture children's natural abilities to be reflective questioners, articulate communicators, critical thinkers, and skilled problem solvers, enabling them to reach exemplary standards.



### Nationally Recognized

GCCS is among the highest performing experiential learning schools in the nation—right here in Rochester! Our program ranks as one of the most successful K-6 schools, according to the New York State Education Department Performance Index.

### Local Focus and Outdoor Exploration

Our students are immersed in learning expeditions, taking in local history and the natural world. Classes frequently venture into the community for purposeful and rigorous field studies that are integral to their ongoing learning experiences.

### Music Integration

Music, visual arts, dance, and creative movement are integrated into the academic and social life.

### Student Service

We value our students' contributions to solving community issues and making a difference in our community.

### Our School Culture

We rely on parents, students and teachers to create a nurturing, close-knit community. Teachers honor children's ideas, value their questions, and foster their social and emotional growth. Parents are invited to join in school activities and support their children's learning at home, in the classroom and on fieldwork. Students are expected to be kind, considerate and respectful members of the school community.





# INNOVA GIRLS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades K-2 (expanding to K-6) | [innovagirlsacademy.org](http://innovagirlsacademy.org)

546 Oxford St, Rochester, NY 14607 | 585-201-8187



## We've designed a school that will empower your daughter to dream big



Every girl has the potential to be an incredible leader and problem solver.

### Innova is Rochester's Newest School

Be a founding family! We will open our doors for the first time in Fall of 2023. Founding families will have the chance to share input to ensure that our school best meets your family's needs.

### Learning is Fun and Engaging with STEAM!

What's STEAM? It stands for "Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics". The future belongs to those who create! Students have

hands-on learning experiences that allow them to develop innovative thinking and problem-solving skills.

### Every Girl Deserves to See Herself as a Leader

We nurture curiosity and encourage girls to develop confidence so that they are ready to be leaders now and in the future.

### Sisterhood Makes you Strong!

Our students are safe and supported in an all-girls school setting. Our focus on building sisterhood means girls

encourage one another in classrooms that celebrate their individual brilliance and culture.

### A Girl Scouts School

We proudly partner with the Girl Scouts of Western New York to empower young women. Every day at school, girls will engage in leadership development and STEAM activities prepared by the Girl Scouts. Girls will also have access to free summer camp and field trips!

**All Students receive free transportation, breakfast and lunch, a uniform shirt, field trips, school supplies, and a high quality education in a safe environment.**



# RENAISSANCE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Grades K-6 | [renacad.org](http://renacad.org)

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

## Inspired by Arts. Empowered by Learning.

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 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 to make connections among various curricular areas, increase student engagement and ultimately lead to higher levels of student achievement.

### We are the Arts!

The arts are a part of every day! Our school day is structured around the arts to help students embrace learning and retain knowledge. Students experience dance, music, visual arts and drama to become critical thinkers, make connections and solve real-world problems. RA offers a free enrichment program with a variety of classes.

### Rigorous Academics

We give students additional classroom time to study academic areas. Students engage in culturally relevant curriculum that offer high levels of academic expectations with appropriate instruction to help all students succeed.

RA offers:

- Low student to teacher ratios
- Whole group and small group instruction for all students every day
- Personalized instruction based on student data - every student receives exactly what he or she needs to grow!
- Special education classrooms to meet the varying abilities of students
- Support for students who are English Language Learners
- Specialists to provide extra support in academic areas



### Social-Emotional Learning

RA has a strong emphasis on the social-emotional well-being and growth of students. Teachers are trained in trauma-sensitive practices and offer a block of time in each classroom every day dedicated to social-emotional learning of all students. RA's social-emotional program uses mindfulness, restorative practices, Second Step, Positivity Project (P2) curriculum and

our school therapy dog, Remy. RA has 3 mental health professionals on staff dedicated to support the needs of all students.





# ROCHESTER ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL (RACS)

Grades K-12 | [racschool.com](http://racschool.com)

## Elementary School, Grades K-5

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



## Making a positive difference in our student's lives



Rochester Academy Charter School (RACS) academics and high graduation rates have earned us recognition as a “Best High School” in US News and World Report. RACS provides a safe learning environment and is the school of choice for students, families, teachers, and partners who value readiness for college through a STEM-focused education.

### Our Students Succeed

At RACS, expectations run high. We are committed to relentless intervention—doing what it takes to see every student graduate and move on to college or career intellectually prepared and emotionally secure for the challenges ahead. In the Class of 2022, 90% of students graduated with Regents Diploma.

### Student-Centered Academics

Students master rigorous academic standards in all subjects, build critical

thinking skills, and develop a lasting love of learning. Through exposure to and respect for diverse perspectives, we prepare students to tackle new situations confidently and successfully. We commit to:

- Provide students with the skills and experiences necessary to master NYS Learning Standards
- Focus on mathematics and science to encourage students to pursue STEM fields in college or career
- Build a strong system to provide individualized attention

- Use research-based methods to access performance and promote student success
- Build strong parent/student/school relationships
- Require enhanced professional development for staff members
- Build partnerships with community organizations and other educational institutions

### Shared Expectations & School Safety

We expect more from students by challenging them with demanding academics. We expect more from teachers and hold them accountable for providing students with the motivation, inspiration and support they need to achieve. We expect more from administrators and staff by making sure they do everything possible to give students a safe, secure school environment where learning is the top always priority one.

# ROCHESTER ACADEMY OF SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL (ROCSCI)

Grades K-2 & 9 (expanding to K-12) | [rocscicharterschools.org](http://rocscicharterschools.org)



K-2: 545 Humboldt St., Rochester, NY 14610 | 585-484-1121  
 Grade 9: 150 Floverton St., Rochester, NY 14610 | 585-484-1121



## Curiosity to learn. Courage to lead.

RocSci provides an excellent K-12 STEM-infused academic experience where students are prepared for college and careers as academically, socially, emotionally, and physically well-rounded and contributing citizens. RocSci is part of the Buffalo Academy of Science Charter Schools, one of the top-performing charter schools in New York.

RocSci envisions a society where historical urban academic and income disparities are eliminated and students are ready to carry the torch of knowledge, freedom, equity, and prosperity.

RocSci is excited to partner with the Eastman Museum! This partnership allows our students an opportunity for exciting project-based learning activities all throughout the school year.



### 100% Graduation

With 100% graduation rates and 100% college acceptances, our students are able to carve their paths and choose their career trajectories. With an academic foundation grounded in strong academics, social-emotional learning, and character development, our graduates go

on to make meaningful impacts in their communities.

### Key Features

- **STEM-infused** college preparation that is vital for access to 21st-century careers
- **Data-driven approach** to close education gaps and support every individual student

- **Character development** emphasizes social-emotional learning & physical well-being
- **Teacher training** ensures ongoing professional development, coaching, mentorship, and professional learning
- **Small class sizes** and a **two-teacher model** allows for individualized support



# ROCHESTER PREP CHARTER SCHOOLS

Grades K-12 | [rochesterprep.org](http://rochesterprep.org)

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

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

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

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

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

Uncommon Schools

ROCHESTER PREP

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

**Middle School #3, Grades 5-7 (Expanding to grade 8 by 2024)**  
85 St. Jacob St., Rochester, NY 14621  
585-498-4455

## Our K-12 Promise

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.

### Individualized Approach

We recognize the unique needs of each student. We serve all students including students with IEP, 504s and ELL. Teachers use assessment data to target daily lesson and meet students' academic levels, guiding them to success.

### K-12 Promise

From state test results college acceptance, Rochester Prep students shine.

**Elementary**—Emotional intelligence curriculum that teaches students how to process emotions. Within the first few weeks of school, all students' reading levels are assessed and a plan for success is formed. As part of the college-going culture classrooms are named after

colleges/universities. Our 3rd & 4th grade students can participate in our Suzuki Strings orchestra program. This program will continue into Middle School as their talent grows.

**Middle**—Starting in 5th grade your child will begin experiencing more advanced coursework. Students are encouraged to develop independence and explore their individual passions. We offer modified and JV sports along with various clubs and intramurals. Additionally, end of the year overnight trips to various cities and college tours are planned to celebrate a successful year.

**High School**—The home stretch—your child is empowered to develop their leadership capabilities both in the classroom and real-world. The diverse and rigorous

curriculum is designed to prepare them for the demands of college and beyond.

- 16 Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- “High School 2.0” elective block designed to help students explore their interests.
- Unique relationship with RIT with direct, often financially supported, access to summer programming opportunities at RIT.
- 11th and 12th grade “Capstone” project, working directly with RIT professors on campus.
- Our College Access & Success Team, a five-person team unique to Rochester Prep, works to directly support students and families with the college application, acceptance, and admissions process at the start of 11th grade.

### Setting the Bar High

**State Exams**—Rochester Prep continues to outperform local district and peer charters in state exams. Students who have been with us for 4+ years pass NYS Math & ELA exams at >13% higher than recently joined peers.

**Scholarship Success**—At our high school, the Questbridge scholarship is arguably the most competitive national college scholarship program for underserved students. If matched, the award provides students the opportunity to attend elite colleges on a full-ride scholarship. We are so proud to have multiple Questbridge scholars match at our high school over the past several years!



### Supportive, Safe Community

Students feel loved and nurtured so they can be their best each and every day. We partner with families to provide a supportive and safe environment for all students to thrive while they master academics.





# UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL FOR YOUNG MEN (UPREP)

Grades 7-12 | [uprep.org](http://uprep.org)

With plans to expand to include grade 6 in 2023, pending NY State approval. Visit [uprep.org](http://uprep.org) for more information.

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



## Why UPREP

- 98% graduation rate
- 100% of graduates prepared for college or career
- High daily attendance rates
- Small classes sizes
- Active parent involvement
- Student support through grade level management and mentorship
- Section V Class AA Athletics

## Key Design Elements

Our 10 key design elements provide an innovative education for young men in our city.

- All-male student environment
- Meet the needs of male learners
- College & career readiness focus
- Daily student support check-ins
- Inquiry & self-discovery based instruction
- Student-centered, data-driven individualized instruction
- Safe, disciplined and nurturing school culture
- Priority placed on reflection, positive relationships and productive work habits
- Introductory summer program for incoming students
- Ongoing professional development

## Career & Technical Education Center (CTE)

Young men at UPREP gain important hands-on experiences in culinary arts, machining, building trades and information technology where students gain foundational skills to prepare them for college study or to compete for meaningful employment. UPREP works with local colleges to help students gain access to programs, such as machining, following graduation.

Our student-run restaurant, Griffin Café, is open weekly to the public.

# Changing the Narrative for Young Men in 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.

Young men in Rochester thrive at UPREP, supported by student empowerment, personalized attention and a consistent focus on successful instructional outcomes. We celebrate the diversity of our students and value equity, brotherhood, hard work, trust and safety.

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.



# URBAN CHOICE CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades K-8 | [urbanchoicecharter.org](http://urbanchoicecharter.org)

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



URBAN CHOICE  
CHARTER SCHOOL

Urban Choice will not reopen for the fall of 2023

# VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12 | [vertusschool.org](http://vertusschool.org)

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



# Vertus

HIGH SCHOOL



## We are Our Brother's Keepers We are Leaders of Character We are Vertus Men

### Year Round, High Quality Academics

We combine high-tech, self-paced online learning with traditional classroom experiences to meet each student where he is academically and support him to accelerate his growth no matter whether he is far behind, on track or advanced. Our year-round calendar provides more learning time so that students can meet all the requirements for graduation and prepare for careers or college. Our students exceed national academic benchmarks.

### Vertus Men

We focus on three virtues: courage, leadership, and responsibility. Weekly awards recognize academic achievement and character growth. Sports, field trips, extracurricular activities, college courses and work opportunities help students understand the world and grow as leaders. Employers tell us they can always spot a Vertus student because Vertus students relate to adults maturely and confidently and can be counted on to be a good worker.

### College and Career Preparation

After graduation, each student chooses the path that is right for him: college, technical training, military service or starting a career. Our partnerships with colleges offer free opportunities to prepare students for whatever path they choose. Once a Vertus man, always a Vertus man – we've got your back.

### A Joyful Place

Visit the school and you'll see young men smiling, working together in teams—happy about the progress they are making and the opportunities they see for themselves.

### 90% 5-year Graduation Rate

Some students come to us needing a little extra time. That's OK. What matters is that each student is able to catch up and be prepared for a good job or more education.



### Defying the Odds

Through unprecedented individual support and consistently high expectations for academic success and character growth, we help every young man who comes to us succeed.

### Built on Relationships

Each student is part of a small learning team led by a full-time mentor and guide called a preceptor. Preceptors create a safe and supportive environment and share responsibility for student success. Our supportive relationships create a bond that assures each student that there is someone here who cares about him personally and helps him achieve his goals.





# YOUNG WOMEN'S COLLEGE PREP (YWCP)

Grades 7-12 | [youngwomenscollegeprep.org](http://youngwomenscollegeprep.org)

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



## We believe in educating the whole girl and meeting her individual needs

Young Women's College Prep (YWCP) 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.



### Strong Female Voices

We support young women to achieve excellence in and out of the classroom, helping them to develop the strong voices they will need to be leaders.

### Why All Girls?

Students in a single gender school are more likely to feel better connected to their schools and are more likely to develop strong relationships with their teachers. They are also more likely to pursue academic paths according to their talents and interests rather than follow gender stereotypes.

Most importantly, a single-gender environment provides the opportunity for YWCP to integrate strong female role models and create an atmosphere that emphasizes girl-power, leadership and self-confidence.

### Our Focus is Her Success

We support our students through a daily advisory program, college counseling, and development of leadership skills. Small class sizes, individualized instruction, and our rigorous STEM curriculum ensure that our students are prepared ready to be competitive college applicants and to succeed in higher education pursuits.



To the Parent or Guardian of:

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Map number corresponds with the page number each school can be found within this guide.

- 5 Academy of Health Sciences Charter School**  
Grades 5-8, 1151 Ridgeway Ave. (New location Fall 2023)
- 6 Citizenship & Science Academy of Rochester**  
Grades K-3 (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-6, 27 Zimbrich St.  
**b:** Middle School, Grades 7-8, 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**  
**a:** At the RMSC, Grades K-6, 657 East Ave.  
**b:** Flour City Campus, Grades K-3, (expanding to 6th grade), 1100 Goodman St, Strong Hall
- 11 Innova Girls Academy**  
Grades K-2 (expanding to 6th grade), 546 Oxford St.
- 12 Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts**  
Grades K-6, 299 Kirk Rd.
- 13 Rochester Academy Charter Schools**  
**a:** Elementary School, Grades K-5, 310 Hinchey Rd.  
**b:** Middle School, Grades 6-8, 841 Genesee St.  
**c:** High School, Grades 9-12, 1757 Latta Rd.
- 14 Rochester Academy of Science Charter School (RocSci)**  
**a:** Grades K-2 (expanding to 8th grade),  
545 Humboldt St.  
**b:** 9th grade (expanding to 12th grade), 150 Floverton St.
- 15 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 5-7  
(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.
- 16 University Preparatory Charter School for Young Men**  
Grades 7-12, 1290 Lake Ave.
- 17 Urban Choice Charter School**  
Grades K-8, 1020 Maple St.
- 18 Vertus High School**  
Grades 9-12, 21 Humboldt St.
- 19 Young Women's College Prep Charter School**  
Grades 7-12, 133 Hoover Dr.

