

**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 8,500 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 2024-25.

Students who are currently enrolled in a charter school and plan to continue at that school in 2024-25 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 learning needs and English language learners.

More than 8,500 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 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.

A student may only accept an offer at one school, even if they receive offers from multiple schools. When a student accepts an offer at their school of choice, all other registrations or acceptances are automatically declined or withdrawn. Accepting an offer does not change waitlist status at other schools and the student will not be removed from existing waitlists.

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's school will contact you about continuing in the next grade level.



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. If you do not have an email address or phone number to provide, call the HelpLine for assistance.
3. Complete the application, including name, address and grade applying to.
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**.

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.

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.

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 Rochester for parents to choose from.

2 Charter schools are free, public schools serving Kindergarten to 12th grade.

3 More than 8,500 students are enrolled in Rochester charter schools—more than 30% of Rochester's K-12 students.

4 Rochester charter 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 learning needs, IEPs or are English Language Learners.

8 Charter schools enroll students of all levels, including students who are struggling and need extra help or students who are on track or ahead.

9 Some charter schools have special offerings: health sciences, science and technology, performing and visual arts, dual language programs, or a special focus on hands-on learning.

10 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.

ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCES CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades 5-8 | AHScharter.org

1151 Ridgeway Ave., Rochester, NY 14615 | 585-254-1003



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

AHS is a free, public charter school. 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 & 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-4 (expanding to 12th grade) | 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



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.

Academics

EMHCS is committed to your child's education. The instructional staff and school leaders know and understand a positive educational experience's impact on each child's unique light and potential. In partnership with EL Education, EMHCS provides a model implementing a core curriculum focusing on three dimensions: mastery of knowledge and skills, character, and high-quality work that puts each child at the center of their learning. All stakeholders at EMHCS believe that all young people have the potential to become lifelong change-makers who realize their unique vision rooted in their identity, knowledge, and skills.

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 to our middle school building to create a permanent home for our high school and a Freshman Academy.

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."



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EXPLORATION ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Grades K-5 | 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
- Perseverance
- Critical Thinking
- Resourceful
- Reflective



GENESEE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOLS (GCCS)

Grades K-6 | gccschool.org



Genesee Community
Charter Schools

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

GCCS Flour City Campus, Grades K-4 (Expanding one grade annually until sixth grade):

1100 S. Goodman St., Strong Hall, Rochester, NY 14620 | 585-417-7020

We are Genesee, forming ripples in our community

Genesee Community Charter Schools (GCCS) provide 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 expeditionary 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.

Arts 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.



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INNOVA GIRLS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades K-3 (expanding to K-6) | innovagirlsacademy.org

546 Oxford St., Rochester, NY 14607 | 585-603-2820



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



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

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

Innova is Rochester's Newest School

We opened in 2023 and are excited to return for our second year. As a new school, all of our families are part of the founding community. 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!

RENAISSANCE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Grades K-6 | 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 life skills 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 three mental health professionals on staff dedicated to support the needs of all students.



ROCHESTER ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL (RACS)

Grades K-12 | 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



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 STEAM-focused education.



Our Students Succeed

At RACS, expectations run high. We are committed to relentless intervention—doing whatever 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 2023, 89% of students graduated with a 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 STEAM fields in college or career

- Build a strong system to provide individualized attention
- Use research-based methods to assess 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 always the top priority.

ROCHESTER ACADEMY OF SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL (ROCSCI)

Grades K-3 & 9-10 (expanding to K-12)
rocscicharterschools.org

K-3: 545 Humboldt St., Rochester, NY 14610 | 585-484-1121

Grade 9-10: 150 Floverton St., Rochester, NY 14610 | 585-666-9596



Curiosity to learn. Courage to lead.

RocSci provides an excellent K-12 STEAM-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

- **STEAM-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
- Our **two-teacher model** allows for individualized support
- We offer free after school clubs, including competitive robotics club in high school

ROCHESTER PREP CHARTER SCHOOLS

Grades K-12 | rochesterprep.org

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

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

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

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

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

St. Jacob Campus Middle School
Grades 5-8, 85 St. Jacob St.
Rochester, NY 14621 | 585-498-4455

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

Uncommon Schools

ROCHESTER PREP

Curious. Confident. College Prepared.



When your student starts with us in Kindergarten, they stay with us through high school graduation.



We serve all students, including students with IEPs, 504 plans, and English-language learners.



Free breakfast, lunch & school supplies provided for ALL families.



Transportation provided by the district depending on distance (1.5 miles or further).



Elementary School

Your child will establish a strong academic foundation while developing a love of learning.

Focus on literacy:

Individual assessment and a personalized reading plan for every student

Emotional Learning Curriculum:

Lessons to help students identify and process emotions

Advisory Support:

Advisors for every student

Weekly Whole-School Moments:

Performances, Guest Speakers, Student Recognitions, and Dance Parties

Electives:

Physical Education, Art, and Music — including Choir & Drumming and more



Middle School

Your child will experience more advanced coursework while developing independence.

Special Content Areas:

100 minutes of ELA, 90 minutes of math, science and history. All 8th-grade students take Algebra I & Living Environment Regents Courses

Competitive Sports:

JV 7th/8th Modified Football, 7th/8th Modified Girls' & Boys' Basketball

After-school & Intramural Clubs:

STEP, Choir, Brass Ensemble, Art, Agriculture Club, Student Government, Newspaper, Soccer, Fitness & Book Club

Field Trips:

Altitude, Horizon, Urban Air, Darien Lake, and Seabreeze - to name a few!

End of Year Trips:

Overnight field trips to various cities, which include a college campus tour!

High School

Your child will experience a rigorous curriculum that will prepare them for the demands of college and help them discover their passions.

16 Advanced Placement (AP) courses:

Biology, Statistics, World History, Design, Physics, Computer Science, Studio Art, U.S. Government + more

JV and Varsity Athletics:

Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Bowling, Baseball, and Cheerleading!

Arts & Engineering:

Four pathways - Digital Design, Fine Arts, Robotics and Theatre

HS Programming:

Students explore interests including mock trial, baking, social justice, and podcasting

Partnership with RIT:

11th & 12th grade Capstone project with RIT professors taking place on campus



Uncommon Rochester Prep High School students conduct college-level research through our partnership with the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Working with RIT professor and Dean Andre Hudson's science lab, three Rochester Prep students discovered a rare bacterium that kills E. coli — and were published as co-authors on a scientific paper.

99%
graduation rate

88%
of graduating seniors accepted to a 4-year college/university

47%
of graduating seniors received full-ride scholarships to pursuing a college education

UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL FOR YOUNG MEN (UPREP)

Grades 6-12 | uprep.org

Grades 6 & 7: 1001 Lake Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613 | 585-672-1280

Grades 8-12: 1290 Lake Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613 | 585-672-1280



Why UPREP

- 81% 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.

- 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.

VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12 | 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

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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- 6 Academy of Health Sciences Charter School**
Grades 5-8, 1151 Ridgeway Ave.
- 7 Citizenship & Science Academy of Rochester**
Grades K-4 (expanding to 12th grade)
151 E. Henrietta Rd.
- 8 Discovery Charter School**
Grades K-6, 133 Hoover Dr.
- 9 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.
- 10 Exploration Elementary Charter School for Science & Technology**
Grades K-5, 1001 Lake Ave.
- 11 Genesee Community Charter Schools**
a: At the RMSC, Grades K-6, 657 East Ave.
b: Flour City Campus, Grades K-4, (expanding to 6th grade), 1100 Goodman St., Strong Hall
- 12 Innova Girls Academy**
Grades K-3 (expanding to 6th grade), 546 Oxford St.
- 13 Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts**
Grades K-6, 299 Kirk Rd.
- 14 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 Lafta Rd.
- 15 Rochester Academy of Science Charter School (RocSci)**
a: Grades K-3 (expanding to 8th grade)
545 Humboldt St.
b: Grades 9-10 (expanding to 12th grade)
150 Flovertown St.
- 16 Rochester Prep Charter School**
a: Jay Campus Elementary School
Grades K-4, 899 Jay St.
b: Andrews Campus Elementary School
Grades K-4, 305 Andrews St.
c: St. Jacob Campus Elementary School
Grades K-4, and
St. Jacob Campus Middle School, Grades 5-8,
85 St. Jacob St.
d: Brooks Campus Middle School
Grades 5-8, 630 Brooks Ave.
e: Chili Campus Middle School
Grades 5-8, 432 Chili Ave.
f: High School, Grades 9-12, 14 Mark St.
- 17 University Preparatory Charter School for Young Men (UPREP)**
a: Grades 6-7, 1001 Lake Ave.
b: Grades 8-12, 1290 Lake Ave.
- 18 Vertus High School**
Grades 9-12, 21 Humboldt St.
- 19 Young Women's College Prep Charter School**
Grades 7-12, 133 Hoover Dr.

