

A Path for Every Child's Success



First grade students learn math together with a new smartboard and new math program. Both were acquired using one-time federal COVID grants (ESSER).

Staff members provide a wide range of diverse learning opportunities.

Educational experiences are designed to meet the academic, social, physical, and

emotional needs of all students. A new K through 8th grade math program was implemented this year. With a 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 provides a **safe, nurturing, healthy environment** that is conducive to teaching and learning. RCPS also promotes a school climate that values mutual understanding and respect.

Innovative and intentional after school

and summer programs extend learning opportunities by providing 15 or more program choices each week, at each school site in Tapestry & EPIC, for more than 500 K—12 students.



Community's Heart and Future

Students serve the community and learn as volunteers for events including Stuff-A-Bus, blood drives, and Soup Bowls for Hunger. They also volunteer at senior centers 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. Students benefit from hands-on learning with design software, animation, video, laser cutters, and 3D printers. They learn about artificial intelligence. Students compete in statewide and regional STEAM 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, and regional competitions.

Rutland **athletic programs and teams** thrill the community with State Championships. Next year will feature new turf at **Alumni Field** and new uniforms for several teams.



Taxes and Ballot Language

Taxes

- Next year's equalized Homestead Property Tax Rate is expected to be the **same as or lower than** this year's rate (\$1.31 before applying the State's Common Level of Appraisal factor).
- RCPS **receives 3/4s** of its total funding from outside of the City. For each \$1 of education expense about:
 - 75 cents** flows into Rutland from federal & state sources.
 - 10 cents** is funded by local homestead taxes.
 - 15 cents** is funded by local non-homestead and commercial taxes.

Ballot Language

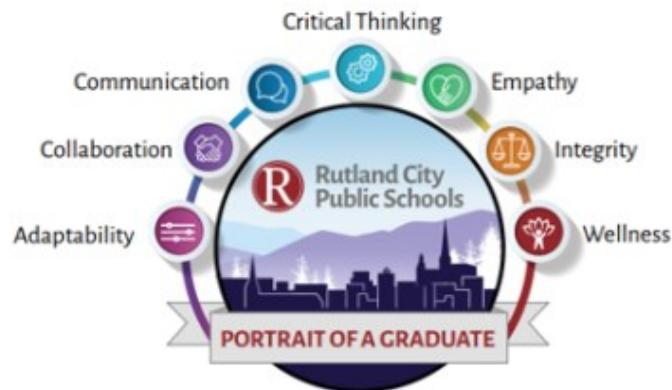
“Shall the voters of Rutland City School District approve the school board to expend \$63,835,000 which is the amount the school board determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$12,408 per student. This projected spending per student is -3.1% lower than spending for the current year.”

School Operations

- The proposed budget will maintain **level staffing and class sizes**.
- Several major **improvement projects** will be completed this summer for classroom ventilation and heating, IT upgrades, and turf replacement at Alumni Field.
- The District continues to achieve efficiencies and **cost savings**. Those help to maintain a **sustainable cost structure** over the long term, while the District delivers upon its **mission of educational excellence for all**.

Excellence, Pride, Service

- The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) 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.
- **97.6% of Stafford Technical Center students** are enrolled in post-secondary education or are employed upon graduation.
- During the 2022 - 2023 school year, Stafford Technical Center **students earned** 389 college credits and 570 nationally recognized and industry recognized credentials.
- Through the Tapestry & EPIC programs, the District provides caring K-12 **after school and extended year** learning opportunities for more than 500 students each year.
- **EPIC after school tutoring** programs serve 20 to 80 students every school day, and more than 250 students this year with participation increasing steadily.
- 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 experiences, theater and performing arts, and art exhibitions.



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- WARD 2 - Christ the King School, 60 South Main St.
/ Killington Ave.
- WARD 3 - American Legion, 33 Washington St.
- WARD 4 - Cavalry Bible Church, 2 Meadow Lane

Polling Locations are open from 7:00 A.M to 7:00 P.M.

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<https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/early-absentee-voting/>

BUDGET INFORMATION MEETING

2024 - 2025

School District Budget

Monday, March 4 at 6:00 PM

In person at 6 Church St.

Or via Zoom

For link go to www.rutlandcitypublicschools.org

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