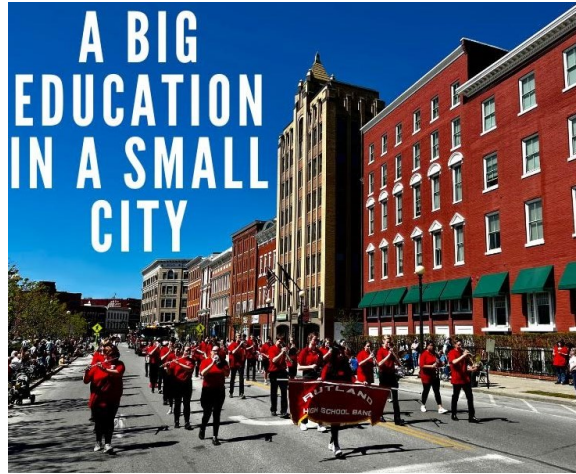


A Path for Every Child's Success



Teachers and education support professionals provide a wide **range and diversity of learning opportunities**. Educational experiences are designed to meet the academic, social, physical, and emotional needs of all students. With its focus on **“every student, every day,”** the RCPS Team works to challenge and support each student in finding their own pathway to growth, success, and lifelong learning.

RCPS promotes a **safe, nurturing, and healthy environment**, one that is conducive to teaching and learning. We believe in the importance of a school climate that values mutual understanding and respect.

Innovative and intentional after-school and summer programs extend learning opportunities for more than 500 students every year in K-12.

The Heart and Future of the Community

Our students serve the community as volunteers in many ways including Stuff-A-Bus, blood drives, Soup Bowls for Hunger, nursing homes, pet shelters and Rutland Regional Medical Center.

State of the art technology is essential for excellent education. Each student has use of a Chromebook laptop, access to the domain rcpsvt.org, and use of selected apps. We offer hands-on learning using design software, animation, video, circuitry, and 3D printers. Students learn about artificial intelligence. They compete in statewide and regional STEM and robotics competitions and events like Ozobot Olympics.



Art, Music, and Theater programs enable students to explore and develop a wide range of talents through art shows, musical performances, regional competitions and events, including the Green Mountain Music District Festival and International Championship of Collegiate Acappella.

Rutland **athletic programs and teams** thrill the community with Division I State Championships and a nationally recognized Unified Sports Special Olympics Team.

Ballot Language, Taxes, and Cost Savings

“Shall the voters of Rutland City School District approve the school board to expend \$74,103,000 which is the amount the school board determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$20,172 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 8.3% higher than spending for the current year.”

- The **Homestead Tax Rate** is expected to remain steady at about \$1.57 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Many residents will pay less than the tax rate after receiving income-based property tax credits.
- **School expenses** increase by 1%, before including one-time, federal ESSER grants of \$13.5 M.
 - + Those one-time ESSER grants do not increase the local homestead tax rate.
- **Full time positions** are being reduced (-2%).

The District continues to **achieve efficiencies**. Doing so helps to maintain a sound financial position while delivering upon the District's **mission of educational excellence for all**.

Excellence and Service

"We love our students and families!"

- The regional accrediting association named RHS among the **best high schools** in New England. RHS is certified as a High Reliability high school by Marzano Research.
- RHS students benefit from **robust course offerings**, Global Studies and STEM endorsements, YES Plan, AP classes, clubs, athletics, and the arts.
- **90% to 100% of graduates** of Stafford Technical Center are employed in their field of study or are pursuing post-secondary education soon after graduation.
- Through the Tapestry and EPIC programs, the District provides caring K-12 **after school and extended year** learning opportunities.
- Our schools offer a continuum of intervention, support, and **services to meet the needs** of our diverse learning community.
- Our programs promote **community service** through volunteer activities, mentorship, school-to-work projects, theater and performing arts, and art exhibitions.
- **Energy efficiency** projects have enabled RCPS to reduce energy consumption by 50% since 2010.
- One-time, federal **ESSER grants of \$13.5 million** will be used in FY 2024 for academic tutoring, new air handling equipment (HVAC) and new flooring in schools, additional technology upgrades, and improved student transportation.

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Please Vote on March 7.

INFORMATION MEETING
2023- 2024
School District Budget

On Monday, March 6 at 6:00 PM

In person at 6 Church St.

Or via Zoom

For link go to www.rutlandcitypublicschools.org

Polling Places:

WARD 1 - Godnick Senior Center, Deer St.
WARD 2 - Christ the King School, Killington Ave.
WARD 3 - American Legion, Washington St.
WARD 4 - Cavalry Bible Church, Meadow Lane

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