

Rocky River
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024 QUALITY PROFILE



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The Rocky River City School District is pleased to present our 2024 Quality Profile!

The Rocky River City School District is proud to share with the community its 2024 Quality Profile. This annual publication provides a detailed look at many of the things going on in our elementary, middle and high schools, as well as the many extracurricular opportunities that are offered to our students through activities, athletics and clubs. These programs assist students in developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills, helping them gain the tools they need to become successful.

We are proud of all the incredible creative thinkers, thought leaders and student-athletes that we have cultivated in Rocky River. Our students' success can be attributed to their hard work each and every day, as well as our caring parents/guardians, staff and community members. As you read this Quality Profile, be proud of not only the district, but your contributions as a student, staff member, parent/guardian, volunteer or member of the Rocky River community. It takes the effort of all of us to continue making Rocky River a thriving, high-quality school district.

About the District

With an enrollment of around 2,700 in grades K-12, the Rocky River City School District provides students with the benefits of a small-school setting and all the resources of a larger school district. Long known for its tradition of academic excellence, the District continues to excel academically and received an overall 5-star rating, the highest possible, on the 2023 state report card. The District also received 5-stars for Student Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing and Graduation Rate, and a 4-star rating for Early Literacy. In addition, Rocky River High School earned the highest Performance Index score among all high schools in Ohio in 2022 and 2023.

Beach Preschool is consistently named a 5-star Step-Up to Quality preschool and Kensington Intermediate School, Rocky River Middle School and Rocky River High School have been selected as Best Elementary, Middle and High Schools according to *U.S. News and World Report*.

Nearly 92-percent of Rocky River High School Class of 2024 graduates continued on to colleges or universities across the country. The Rocky River City Schools are consistently ranked in the prestigious Top-10 List of Cleveland Area Schools in *Cleveland Magazine*.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools award was earned by Kensington Intermediate School in 2011 and 2023 and by Rocky River High School in 2012 and 2020.

Strategic Plan

The Rocky River City School District has launched an updated Strategic Plan that sets forth a series of actions that outline a collective vision for the future of our schools. The Board of Education approved the updated Strategic Plan during its business meeting on June 20. The plan can be viewed [here](#).

MISSION | VISION

At the Rocky River City School District, we provide a **CARING** environment and **EXCEPTIONAL** opportunities, resulting in **SUCCESSFUL** students who are globally **COMPETITIVE**.

4 YEAR
GRADUATION RATE

98.6%

Student Population Profile

Beach Preschool: **67**
Goldwood Primary School: **576**
Kensington Intermediate School: **585**
Rocky River Middle School: **574**
Rocky River High School: **793**

ACADEMICS

College Credit Plus

On-site at RRHS, we are proud to partner with Cuyahoga Community College and Lorain County Community College to offer eligible students transcribed credit opportunities with Transfer Assurance Guides (TAG) courses. TAG courses are identified foundational/pre-major courses in over 30 majors that are guaranteed to transfer and apply toward that major at any of Ohio's public institutions of higher education. Courses may transfer to private Ohio institutions and out-of-state institutions of higher education.

Dual Credit Opportunities through Cuyahoga CC/Lorain CCC

Math – 6 Science – 3 English – 2
Computer Information Systems – 2

AP

21 AP Courses offered (2-D Art and Design, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, Computer Science Principles, Drawing, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, French Language and Culture, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Physics C Mechanics, Psychology, Research, Seminar, Spanish Language and Culture, Statistics, U.S. Government and Politics, U.S. History)

Advanced Placement Results – 2024

- » Total AP Students – 341
- » Total AP Exams Taken – 772
- » Students with Scores of 3+ – 316
- » AP Scholars – 41
- » AP Scholars with Honors – 26
- » AP Scholars with Distinction – 82
- » AP Capstone Diploma – 14
- » AP Seminar & Research Certificate – 1

National Blue Ribbon Schools

- » Rocky River High School (1997-98, 2012, 2022)
- » Rocky River Middle School (1997-98)
- » Kensington Intermediate School (2011, 2023)



World Languages Offered

- » Spanish, French

Awards/Honors

- » RRCSD posted 5-star ratings, the highest possible, for Student Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing and Graduation Rate, and a 4-star rating for Early Literacy on the Ohio State report card.
- » RRCSD ranked third in the state with a performance index score of 110.2.
- » RRHS was the top-ranked high school in Ohio with a performance index score of 110.9.
- » U.S. News & World Report 2024 Best High Schools, Best Middle Schools, Best Elementary Schools.
- » 10 members of the Class of 2024 received recognition in the National Merit Program (3 finalists and 7 commended scholars).

- » Two members from the Class of 2024 named U.S. Presidential Scholar nominees.
- » RRCSD rated in the Top-10 by Cleveland Magazine every year since 1998.
- » Beach Preschool maintained Five-Star Step Up to Quality rating.
- » Gold and Silver Key Awards in Scholastic Art and Writing competitions.
- » RRCSD renewed the Trusted Learning Environment Seal by The Consortium for School Networking.
- » RRCSD received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction.
- » RRCSD named Best Communities for Music Education – National Association of Music Merchants Foundation.
- » RRCSD named a Kindness Certified School District.
- » Rocky River High School students combined to earn a total of 150 AP Scholar Awards, recognizing their exceptional achievements on AP Exams taken in spring of 2023.
- » RRHS named to the 2023 Advanced Placement (AP) Program School Honor Roll by The College Board.
- » Recognition at local, state, regional and national levels for activities and athletics.

Student Services

Rocky River City Schools is proud to provide student instruction tailored to individual needs by a variety of highly qualified personnel, including teachers, intervention specialists and tutors. Research-based, tiered levels of intervention and enrichment provide opportunities for students of all ability levels to participate in rich, meaningful learning in a variety of settings. Federal grant funding supports the early childhood education and the preschool, intervention for students with disabilities, Title I and early literacy intervention (K-5), tutoring for English Learners across the district and high-quality professional development for P-12 staff.

The District set up pantries in each of its five buildings, stocked with food, clothing, supplies, toiletries and other items for any family in need. Executive Director of Pupil Services Jennifer Norman started the pantries using funds from the American Rescue Plan (APR) to support the cause. The pantries are filled with items such as backpacks, deodorant, soap, shampoo, detergent, food, healthy snacks, toilet paper, paper towels, clothing, jackets and more. They are open daily at each school and students and families in the district are invited to visit the pantries and pick out what they need.

Class of 2023 highlights

- » 207 seniors graduated
- » Accepted at more than 150 colleges and universities
- » 94 students received a Diploma with Honors
- » 104 were part of the Cum Laude society
- » 111 received the President's Education Award
- » 10 National Merit Scholarship Program honorees
- » 3 National Merit Scholarship Finalists
- » 7 National Merit Commended Scholars
- » 4 National Hispanic Recognition Award recipients
- » 1 National African American Recognition Award recipient
- » 2 U.S. Presidential Scholar Nominees
- » 14 students awarded AP Capstone Diplomas

SAT/ACT scores

SAT Reading & Writing mean – 582
SAT Mathematics mean – 594
ACT Composite mean – 25.4

ARTS & ACTIVITIES

High School

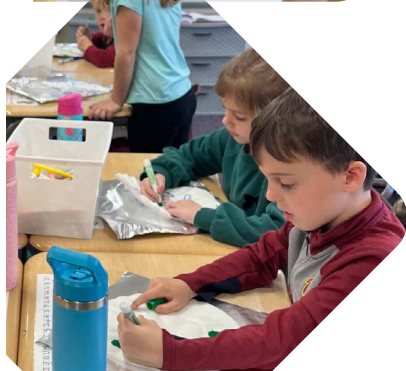
- » Academic Challenge
- » AFS Club
- » Band
- » Broadcasting Club
- » Chess Club
- » Choir
- » Chromatix (a capella)
- » Drama Club
- » Driftwood
- » E-Sports
- » Environmental Club
- » Exceptional Students Unlimited
- » Fencing
- » Forensics
- » Jazz Band
- » Key Club
- » Mock Trial
- » Model UN
- » National History Day
- » National Honor Society
- » Principal's Advisory Committee
- » River's Edge (Show Choir)
- » Robotics
- » SAFE Club
- » Sailing
- » Science Olympiad
- » Stage Crew Club
- » Student Council
- » Velvetones
- » World Language Club
- » Yearbook (Riverlet)

Middle School

- » Art Club
- » Band
- » Builder's Club
- » Channel 10
- » Chess Club
- » Destination Imagination
- » Garden Club
- » History Club
- » Lego Olympiad
- » Maker's Club
- » Math Club
- » Mindful Mornings
- » Power of the Pen
- » Safe Club
- » Safety Patrol
- » Science Olympiad
- » Spring Musical
- » Student Council
- » Talent Show
- » Team Unify
- » Threads & Fibers
- » West Shore Young Leaders
- » Yearbook

Highlights & Awards

- » Nine students from Rocky River High School traveled on an international performance tour over the summer with the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, the premiere youth wind ensemble in the area comprising the best wind ensemble players from more than 50 Northeast Ohio schools.
- » RRHS inducted 111 students from the Class of 2025 into the National Honor Society.
- » RRHS World Language Honors Society inducted 32 new members, including 12 into the French Honors Society and 20 into the Spanish Honors Society.
- » RRHS students competed in the ACM High School Programming Contest at Baldwin Wallace University and all three teams placed in the top-20 at the competition.
- » Students and staff at Rocky River Middle School raised more than \$10,000 during Kick-it, a program of Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF), to help raise money for childhood cancer research.
- » Rocky River Middle School volleyball program raised more than \$6,000 during its Volley for the Cure event.
- » A total of 21 RRMS students were recognized by the VFW for their participation in the Patriot's Pen essay contest.
- » RRMS students Sullivan Murray and Layla Vickers received recognition at the OMLA Breakfast of Champions. Murray received the Student Leader Award, while Vickers received the Leadership Award.
- » RRHS Academic Challenge team was featured on WEWS Channel 5's Nordson-Academic Challenge program.
- » RRHS sailing team won the Ohio State Championship for the third straight year.
- » Rocky River High School student Zoe Satayathum received a second place award and Korean Manja earned an honorable mention award for their artwork in the 79th Annual Rotary Club of Lakewood/Rocky River Speech, Music and Visual Art Contest. In total, RRHS students had 23 pieces of artwork selected to be featured in the exhibition.
- » Rocky River High School students combined to earn 41 awards in the prestigious Scholastic Art & Writing Awards regional contest.
- » Several RRHS students competed at the National History Day regional competition with Cody Miller qualifying for the state competition as the Champ's Pick Awardee.
- » RRHS Drama Department received a Dazzle Award nomination for Best Student Orchestra.
- » RRHS and RRMS Team Unify programs hosted a Unified Basketball Tournament with five other schools competing.
- » RRMS 7th grade students held a food drive in March, donating 2,108 items of food to the Rocky River Assistance Program. The seventh-grade food drive is always one of the biggest food drives of the year for the RRAP.
- » Three RRMS students competed at the Power of the Pen Regional tournament and one advanced to the state meet.
- » Nine RRMS eighth graders received the RRMS Principal's Award for earning all A's during the time they were instructed at RRMS.
- » Five Destination Imagination teams competed at the regional tournament with three of those squads advancing to the state tournament.
- » Goldwood student Ellie Feador was named a State Winner in the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness (OCSWA) Poster Contest.
- » RRHS Science Olympiad team placed 18th overall among 40 schools at the state meet, while the RRMS finished 30th among the 40 teams.



ATHLETICS

Cleveland West Conference

» Rocky River High School and Rocky River Middle School will be part of the Cleveland West Conference (CWC) beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. The CWC is comprised of eight high schools and 10 middle schools in the Greater Cleveland area. The conference includes Bay Village, Buckeye, Lakewood, Normandy, North Olmsted, Rocky River, Valley Forge and Westlake.

Championships, Titles, etc.

- » RRHS won 13 conference championships.
- » Girls advanced to state title match and finished as state runner-up.
- » Boys cross country placed fifth at state meet.
- » Girls cross country finished 10th at state meet.
- » Boys swimming and diving was 30th at state meet.
- » Girls swimming and diving placed 39th at state meet.
- » Girls track and field placed 39th at state meet.

Athletic Highlights

- » Conference MVPs: 16
- » All-Ohio: 29
- » Academic All-Ohio: 10
- » All-American: 1
- » Academic All-American: 1
- » Coach of the Year: 12
- » State qualifiers in boys cross country, girls cross country, boys swimming and diving, girls swimming and diving, and girls track and field.
- » Rocky River High School football team was named an Ohio High School Football Coaches Association Academic All-Ohio team and posted the top grade point average in the state of Ohio at 3.81.
- » Girls soccer standout Sophie Sindelar was named the Female High School Athlete of the Year at the Greater Cleveland Sports Awards.
- » Director of Activities and Athletics Mark Wagner named the NEOIAAA Athletic Director of the Year.

Athletic Offerings

RRHS:

- » Baseball
- » Boys Basketball
- » Girls Basketball
- » Cheerleading
- » Boys Cross Country

» Girls Cross Country

- » Football
- » Boys Golf
- » Girls Golf
- » Gymnastics
- » Ice Hockey
- » Boys Lacrosse
- » Girls Lacrosse
- » Boys Soccer

» Girls Soccer

- » Softball
- » Swimming & Diving Boys
- » Boys Tennis
- » Girls Tennis
- » Track & Field
- » Outdoor Track & Field
- » Volleyball
- » Wrestling

RRMS:

- » Boys Basketball
- » Cross Country
- » Cheerleading
- » Football
- » Girls Basketball
- » Softball
- » Track & Field
- » Volleyball
- » Wrestling



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

General Fund

The Rocky River City School District remains committed to the highest standards of fiscal accountability, responsibility and transparency. As such, we allocate resources only after thorough study, discussion and reflection. We then monitor those resources with great care.

Consortium & Group Purchasing:

- » Suburban Health Consortium (Employee medical and prescription coverage)
- » OASIS Trust (Dental)
- » Lakewood Career Technical Center (Career technical educational programming)
- » Ohio Schools Council (natural gas, financial software, office supplies, maintenance supplies)
- » Power4Schools (electricity)
- » Connect (accounting systems, internet connectivity, student information management system)
- » HPS (Food Purchasing)
- » Energy Savings Infrastructure Project
- » City of Rocky River Partnership

RRCSD has earned a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting through the Government Finance Officers Association and has continually received the Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction for its excellence in financial reporting.

Information about the district's finances, including the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Five Year Forecast, can be found on the RRCSD website: www.rrcs.org/OfficeoftheTreasurerCFO.aspx

COST
PER PUPIL **\$14,729**

Facilities

Rocky River continues to invest in infrastructure upgrades, ensuring that our environment is safe, modern and effective for teaching and learning. Recent renovations, technology enhancements and facility improvements continue playing a crucial role in creating innovating learning and co-curricular spaces to benefit all students.

Recent upgrades include

- » Renovated Media Center at RRMS
- » Renovated Kitchen at RRHS
- » ADA seating and ramp on home side of RRHS Stadium
- » New tennis courts at RRMS



ANNUAL PAFR
Please click [here](#) to view.



STUDENT SAFETY AND WELLNESS

Student Safety

Safety is our number one priority. We are committed to a proactive stance, ensuring the utilization of best practices in the areas of physical security and student mental health and well-being.

Safety Initiatives

- » 3 School Resource Officers
- » Close working relationships with all first responders
- » 24-Hour Safe School Helpline
- » COPS in Schools
- » RR City and School Safety Collaboration
- » Safe Routes to School
- » Town Hall Meetings/Coffee Chats
- » One access point into buildings for all visitors
- » School Bus Safety & Security

PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Activities & Athletics Boosters

Provide support to co-curricular activities at RRHS and RRMS

PTA

5 PTA units supporting students and staff, enhancing student learning and enriching overall experience

Marooners

Football parent support group

Rocky River Aquatics Foundation

Supports aquatics programs and facilities

Rocky River Music Backers

Enhances the curricular and extra-curricular education of instrumental & vocal performing groups grades 5-12

Rocky River Campus Foundation

Non-profit group formed to enhance campus at RRHS

Nutrition Services

- » The Nutrition Services Department utilizes the Titan Portal for lunch needs of families.
- » Nutrislice publishes lunch menus at Rocky River High School, Rocky River Middle School, Kensington Intermediate School and Goldwood Primary School to an interactive website with a free smartphone app.
- » Features include information about menu items, nutrition information and a filter for common food allergies.
- » Strive to make the meals offered at each school healthy, whole grain rich and full of locally sourced fruits and vegetables.

Rocky River Education Foundation

Fund grants to the district and administers donor created scholarships awarded to graduating seniors

Rocky River City-School Emergency Management Team

District administration, police, fire and city safety services collaborate to review Emergency Management Plans

COPS on Patrol in Schools

Rocky River Police Department

Citizens Finance Committee

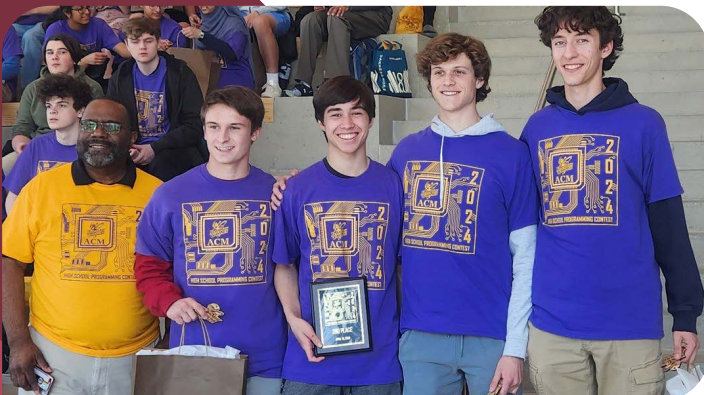
Provides advice to Board of Education on matters of fiscal policy

Safe Routes to School Committee

Grants to improve children's safety while walking and biking to and from school

School Resource Officers (SROs)

Uniformed officers of RRPD on-site in schools to provide additional safety and security



Board of Education

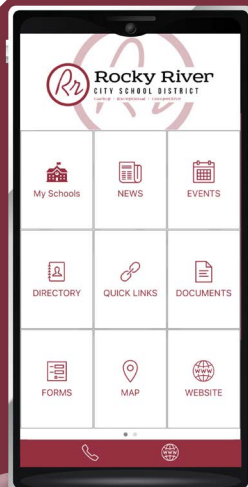
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