



# EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024-2025 CALENDAR



Educating the whole child by providing a healthy, safe, supportive, engaging and challenging learning environment.

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## Message from THE SUPERINTENDENT

### Dear Students, Parents and Community Members:

On behalf of the School Board, administration, and staff of the East Ramapo Central School District, I welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year. Whether you are returning to continue your educational journey or joining us for the first time, I am thrilled to see our hallways, classrooms, and fields come alive with energy and learning once again.

We are excited to begin a new school year filled with success and accomplishments for the students of the East Ramapo Central School District. This year, we have several exciting updates, including significant facility upgrades such as new water filtration systems and new gymnasium floors. Additionally, we are pleased to welcome several new leaders and staff members to our East Ramapo family. We are also launching a new district website with easier navigation and enhanced accessibility.

These exciting and necessary changes reaffirm our unwavering commitment to providing the best possible learning environment for our students and staff. *Here's to a wonderful and rewarding 2024-2025 new school year!*

Sincerely,  
**Anthony DiCarlo**, Interim Superintendent of Schools



### MENSAJE DEL SUPERINTENDENTE

#### Estimados estudiantes, padres y miembros de la comunidad:

En nombre de la Junta Escolar, la administración y el personal del Distrito Escolar Central de East Ramapo, les doy la bienvenida al año escolar 2024-2025. Ya sea que regrese para continuar su viaje educativo o se una a nosotros por primera vez, estoy encantado de ver que nuestros pasillos, aulas y campos cobran vida con energía y aprendizaje una vez más.

Estamos emocionados de comenzar un nuevo año escolar lleno de éxitos y logros para los estudiantes del Distrito Escolar Central de East Ramapo. Este año, tenemos varias actualizaciones emocionantes, que incluyen mejoras significativas en las instalaciones, como nuevos sistemas de filtración de agua y nuevos pisos de gimnasio. Además, nos complace dar la bienvenida a varios nuevos líderes y miembros del personal a nuestra familia de East Ramapo. También estamos lanzando un nuevo sitio web del distrito con una navegación más fácil y una mayor accesibilidad.

Estos cambios emocionantes y necesarios reafirman nuestro compromiso inquebrantable de proporcionar el mejor entorno de aprendizaje posible para nuestros estudiantes y personal. *¡Brindemos por un maravilloso y gratificante nuevo año escolar 2024-2025!*

Sinceramente,  
**Anthony DiCarlo**, Superintendente Interino de Escuelas

## Mission

As a unified community, the **East Ramapo Central School District** is committed to educating the whole child by providing a **healthy, safe, supportive, engaging and challenging learning environment.**

### MISIÓN

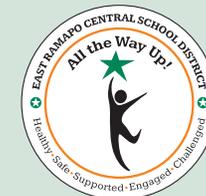
Como comunidad unificada, el Distrito Escolar Central de East Ramapo se compromete a educar a todo el niño al proporcionar un entorno de aprendizaje saludable, seguro, de apoyo, atractivo y desafiante.

## Vision

We will become **proficient** in all that we do.

### VISIÓN

Nos volveremos competentes en todo lo que hacemos.



# Our SCHOOLS



**Chestnut Ridge: An International Baccalaureate Middle School (7-8)**  
 892 Route 45, Chestnut Ridge, NY  
 9:25 am – 3:40 pm  
 (845) 577-6300  
**Bernidette Grant**, Principal  
**Yolanda Gardner**, Assistant Principal  
**Jennifer Piliere-Gutzeit**, Assistant Principal



**Early Childhood Center/ECC at Kakiat School (K-1)**  
 465 Viola Road, Spring Valley, NY  
 8:25 am - 2:40 pm  
 (845) 577-6585  
**Astrid Johnson**, Principal  
**Johnny Vasquez**, Assistant Principal



**Eldorado Intermediate School (3-6)**  
 5 Eldorado Drive, Chestnut Ridge, NY  
 8:25 am - 2:40 pm  
 (845) 577-6150  
**Fitzgerald Georges**, Principal  
**Michael Rose**, Assistant Principal



**Elmwood Intermediate School (3-6)**  
 43 Robert Pitt Drive, Monsey, NY  
 8:25 am - 2:40 pm  
 (845) 577-6160  
**Pamela D'Apice White**, Principal  
**TBD**, Assistant Principal



**Fleetwood Primary School (K-3)**  
 22 Fleetwood Avenue  
 Chestnut Ridge, NY  
 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6170  
**Laura DiSimone**, Principal  
**Erin Thunell**, Assistant Principal



**Grandview Primary School (K-3)**  
 151 Grandview Ave, Monsey, NY  
 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6260  
**Patricia Smith**, Principal  
**Katie Davie**, Assistant Principal



**Hempstead Primary School (K-6)**  
 80 Brick Church Road  
 Spring Valley, NY  
 8:25 am - 2:40 pm  
 (845) 577-6270  
**Hazel Ortiz**, Principal  
**TBD**, Assistant Principal



**Kakiat STEAM Academy (4-8)**  
 465 Viola Road, Spring Valley, NY  
 8:25 am - 2:40 pm  
 (845) 577-6100  
**Jennifer Wilmoth**, Principal  
**Douglas Doller**, Assistant Principal  
**Amma Owusu-Afriye**, Assistant Principal



**Lime Kiln Intermediate School (3-6)**  
 35 Lime Kiln Road, Suffern, NY  
 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6280  
**Laura Ann Dobson**, Principal  
**Desiree Rodriguez**, Assistant Principal



**Margetts Primary School (K-3)**  
 25 Margetts Road  
 Chestnut Ridge, NY  
 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6190  
**Jacqueline Polanco**, Principal  
**Sarita Thomas**, Assistant Principal



**Pomona Middle School (7-8)**  
 101 Pomona Road, Suffern, NY  
 9:25 am – 3:40 pm / (845) 577-6200  
**Taren Washington-Peterson**, Principal  
**Barbara Jean**, Assistant Principal  
**Wendy Vaca**, Assistant Principal



**Ramapo High School (9-12)**  
 400 Viola Road, Spring Valley, NY  
 7:42 am – 1:56 pm  
 (845) 577-6400  
**Rhode Octobre-Cooper**, Principal  
**Annie Bino**, Assistant Principal  
**Lathell Sebastian-Smith**, Assistant Principal  
**Scott Friedberger**, Assistant Principal  
**Steven Forman**, Assistant Principal OA



**Spring Valley High School (9-12)**  
 361 Route 59, Spring Valley, NY  
 7:42 am – 1:56 pm  
 (845) 577-6500  
**Frank Carlson**, Principal  
**Jennifer Martin**, Assistant Principal  
**Dionne Olamiju**, Assistant Principal  
**Hope Savich**, Assistant Principal  
**Dara Monifa Tippitt**, Assistant Principal



**Summit Park Primary School (K-3)**  
 925 Route 45, New City, NY  
 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6290  
**Marissa Cavellero**, Principal  
**Raisha Sandford**, Assistant Principal



# ACADEMICS

## Classroom Routines

Establishing a daily, consistent classroom routine sets the tone for effective learning and achievement. In elementary schools, morning meetings can foster an open and collaborative classroom environment as students gather on the rug to check in on their emotions, identify the month and day of the week, review shapes and colors, and talk about the weather outside. In our secondary schools, students quickly get accustomed to saying the Pledge of Allegiance each morning, and then listening to the morning announcements read by their fellow students.

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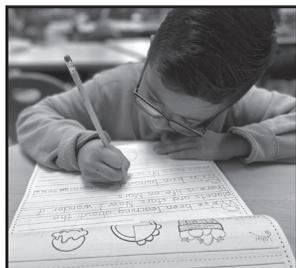
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<p>1 HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH</p>	<p>2 Labor Day Schools Closed</p>	<p>3 Superintendent's Conference Day (No School for Students)  SVHS Senior Photos 8:00 AM  Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<p>4 First Day of School for Students</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 CRMS Pep Rally/ CRMS Cares Community Cash Card Program (CCC) Launch 2:08 PM</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 National Grandparents Day</p>	<p>9 Teacher Center Policy Board 4:15 PM</p>	<p>10 CRMS First in Math Software Campaign Launch Assembly  Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<p>11 Patriot Day</p>	<p>12 New Hire Mentor Program Workshops 4:30 PM  MAR Back to School Night 5:30 PM</p>	<p>13 SVHS Fall Sports Pep Rally</p>	<p>14</p>

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		POMS Welcome Back Picnic FLT Back to School Night 6:00 PM	KSA Back to School Night Grades 7-8 6:30 PM	ELD Back to School Night-Meet the Teacher 6:00 PM SVHS Parent Meeting - SCEP - Academic Success Night 6:30 PM		
STAR Assessment Cycle (9/16 - 9/27) ⇨						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
First Day of Autumn	MAR Pawsome Assembly 9:00 AM GRV & HEMP Back To School Nights 6:00 PM	Professional Development Day (No School for Students) Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	ECC Back To School Night for Kindergarten 5:30 PM KSA Back to School Night Grades 4-6 6:30 PM LKN Meet the Teacher 6:30 PM	New Hire Mentor Program Workshops 4:30 PM CRMS & SPK Back To School Nights 6:00 PM ELD PTA Meeting 6:00 PM	SPK Celebrate National SEL Week	RHS SAC Fall Festival FRC Color Run
STAR Assessment Cycle (9/16 - 9/27) ⇨						
GRV Book Fair (9/23 - 9/27) ⇨						
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SVHS Photos for Underclassmen 8:00 AM						

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**CALENDAR CODE**

- CRMS - Chestnut Ridge Middle School
- ECC - Early Childhood Center
- ELD - Eldorado Elementary School
- ELM - Elmwood Elementary School
- FLT - Fleetwood Elementary School
- GRV - Grandview Elementary School
- HEM - Hempstead Elementary School
- KSA - Kakiat STEAM Academy
- LKN - Lime Kiln Elementary School
- MAR - Margetts Elementary School
- POMS - Pomona Middle School
- RHS - Ramapo High School
- SVHS - Spring Valley High School
- SPK - Summit Park Elementary School
- FRC - Family Resource Coordinator

Schools	Instructional Bell Schedule	Early Dismissal
<b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b>	7:42 a.m. - 1:56 p.m.	7:42 a.m. - 11:56 a.m.
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS (Pomona &amp; Chestnut Ridge)</b>	9:25 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.	9:25 a.m. - 1:40 p.m.
<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (includes Kakiat STEAM)</b>	8:25 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.	8:25 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

NOTE: 1. School bell schedule arrival times are coordinated to ensure students have access to breakfast.  
2. Kakiat STEAM Academy's elementary and middle school start and end time is the same. However, the bell-to-bell schedule differs.

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# ACADEMICS

## Small Group Instruction

East Ramapo educators are dedicated to educating the whole child and meeting each child's individual needs. Students can often be found gathered at an activity table engaging one-on-one with their teacher, a teaching strategy referred to as "small group instruction." This type of individualized instruction encourages students to feel more comfortable participating in their classroom and allows teachers to more closely observe students' abilities and provide lessons based on each learner's individual progress.

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**ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH**  
 CRMS Socktober Month Kickoff

2  
 FLT Hispanic Heritage Day Parade 9:15 AM  
**Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown**

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**Rosh Hashanah Schools Closed**

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**Rosh Hashanah Schools Closed**

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**Teacher Center Policy Board 4:15 PM**  
 RHS Multilingual Education/ENL Parent Academy #1

8  
 LKN Principal Breakfast 9:00 AM  
 SPK Chit-Chat with the Principal 9:00 AM  
 SPK Hispanic Heritage Assembly  
**Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM**

9  
 GRV & HEMP Breakfast with the Principal 9:00 AM  
 CRMS PTA Meeting/ Science Night 6:00 PM

10  
**Rapid Dismissal student released 15 minutes early**  
 RHS Blood Drive  
 SVHS Final Five Ceremony 6:30 PM

11  
 KSA Picture Day  
**Yom Kippur begins at sundown**

12  
**Yom Kippur**

ELD Social Awareness Team/Spirit Building Week (10/7 - 10/11) ⇨

13	14 <b>Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples Day (Schools Closed)</b>	15 POMS PTA/ Hispanic Heritage Celebration 6:00 PM	16 CRMS Picture Day ECC Family Night 5:30 PM RHS Final Five Ceremony 6:30 PM	17 MAR Coffee with the Principal 9:10 AM <b>New Hire Mentor Program Workshops 4:30 PM</b> SVHS Parent Meeting College Planning Night 6:30 PM	18 FLT Every Day Counts Parent Workshop 9:15 AM POMS October Student of the Month	19		
20	21 CRMS Chat & Chew with the Principal 8:30 AM MAR Pawsome Assembly 9:00 AM CRMS Principal's Circle Campaign Week 9:05 AM LKN Organizational PTA Meeting 6:30 PM	22 <b>Professional Development Day (No School for Students)</b>	23	24 ELD PTA/Parent Engagement Breakfast - Title 1 9:00 AM CRMS Bus Driver Appreciation 9:30 AM SVHS Parent Meeting SCEP - ENL Parent Night #1 Fall 6:30 PM <b>CRMS Fall Book Fair (10/24 - 11/1) ⇨</b>	25 SVHS Homecoming Dance 7:00 PM	26		
<b>CRMS Principal's Circle Campaign Week / ELD Fall Sports Festival (10/21 - 10/25) ⇨</b>			<b>RHS Underclassman Pictures (10/23 - 10/25) ⇨</b>			<b>KSA Thanksgiving Food Collection (10/21 - 11/21) ⇨</b>		
27	28	29 LKN Picture Day <b>Board of Education Meeting 7:30PM</b>	30 ELD Monthly SEL/PBIS Assembly 8:45 AM ECC Book Character Day & Parade 9:40 AM CRMS Cougar Roll Mentorship RHS Key Club Annual Car Smash	31 ECC Fall Festival 12:00 PM LKN Fall Fitness Fiesta ELD FLT SPK Costume/ Character Parade				
<b>SPK Fall Harvest Week (10/28 - 11/1) ⇨</b>		<b>ELD, KSA, RHS &amp; SVHS Spirit Week (10/28 - 11/1) ⇨</b>						
<b>CRMS Fall Book Fair (10/24 - 11/1) ⇨</b>								

**ACADÉMICOS:** Instrucción en grupos pequeños

Los educadores de East Ramapo se dedican a educar al niño en su totalidad y a satisfacer las necesidades individuales de cada niño. A menudo se puede encontrar a los estudiantes reunidos en una mesa de actividades interactuando uno a uno con su maestro, una estrategia de enseñanza conocida como "instrucción en grupos pequeños". Este tipo de instrucción individualizada alienta a los estudiantes a sentirse más cómodos participando en su salón de clases y permite a los maestros observar más de cerca las habilidades de los estudiantes y proporcionar lecciones basadas en el progreso individual de cada alumno.



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# SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

## Restorative Learning Environments

Children learn best when they are safe, healthy and comfortable, which is why East Ramapo prioritizes Social-Emotional Learning as one of our three main pillars. Establishing restorative practices is a crucial part of creating a positive school climate. Throughout our schools, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, the NICE team, Family Resource Coordinators, DASA coordinators, and mentors assist school and District administrators in the ongoing effort to ensure that every student feels secure in their school community.

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October 2024							1 <b>NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH</b> KSA Thanksgiving Food Collection (10/21 - 11/21) ⇄ CRMS Fall Book Fair (10/24 - 11/1) ELD, KSA, RHS & SVHS Spirit Week & SPK Fall Harvest Week (10/28 - 11/1) CRMS Thanksgiving Fundraiser Drive (11/1 - 11/21) ⇄ RHS Pep Rally SVHS Fall Spirit Week Field Day	2 RHS Homecoming Dance 6:30 PM
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3	4 Teacher Center Policy Board 4:15 PM	5 Election Day Superintendent's Conference Day (No School for Students)		6	7 RHS College Panel/Financial Aid Evening 6:30 PM	8 GRV & HEMP Fall Picture Day GRV Family Reading Night 6:00 PM	9	
KSA Thanksgiving Food Collection (10/21 - 11/21) ⇄							CRMS Thanksgiving Fundraiser Drive (11/1 - 11/21) ⇄	

10	11 <b>Veteran's Day (Schools Closed)</b>	12	13 ECC Family Literacy Night 5:30 PM  CRMS PTA Meeting/First Math Night 6:00 PM	14 <b>New Hire Mentor Program Workshops 4:30 PM</b>  SVHS Parent Meeting Financial Aid Night 6:30 PM	15 CRMS 1st Quarter Academic Evening of Excellence Assembly	16
	<b>ELD Fall Scholastic Book Fair (PTA) (11/12 – 11/15) ⇄</b> <b>KSA Thanksgiving Food Collection (10/21 – 11/21) ⇄ CRMS Thanksgiving Fundraiser Drive (11/1 – 11/21) ⇄</b>					
17	18 <b>Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM</b>	19 ELD Thanksgiving Dessert Social Grade 4  SPK Curriculum Night 2 5:00 PM  HEMP Family Thanksgiving Night	20 ELD Thanksgiving Dessert Social Grade 5  KSA PTA Meeting/STEM Game Night 6:30 PM  LKN Literacy Night 6:30 PM  RHS ENL Parent Academy #2	21 ELD Thanksgiving Dessert Social Grade 6  ELD PTA/Parent Engagement Thanksgiving Feast 6:00 PM	22 RHS Ramapo Players Fall Drama 7:30 PM	23 RHS Ramapo Players Fall Drama 7:30 PM
	<b>KSA Thanksgiving Food Collection (10/21 – 11/21) ⇄ CRMS Thanksgiving Fundraiser Drive (11/1 – 11/21) ⇄</b>					
	<b>FLT Fall Spirit Week (11/18 – 11/22) ⇄ LKN Book Fair (11/18 – 11/22) ⇄</b>					
24  RHS Ramapo Players Fall Drama 2:00 PM	25 MAR Pawsome Assembly 9:00 AM  ECC Family Thanksgiving Breakfast 9:00 AM	26 <b>No School for Students</b>  <b>Parent Teacher Conference Day Grades K-8</b>  <b>Professional Development Day</b>  <b>Parent Teacher Conference Night Grades 9-12</b>	27 <b>Early Dismissal (half day)</b>  ELD Monthly SEL/PBIS Assembly 8:45 AM  LKN Thanksgiving Celebration 12:45 PM  POMS Student of the Month	28 <b>Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)</b>	29 <b>Thanksgiving Recess (Schools Closed)</b>	30

**ACADÉMICOS:** Entornos de Aprendizaje Restaurativo

*Los niños aprenden mejor cuando están seguros, sanos y cómodos, por lo que East Ramapo prioriza el aprendizaje socioemocional como uno de nuestros tres pilares principales. Establecimiento de restauradores*

*prácticas es una parte crucial de la creación de un clima escolar positivo.*

*En todas nuestras escuelas, consejeros, psicólogos, trabajadores sociales, el equipo de NICE, Family Resource*

*Los coordinadores, coordinadores de DASA y mentores ayudan a los administradores de la escuela y del distrito en el esfuerzo continuo por garantizar que cada estudiante se sienta seguro en su comunidad escolar.*



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# ACADEMICS

## Leaning into Literacy

Literacy is the bedrock of communication, and the East Ramapo Central School District has embraced the science of reading to provide our students with the tools they need to learn to read, read well, and comprehend what they are reading. Our District-wide initiative, “This is Me, Leaning Into Literacy,” guides our efforts to teach reading at all grade levels.

By focusing on the five main components of reading—phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency comprehension and vocabulary—our teachers, reading teachers and reading interventionists are helping students become fluid and comprehensive readers.

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1	2	3 SPK Chit-Chat with the Principal 9:00 AM CRMS Picture Day (Retake) 10:00 AM	4	5 KSA Picture Retakes ELD PTA/Parent Engagement Talent Show 9:00 AM MAR Family Literacy Night 5:30 PM ELD PTA/Parent Engagement Night - Talent Show 6:00 PM GRV Family Holiday Night 6:00 PM SVHS Fall Drama 7:30 PM	6 SVHS Fall Drama 7:30 PM	7 SVHS Fall Drama - Matinee 3:00 PM'
HEM Holiday Boutique (12/2 – 12/20) ⇄		CRMS Computer Science Week (12/4 – 12/13) ⇄				
8	9 Teacher Center Policy Board 4:15 PM	10 LKN Picture Retakes CRMS School Hour of Code Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	11 ELD Monthly SEL/PBIS Assembly 8:45 AM CRMS PTA Meeting/ Family Night: Hour of Code 6:00 PM RHS Winter Concert & Art Show 6:30 PM	12 New Hire Mentor Program Workshops 4:30 PM SVHS Fall Concert 6:30 PM	13	14 FRC Holiday Feast
HEM Holiday Boutique (12/2 – 12/20) ⇄		CRMS Computer Science Week (12/4 – 12/13) ⇄		ELD & KSA Holiday Boutique (12/9 – 12/13) ⇄		

15	16 CRMS Principal's Circle Check-in 8:30 AM CRMS Chat & Chew with the Principal 8:30 AM MAR Pawsome Assembly 9:00 AM LKN Family Holiday Celebration 6:30 PM	17 POMS First Honor Roll Ceremony 6:00 PM	18 ECC Winter Extravaganza Multicultural Night 5:00 PM	19 RHS Blood Drive  CRMS Principal's Dinner: Holiday Giveaway 6:00 PM	20 LKN Winter Assembly 9:00 AM  CRMS Spirit Games Competition 1:39 PM  SPK Holiday Jams Around the World	21 <b>First Day of Winter</b>
HEM Holiday Boutique (12/2 - 12/20) ⇄						
STAR Assessment Cycle (12/16 -1/10) ⇄ CRMS, ELD, FLT and KSA Spirit Week (12/16 - 12/20) ⇄						
22	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Chanukkah begins at sundown</b>	26 <b>Kwanzaa begins</b>	27	28
Winter Recess (Schools Closed) (12/23 - 1/1) ⇄						
29	30	31 <b>New Years Eve</b>				
Winter Recess (Schools Closed) (12/23 - 1/1) ⇄						

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**ACADÉMICOS:** Apoyándose en la alfabetización  
 La alfabetización es la base de la comunicación, y el Distrito Escolar Central de East Ramapo ha adoptado la ciencia de la lectura para proporcionar a nuestros estudiantes las herramientas que necesitan para aprender a leer, leer bien y comprender lo que están leyendo. Nuestra iniciativa para todo el distrito, "Este soy yo, apoyándome en la alfabetización", guía nuestros esfuerzos para enseñar lectura en todos los niveles de grado. Al enfocarse en los cinco componentes principales de la lectura (conciencia fonémica, fonética, comprensión fluida y vocabulario), nuestros maestros, maestros de lectura e intervencionistas de lectura están ayudando a los estudiantes a convertirse en lectores fluidos y comprensivos.



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# OPERATIONS

## Investing in Improvements

Facilities upgrades are an important part of East Ramapo's commitment to providing sustained equitable access to high-quality programs and services. Since the District received more than \$150 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in 2021 (for use between July 2021 and September 2024), we have allocated more than half to the District's most pressing facilities needs. Critical building upgrades include the installation of new kitchen equipment, gymnasium floors, fences around the perimeters of elementary schools, and modern water dispensing drinking fountains.

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			<p>1</p> <p><b>ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH</b></p> <p><b>New Year's Day (Schools Closed)</b></p> <p><b>Winter Recess (Schools Closed) (12/23 - 1/1)</b></p> <p><b>Kwanzaa ends</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Schools Reopen</b></p> <p><b>Chanukkah ends at sundown</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>STAR Assessment Cycle (12/16 -1/10) ⇄</p>						
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<p>STAR Assessment Cycle (12/16 -1/10) ⇄</p>						

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**OPERACIONES:** Invertir en mejoras

Las mejoras en las instalaciones son una parte importante del compromiso de East Ramapo de proporcionar un acceso equitativo y sostenido a programas y servicios de alta calidad. Desde que el Distrito recibió más de \$150 millones en fondos federales de la Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (ARPA, por sus siglas en inglés) en 2021 (para su uso entre julio de 2021 y septiembre de 2024), hemos asignado más de la mitad a las necesidades de instalaciones más apremiantes del Distrito. Las mejoras críticas del edificio incluyen la instalación de nuevos equipos de cocina, pisos de gimnasios, cercas alrededor de los perímetros de las escuelas primarias y modernos bebederos dispensadores de agua.



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# SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

## Creating College and Career Pathways

East Ramapo is committed to providing all students access to varied educational experiences and advanced courses in order to set them up for success. Qualified highschool students are given the opportunity to take on a more rigorous curriculum with Advanced Placement classes and honors courses. Some dedicated scholars are also able to earn college credits while obtaining their high school degree through the grant-funded Smart Scholars program. Having access to these advanced opportunities creates unique college and career pathways for our East Ramapo students.

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AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

PTA PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS (PARP) MONTH

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Groundhog Day

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ELD Black History Month Assembly 8:30 AM  
CRMS Perfect Attendance Jam 4:00 PM  
ECC Black History Month STEM Award & Family Game Night 5:30 PM

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SPK Black History Month Assembly  
SVHS Parent Meeting Scholarship/FAFSA Application Workshop 6:30 PM

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Superintendents Conference Day (No School For Students)

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HEM Valentine's Day Boutique (2/3 - 2/14) ⇨

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**APRENDIZAJE SOCIOEMOCIONAL:** Creación de trayectorias universitarias y profesionales

East Ramapo se compromete a proporcionar a todos los estudiantes acceso a experiencias educativas variadas y cursos avanzados con el fin de prepararlos para el éxito. Los estudiantes de secundaria calificados tienen la oportunidad de asumir un plan de estudios más riguroso con clases de Colocación Avanzada y cursos de honores. Algunos becarios dedicados también pueden obtener créditos universitarios mientras obtienen su título de escuela secundaria a través del programa Smart Scholars financiado por subvenciones. Tener acceso a estas oportunidades avanzadas crea trayectorias universitarias y profesionales únicas para nuestros estudiantes de East Ramapo.



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# ACADEMICS

## Multilingual Education

More than half of East Ramapo students are considered English Language Learners (ELLs), and the District is committed to ensuring that children at all levels of English proficiency receive a complete education. ELL students are supported through Bilingual Education and English as a New Language models in elementary and secondary classrooms. Additionally, the District recognizes bilingualism and multiculturalism as a vital skill needed for success in the 21st Century. Through programs like the Seal of Biliteracy for high school juniors and seniors, multilingual students have the opportunity to celebrate their multilingualism and demonstrate their language skills to universities and potential employers.

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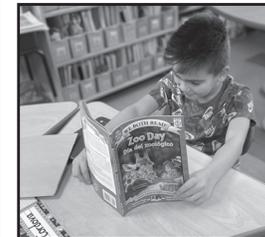
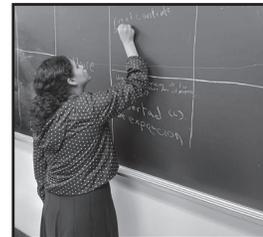
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16	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> CRMS Chat & Chew with the Principal 8:30 AM CRMS Principal's Circle Meeting 10:21 AM	18 LKN Principal Breakfast 9:00 AM <b>Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM</b>	19 SPK Curriculum Night #3	20 <b>First Day of Spring</b> CRMS Musical 7:00 PM RHS ENL Parent Academy Evening Mtg # 5	21 SVHS Noche Latina Event 6:30 PM CRMS Musical 7:00 PM	22
<b>RHS College Week (3/17 – 3/21) ⇄</b>						
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### **ACADÉMICOS:** Educación multilingüe

Más de la mitad de los estudiantes de East Ramapo son considerados Aprendices del Idioma Inglés (ELL), y el Distrito está comprometido a garantizar que los niños de todos los niveles de dominio del inglés reciban una educación completa. Los estudiantes ELL reciben apoyo a través de la educación bilingüe y los modelos de inglés como nuevo idioma en las aulas de primaria y secundaria. Además, el Distrito reconoce el bilingüismo y el multiculturalismo como una habilidad vital necesaria para el éxito en el siglo XXI. A través de programas como el Sello de Alfabetización Bilingüe para estudiantes de tercer y cuarto año de secundaria, los estudiantes multilingües tienen la oportunidad de celebrar su multilingüismo y demostrar sus habilidades lingüísticas a las universidades y a posibles empleadores.



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13 Palm Sunday	14 NYSESLAT SPK Testing	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
Spring Recess (Schools Closed) (4/14 – 4/21) ⇨						
20 Easter Sunday Passover ends at sunset	21* Spring Recess (Schools Closed) (4/14 – 4/21) Snow makeup day if needed*	22 Earth Day CRMS Celebrate Earth Day Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	23 NYS Science Test Grades 5,8	24 ELD PTA/Parent Engagement Night 6:00 AM	25 CRMS 3rd Quarter Pep Rally 2:08 PM	26
27	28 MAR Pawsome Assembly 9:00 AM	29 POMS April Student of the Month NYS Math Test Grades 3,7,8 (4/29 – 4/30) ⇨	30 ELD Monthly SEL/PBIS Assembly 8:45 AM			
SVHS Spring Spirit Week (4/28 – 5/2) ⇨						

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**APRENDIZAJE SOCIOEMOCIONAL:** Bellas Artes y Artes Escénicas  
 En nuestras escuelas de East Ramapo, creemos que las artes son esenciales para una educación completa y dinámica. Las investigaciones han demostrado que la educación musical y las artes escénicas tienen un impacto positivo en el panorama socioemocional de los estudiantes, así como en su éxito académico. A través de la actuación, ya sea en nuestros clubes de teatro de la escuela secundaria, en conciertos corales de la escuela primaria o en la galardonada East Ramapo Marching Band, nuestros estudiantes tienen la oportunidad de desarrollar su creatividad, confianza y habilidades de colaboración.



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# SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

## Student-Athletes

East Ramapo's Athletics Department provides a wide variety of sports in 70 different programs throughout the fall, winter and spring, and the Physical Education programs foster healthy fitness activities for kids in all grades. Our student-athletes balance their academic responsibilities with their enthusiasm for physical exercise, and achieving excellence in both requires extensive dedication and discipline. Participation in school sports and athletic experiences helps student-athletes develop important life skills, and remains a primary area of focus for the District.

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**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

1  
RHS ENL Parent Academy Meeting

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SVHS Spring Pep Rally/ Field Day  
GRV Chuck E. Cheese Night  
SVHS Brightest vs. Bravest Basketball Game 6:30 PM  
RHS Dance Concert 7:00 PM

3  
RHS Dance Concert 7:00 PM

**NYS Math Test Grades 4,5,6 (5/1 -5/2) ⇄**

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5  
ECC Faculty, Staff and Student Talent Show 9:10 AM  
ELD PTA Spring Boutique 11:30 AM

6  
SPK Donuts with Grownups (K/1) 8:30 AM  
CRMS School Nurses Day  
Last day to register to vote  
**Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM**

7  
ELD Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon 10:30 AM  
ECC Annual School Spelling Bee 5:00 PM  
CRMS PTA Meeting/ PE & Health Night/Music Night 6:00 PM  
KSA PTA Meeting 6:30 PM

8  
ECC, GRV, HEM, KSA and MAR Staff Appreciation Day  
RHS Blood Drive

9  
RHS Orientation Incoming 9th Graders 6:30 PM  
FRC Vendor Appreciation

10

**Teacher Appreciation Week (5/5 - 5/9) ⇄ ELD PTA Spring Boutique (5/5 - 5/9) ⇄**

11 Mother's Day	12 Teacher Center Policy Board 4:15 PM	13	14 ELD Spring Concert for Students 8:30 AM KSA Secondary Concert 6:30 PM	15 ELD PTA/Parent Engagement: Spring Concert Evening 6:00 PM SPK 3rd Grade Spring Concert 6:00 PM RHS National Honor Society & Arista Induction 6:30 PM SVHS Spring Concert 6:30 PM	16 NYS Testing Window (5/16 -6/6) ⇄ FLT Haitian Flag Day Parade 9:15 AM	17 FRC Spring Fling
	NYSESLAT List, Read and Writing (5/12 -5/14) ⇄					
	STAR Assessment Cycle (5/12 -5/30) ⇄					
18	19 SPK Donuts with Grownups 8:30 AM MAR Pawsome Assembly 9:00 AM	20 School Budget Vote Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	21 ELD Field Day Grade: 4 8:30 AM ECC Parent Support Group 6:00 PM RHS Spring Concert & Art Show 6:30 PM	22 ELD Field Day Grade: 5 8:30 AM MAR Spring Concert 5:30 PM CRMS Spring Concert and Art Show 6:00 PM SVHS Senior Prom 7:00 PM	23 ELD Field Day Grade: 6 8:30 AM NYSESLAT Testing	24
	NYS Testing Window (5/16 -6/6) ⇄					
	STAR Assessment Cycle (5/12 -5/30) ⇄ ECC School Spirit Week (5/19 - 5/23) ⇄ GRV Scholastic Book Fair (5/19 - 5/23)					
25	26 Memorial Day (Schools Closed)	27 KSA Elementary Concert 6:30 PM	28 ELD Monthly SEL/PBIS Assembly 8:45 AM	29 SPK Field Day #1 CRMS Grade 6 Parent Evening Orientation 6:00 PM RHS Underclassmen Awards 6:30 PM	30 SPK Field Day #2 ELD Finkelstein Memorial Library - Summer Reading 9:30 AM RHS Variety Show 7:00 PM POMS May Student of the Month	31
	STAR Assessment Cycle (5/12 -5/30) ⇄					
	NYS Testing Window (5/16 -6/6) ⇄					

**APRENDIZAJE SOCIOEMOCIONAL:** Estudiantes-Atletas

El Departamento de Atletismo de East Ramapo ofrece una amplia variedad de deportes en 70 programas diferentes durante el otoño, invierno y primavera, y los programas de Educación Física fomentan actividades de acondicionamiento físico saludables para niños de todos los grados. Nuestros estudiantes-atletas equilibran sus responsabilidades académicas con su entusiasmo por el ejercicio físico, y lograr la excelencia en ambos requiere una gran dedicación y disciplina. La participación en deportes escolares y experiencias atléticas ayuda a los estudiantes-atletas a desarrollar importantes habilidades para la vida, y sigue siendo un área principal de enfoque para el Distrito.



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# ACADEMICS

## Focused on the Finish Line

As the school year comes to a close in June, the East Ramapo Central School District realizes, recognizes and celebrates student achievement in a myriad of ways. Yearbooks are distributed, field days and awards assemblies are held, and most importantly, moving up ceremonies and graduation commencement ceremonies take place. High school graduation is among life's biggest accomplishments, and while it is the finish line for the East Ramapo seniors, it is also the starting point for the rest of their lives.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 CRMS Morning Cheer: End of Year Celebration 9:15 AM  <b>Teacher Center Policy                      Board 4:15 PM</b>	3 MAR Art Show 5:30 PM  RHS SAC Dinner	4 LKN Music Mania 6:30 PM  SVHS Awards Night 6:30 PM  <b>Regents Exams</b>  <b>Board of Education                      Meeting 7:30 PM</b>	5 ELD 4th Grade Boulder's Baseball Game	6 LKN Cultural Fusion Fiesta  GRV HEM, MAR Field Day 9:00 AM  SVHS Senior Trip/Breakfast  SVHS Dance Concert 7:00 PM	7
NYS Testing Window (5/16 -6/6) ⇨						
8	9 CRMS Chat & Chew with the Principal 8:30 AM  RHS Class 2025 Senior Awards 6:30 PM	10 MAR Kindergarten Funday 9:00 AM  CRMS National Junior Honor Society Induction 6:00 PM  <b>Regents Exams: New Life                      Science/Bio</b>	11 Regents Exams: New Geometry SPK Moving Up - Grade 3 9:00 AM ELD Capstone Project Expo ECC Musical Concert and Family and Student Fashion Show 5:30 PM GRV HEMP Grade 3 Concert & Art Show 6:00 PM RHS Senior Class Prom SVHS Thespians Awards 6:00 PM CRMS PTA Meeting 6:30 PM	12 ELD Capstone Project Expo - Grade 5 9:15 AM  ELD 6th Grade Field Trip - Kruckers  ELD PTA/Parent Engagement Night 6:00 PM	13 MAR SPK 3rd Grade Moving Up Ceremony 9:10 AM  ELD Capstone Project Expo - Grade 6 9:15 AM  LKN Schoolyard Showdown & BBQ	14
ELD Summer Spirit Week (5/9 - 6/13) ⇨						

15 <b>Father's Day</b>	16 RHS Class of 2025 Senior Breakfast 10:30 AM	17 CRMS Grade 8 Picnic ECC Kindergarten Graduation 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM <b>Budget Revote (if needed)</b> <b>Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM</b>	18 ELD Monthly SEL/PBIS Assembly 8:45 AM ELD Annual Barbeque (Lunch Periods) 11:25 AM CRMS Grade 8 Dance 6:00 PM FRC Bingo Night	19 <b>Juneteenth (Schools Closed)</b>	20 <b>First Day of Summer</b> LKN 6th Grade Kruckers Trip 8:30 AM HEM Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony GRV Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony 9:00 AM CRMS 4th Think College Now Quarter Academic Evening of Excellence Assembly 2:08 PM ELD 6th Grade Dance (PTA) 6:00 PM	21
<b>Regents Exams (6/17 - 6/27) ⇄</b>						
22	23 ECC School Field Day 8:40 AM LKN Moving Up Ceremony 9:00 AM MAR Pawsome Assembly 9:00 AM	24 GRV Third Grade Moving Up Ceremony 9:00 AM HEM Fifth Grade Moving Up Ceremony	25 CRMS Pep Rally/ CRMS Cares Community Cash Card Program (CCC) 2:08 PM	26 ELD 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony at CRMS 8:30 AM <b>Regents Rating Day</b>	27 ELD Grade 6 Breakfast 9:00 AM RHS and SVHS Graduation Ceremonies <b>Last Day of School for Students and Staff</b> <b>Regents Rating Day</b>	28
<b>Regents Exams (6/17 - 6/27) ⇄</b>						
29	30					

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**ACADÉMICOS:** *Centrados en la línea de meta*

*A medida que el año escolar llega a su fin en junio, el Distrito Escolar Central de East Ramapo se da cuenta, reconoce y celebra los logros de los estudiantes de muchas maneras. Se distribuyen anuarios, se celebran días de campo y asambleas de premios y, lo que es más importante, se llevan a cabo ceremonias de ascenso y graduación. La graduación de la escuela secundaria es uno de los mayores logros de la vida, y aunque es la línea de meta para los estudiantes de último año de East Ramapo, también es el punto de partida para el resto de sus vidas.*



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# JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
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# East Ramapo CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## ■ CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

105 South Madison Ave  
Spring Valley, NY 10977

### Interim Superintendent of Schools

Anthony DiCarlo .....(x6093)

### District Clerk

Kathi Kivi .....(x6015)

## ■ ACADEMICS & INSTRUCTION

### Office of Curriculum and Instruction

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Ronald Gonzalez.....(x6022)

Executive Director of Elementary Education

Ms. Ellen Andriello .....(x6023)

Executive Director of Secondary Education

Dr. Beverly Jones .....(x6198)

Assistant Superintendent of Multilingual Education

Ms. Kathrynne Morales.....(x6493)

Director of Multilingual Education (K-6)

Ms. Samantha Scherer .....(x6102)

Director of Multilingual Education (7-12)

Ms. Claribel Rodriguez.....(x6289)

Assistant Director of Multilingual Education

Ms. Deymiss Caraballo .....(x6289)

Director of Fine and Performing Arts

Mr. Michael Smith .....(x6380)

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Ms. Sonia Dominguez-Saravia .....(x6021)

Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics

Mr. Greg Russo .....(x6075)

Principal Assigned to Multilingual Education

Karen Pinel .....(x6197)

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Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel

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Executive Director of Special Education (K-12)

Tamara Truax.....(x6195)

Director of Special Education Services Non-public

Dr. Jennifer Coggio .....(x6598)

Assistant Directors of Special Education

Ms. Stephanie Ayala .....(x6048)

Ms. Beatriz Munoz.....(x6269)

Director of Guidance / Smart Scholars Program

Ms. Tara Richards.....(x6120)

CPSE/CSE Coordinator

Ms. TinaMarie Woods.....(x6122)

Health Services Coordinator .....(x6049)

Family & Community Engagement Coord .....(x6073)

Committee of Special Education.....(x6040)

Committee of Preschool Special Education .(x6042)

Home Schooling.....(x6044)

## ■ OPERATIONS

### Business Office

Assistant Superintendent for Business

Mr. Eric Stark.....(x6062)

Director of Business

Ms. Rochelle Gibbons .....(x6116)

Supervisor of Fiscal Services/Assistant

Business Official

Ms. My Nguyen .....(x6118)

Assistant Director of Transportation

Mr. David Peterkin .....(x7101)

Director of Facilities

Matt Tindall.....(x6480)

Food Services

Ms. Carmela Cernaro .....(x6582)

### Office of Funded Programs

Assistant Superintendent of Funded Programs

Dr. Daniel Shanahan .....(x6033)

Universal Pre-Kindergarten .....(x6158)

Book Depository

Ms. Marsha Epstein.....(x6146)

Warehouse .....(x6567)

Purchasing Clerk

Ms. Sue Fata .....(x6393)

Funded Programs Assistant

Ms. Donna Tanner .....(x6030)

Audit and Compliance Coordinator

Ms. Phyllis Tucker .....(x6032)

Accountant

Ms. Renee Vaughan .....(x6005)

### Personnel Office

Assistant Superintendent of Personnel

Ms. Ana Reluzco .....(x6096)

Executive Director of Personnel

Dr. William Rolon .....(x6134)

Director of Human Resources

Ms. Jessica Theodore .....(x6094)

Civil Service

Ms. Kim Smith.....(x6092)

Attendance

Diane Broersma.....(x6091)

Employee Benefits

Sabouhi Shadaab.....(x6008)

Certificated

Gabe Medina-Moir.....(x6097)

Stephani Schlesinger .....(x6095)

### Technology and Information Management

Executive Director of Technology  
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Mr. Bhavin Gandhi .....(x6081)

Data Manager/Data Coordinator

Mr. Akash Desai.....(x6072)

Student/Staff Help Desk .....(914-922-3002)

### Central Registration

Director of Central Registration

Ms. Kimberly O'Brien.....(x6276)

### Safety and Security Department

Coordinator of Safety and Security/  
School Resource Officer

Mr. Tom Carton.....(x6136)

InfoPhone 24 Hour Message Service .....(x6565)

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# We BELIEVE...

## MISSION

As a unified community, the East Ramapo Central School District is committed to educating the whole child by providing a healthy, safe, supportive, engaging and challenging learning environment.

## VISION

We will become proficient in all that we do.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

East Ramapo is governed by a Board of Education composed of nine trustees elected by the community, each for a term of three years.

The Board is responsible for providing and promoting a budget, levying taxes, setting educational policy, and meeting all requirements of state law. To contact members of the Board of Education, e-mail the Board at [BoardofEducation@ercsd.org](mailto:BoardofEducation@ercsd.org), or call the District Clerk at (845) 577-6015.

### 2024-2025 Board of Education

Shimon Rose, President

Sherry McGill, Vice President

Sabrina Charles-Pierre

Moshe Samuel Feder

Yitzchok Gruber

Moses Koth

Simon Koth

Ephraim Weissmandl

Eric Young-Mercer

The East Ramapo Board conducts regularly scheduled business meetings which are listed in this calendar. All meetings are held in the Professional Learning Community Center (PLCC) of the Senator Eugene Levy/Dr. Jack R. Anderson Education Center, 105 S. Madison Ave., Spring Valley, and begin at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise announced. Special meetings may be called as necessary, and will be announced on the District's website. Meetings are live-streamed to YouTube and are saved there for viewing later. See District Clerk announcements for the links. The Board also conducts study sessions

to discuss District-related matters without taking formal action. Additionally, public hearings and other informational meetings are held as needed, as are those of the Board's various committees. The Board may conduct an executive session during a scheduled meeting to discuss personnel items, negotiations, real estate, litigation and other matters as allowed by law.

## SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS

All school budgets and bond issues must be approved by the voters of the East Ramapo Central School District.

To vote, a person must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A resident of the School District for at least 30 days;
- 18 years of age or older;
- Personally registered for School District Elections or registered for General Elections with Rockland County.

If you have recently moved into the District, or moved wards in the District, or are not registered for School District elections, but have voted in general elections, you must file a change of address with the Rockland County Board of Elections to be eligible to vote in school votes.

Residents may come to the District Clerk's office at 105 South Madison Ave, Spring Valley, NY, between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm on any school day up to 14 days prior to the school District vote to register in person.

The 2025 School Budget Vote and Election will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Possible budget re-vote would be June 17, 2025.

Requests for Absentee Ballots to be mailed to voters must be received seven (7) days before Election Day. Detailed information on registration, absentee ballots, and running for the school board are available online at [www.ercsd.org/districtclerk](http://www.ercsd.org/districtclerk).

# Emergency CLOSING INFORMATION

There may be times during the year when weather conditions such as snow, ice or freezing rain, or emergencies such as loss of water or heat in the building may dictate school closings, delayed openings or early dismissals. Information can be obtained at the following locations:

**Online:**  
[www.ercsd.org](http://www.ercsd.org)

**Mobile App:**  
Download the East Ramapo CSD mobile app from the App Store or Google Play and allow push notifications.

**Television:**  
WNBC TV 4  
WABC TV 7  
News 12 Hudson Valley

**If schools are to be closed before the start of the school day, or if the opening of school is to be delayed, a decision will be made by 6:00 am and all information venues will be informed by 6:30 am.**

**When District schools are closed,** all regularly scheduled sports events and co-curricular activities are also cancelled, unless otherwise announced.

**When school is in session,** and students are to be sent home early because of poor weather conditions, that decision will be made by 11:15 am. Any decision to close early will be posted on the District's website.

**If you are the parent/guardian of an elementary school student,** you are urged to have a current emergency telephone number, cell number, and email address on file at your child's school. You are also urged to make your child aware of where to go and what to do in case of an emergency dismissal during regular school hours

**If a delayed opening has been announced,** please monitor [www.ercsd.org](http://www.ercsd.org) or the **Mobile App;** or look for alerts via **Remind App, phone, or email** about the possibility of school being closed.

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## Equal Opportunity Statement

The East Ramapo Central School District, Spring Valley, New York, in compliance with Federal and State statutes and School District policy, prohibits discrimination against any student, employee or applicant for employment on the basis of age, color, creed, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

This policy of nondiscrimination includes access by students to educational programs, counseling services for students, course offerings and student activities, recruitment and appointment of employees, and, subject to applicable collective bargaining agreements, employment pay and benefits.

The officials responsible for coordination of activities relating to compliance are Dr. Ronald Gonzalez - Student Programs Compliance Officer, Jessica Theodore - Employment Compliance Officer, Tamara Truax - Compliance Officer for the Handicapped. These officials are located in the Administration Building, 105 South Madison Avenue, Spring Valley, New York, 10977, and may be contacted at (845) 577-6000 for any further information.

# Title I, Family Resource Centers, Parent/Teacher Association &

## TITLE I INFORMATION ON DISTRICT'S WEBSITE

Title I, a federally funded program, was developed to help ensure that all students meet challenging academic standards in core subject areas. The East Ramapo Central School District provides a variety of academic intervention and supplemental remedial services to help students who require additional assistance to meet state performance standards. Title I also supports staff development and parental involvement activities to further promote successful academic outcomes.

The District encourages you to learn about services offered at your child's school and how your participation will contribute to and enhance your child's overall achievement.

For information regarding the Title I Parental Involvement Policy, Parents' Right to Know, the School-Parent Compact, and Title I Complaint and Appeal Procedures, please go to the Title I page on the District's website (<https://www.ercsd.org/Page/333>).

## FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

The mission of the East Ramapo Central School District Family Resource Coordinators (FRCs) is to work with families and staff to build nurturing communities where children are cherished and families are supported. FRCs provide families with support and access to information on educational programs. They connect families to one another, to their community, and to resources.

**Some of the services FRC can help you with:** referrals for childcare, employment, tutoring, counseling, workshops, food pantries, and much more.

**Family Resource Center Coordinators can be contacted at their respective schools:**

*Ramapo High School: (845) 577-6400*  
*Spring Valley High School: (845) 577-6500*  
*Chestnut Ridge Middle School: (845) 577-6300*  
*Pomona Middle School: (845) 577-6200*  
*Fleetwood Elementary School: (845) 577-6170*  
*Eldorado Elementary School: (845) 577-6150*  
*Grandview Elementary School: (845) 577-6260*  
*Lime Kiln Elementary School: (845) 577-6280*  
*Hempstead Elementary School: (845) 577-6270*  
*Early Childhood Center: (845) 577-6585*  
*Margetts Elementary School: (845) 577-6190*  
*Elmwood Elementary School: (845) 577-6160*  
*Summit Park Elementary School: (845) 577-6209*  
*Kakiat STEAM Academy: (845) 577-6200*

## WHAT IS PTA?

The Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) is a national organization that believes parent and teacher participation will lead to the best education for students at all levels, from early childhood to graduating high school students.

The Council, like all of PTA, consists of volunteers. These volunteers, whose unpaid contributions of time and treasure are considerable, receive something special: the knowledge that they have made a difference!

## What is the PTA Council?

The PTA Council is the organizing group responsible for the Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) units and Parent/Teacher/Student Association (PTSA) units of the East Ramapo Central School District. The Council provides assistance to each PTA or PTSA in the District, helps coordinate school District/PTA activities, and is a central location for information. Your local PTA or PTSA unit is a volunteer organization whose efforts in conjunction with all the families of East Ramapo benefit all the children of East Ramapo.

## SEPTSA

The Special Education Parent-Teacher-Student Association (SEPTSA) is part of the PTSA, and its focus is the education of students in the District's special education programs.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS

Parents will from time to time have inquiries about school matters. Inquiries should be taken first to those persons who are closest to the subject. This normally means discussing the matter with the appropriate teacher.

Appointments can be made by calling the school's general office. After talking with the teacher, a parent may wish to discuss the concern with a guidance counselor or other member of the pupil personnel team. If the matter is not resolved, the parent may then contact the principal or other member of the school's administrative team. If the matter is still not resolved, you may wish to bring the concern to a central office administrator.

This administrator will ask for a summary of previous discussions held with school personnel in relation to the concern. The matter will be investigated and findings and conclusions will be reported to the individual concerned. A resident always has the right to appeal to the Board of Education. However, even in matters related to acts of the Board itself, it is proper to present any matter first to the superintendent of schools.

## COMMUNICATION

The District strives to communicate effectively with parents, students, and community members through various media.

## DISTRICT WEBSITE

The District's website is found at: [www.ercsd.org](http://www.ercsd.org)

Important information such as announcements, special events, lunch menus, and more are found on the District and school websites.

*chestnutridge.ercsd.org*  
*ecc.ercsd.org*  
*eldorado.ercsd.org*  
*elmwood.ercsd.org*  
*fleetwood.ercsd.org*  
*grandview.ercsd.org*  
*hempstead.ercsd.org*  
*kakiat.ercsd.org*  
*limekiln.ercsd.org*  
*margetts.ercsd.org*  
*pomona.ercsd.org*  
*ramapo.ercsd.org*  
*springvalley.ercsd.org*  
*summitpark.ercsd.org*

## MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Blackboard Mass Notification System is an automated telephone, e-mail and text and app messaging service that the District uses to keep parents, community members and staff rapidly informed about emergency situations and important announcements. Alerts will be sent to announce weather related or other school closings.

Telephone messages will be sent to main phone numbers on file with your child's school.

As always, student telephone and emergency contact information is updated by calling your child's school and speaking with the secretary. Telephone numbers must be kept current so we may better support you and your children.

Parents and Guardians who are interested in push notifications to their mobile device should download the East Ramapo CSD free mobile app on the App Store or Google Play.

## BOARD DOCS

Board of Education agendas, minutes and election information can be found online via Board Docs:

[www.boarddocs.com/ny/ersd/Board.nsf](http://www.boarddocs.com/ny/ersd/Board.nsf)

# INFORMATION and DASA

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please visit [ercsd.org](http://ercsd.org) for detailed information on the following categories:

Athletics	Kindergarten Registration
Attendance Zones by Street	Lunch Menus
Central Registration	New York State Education Department
Classlink	New York State Education Parent Dashboard
Curriculum	New York State Learning Standards
Code of Conduct	New York State Report Cards
Data Privacy/Parents Bill of Rights	Parent Portal
Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) Disclosure to the Military	Policies
District-Wide Safety Plan	School Closing
Enrolling in School	Schoolology
EPIC (Every Person Influences Children)	Title 1 Notification
Family Resource Center	Transportation ERCSD
Family University	Transportation NYSED
Family Educational Records Privacy Act (FERPA)	Title I
Free and Reduced-Price Meals	Title II
Health Services	Title III
Home Schooling	Universal Pre-kindergarten (UPK)
	Voting Information



## DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (DASA)

The East Ramapo Central School District will not tolerate incidents of discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, or bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function by students and/or school employees.

The Dignity Act was signed into law on September 13, 2010 and took effect on July 1, 2012. Amendments to the act are effective as of July 1, 2013. In compliance with Education Law §13(3), at least one staff member at every school must be thoroughly trained in human relations in the areas of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, and sex. This staff member should be referred to as the Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC).

### Dignity Act Building Coordinators are responsible for the following:

- Supporting the staff in deciding if the incident falls under the DASA law
- Helping the staff, parent, student to fill out the DASA form
- Collaborating with the Principal, Assistant Principal, and School Counselors to conduct investigations and create interventions for the alleged victim and offender

A list of East Ramapo's DASA Coordinators can be found at [www.ERCSD.org/DASA](http://www.ERCSD.org/DASA)

# Admission & IMMUNIZATIONS\*

## INTRODUCTION

All children who meet the age and residency requirements established by state law have the right to attend school whether they are U.S. citizens, documented aliens, or undocumented immigrant children and youth.

## REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

The child's initial enrollment will occur on the next school day after the request for enrollment is made, or as soon thereafter as practicable. However, if the District is able to determine non-residency from documentation provided on the day of the initial request, the child will not be enrolled. Following the request for enrollment, you will have three (3) business days to present proof of custody, residency, and age of the student using the kinds of documentation listed below. If you do not present the required proof, your child will not be granted final registration in the District.

### Proof of Age: must be **certified copy**

- Certified transcript of birth, including foreign birth certificate (with seal); or
- Religious Certificate (Baptismal or Bris Certificate).

If neither of the above are available:

- Passport (including foreign passport) showing the date of birth of the minor.

If none of the above-listed documentation is available, the following will be considered:

- Permanent resident/Green Card;
- Official driver's license;
- State-or other government-issued ID;
- School photo ID with date of birth;
- Consulate identification card;
- Hospital or health records (in New York City, Hospital Birth Records);
- Military dependent ID card;
- Documents issued by federal, state or local agencies;
- Court orders or court-issued documents;
- Native American tribal document;
- Record(s) from non-profit international aid agencies and voluntary agencies (VOLAGS).

Other than birth certificates, religious certificates and passports, documentation of age must have been in existence two years or more.

**Proof of Immunization:** You have fourteen (14) days to submit to the school nurse the month, date and year of New York State immunizations signed by a doctor or clinic. If documentation of immunization is not obtained after this period, the student may be excluded from school until documentation/immunization is obtained. For a list of required immunizations, see the Central Registration page on the District website: [www.ercsd.org](http://www.ercsd.org).

**Proof of Parental Identification:** The parent/guardian/person in parental relation MUST be present at time of registration and provide valid identification such as:

- Driver's license;
- Government Issued Photo ID;
- Passport
- DSS-299.

**Proof of Residency:** You must provide at least one form of proof of residency from list **A** or **B**. In addition, please provide at least one other document from list **C**, below.

### **A. Homeowner/Condominium owner**

- Mortgage statement;
- Deed; **or**
- Closing Papers

### **B. Renter/Tenant**

- Lease;
- Affidavit or unsworn statement by landlord;
- Affidavit or unsworn statement by owner or tenant from whom parent/person in parental relation leases or shares property; **or**
- Statement by any other party establishing parent(s)/person in parental relations' physical presence in the District.

### **C. Other Documentation of Residency**

In addition to providing at least one item from list **A** or **B** above, please provide at least one additional document demonstrating residency if available. Below is a list of examples of documentation that may be used. **Please note that this list is intended only to provide examples of documentation that may be relevant to residency determinations.** The District will consider other kinds of documentation. The list below is not intended to be exhaustive, nor is it a list of required documentation.

- Pay stub;
- Income tax form;
- Utility (such as gas/electric/oil bill, e.g., Orange & Rockland);
- Other bills (such as water bill (e.g., United Water), home telephone bill (e.g., Verizon, Optimum, etc.), cable TV/Digital TV bill (e.g., Cablevision, Direct TV, etc.) or Broadband/Internet service provider bill (e. g., Verizon, AOL, etc.);
- Membership documents (e.g., library cards) based upon residency;
- Voter registration document(s);
- Official driver's license, learner's permit or non-driver identification;
- State or other government issued identification;
- Documents issued by Federal, State or local agencies (e.g., local social service agency, Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement); or
- Evidence of custody of the child, including but not limited to judicial custody orders or guardianship papers.

**Please note:** The District will be flexible in considering different kinds of documentation of residency. Any documentation you present will be considered. However, the District has found the following kinds of documents to be less reliable proof of residency: checkbooks; bank statements; credit card statements; car insurance statements/cards; cellular telephone bills; car notes or loan statements (other than mortgage loans).

### **D. Proof of Parental Relationship/Custody**

- An affidavit of the parent(s) or person(s) in parental relation indicating either:
  - (1) that they are the parent(s) with whom the child lawfully resides; or
  - (2) that they are the person(s) in parental relation to the child, over whom they have total and permanent custody and control, and describing how they obtained total and permanent custody and control, whether through guardianship or otherwise
- Documentation indicating that the child resides with a sponsor with whom the child has been placed by a Federal agency;
- Guardianship document or custody order signed by a Judge or Court Officer (**This specific documentation is not required, but is one form of proof of the parental relationship that may be used**).

### **Additional Documents**

Please submit any previous school records, transcripts, or any other relevant documents regarding your child's education, as these will assist us in placing your child in the proper grade and classes.

*\*New York State Law requires that all students K-12 be fully immunized. As of August 2021, required immunization does not include COVID-19.*

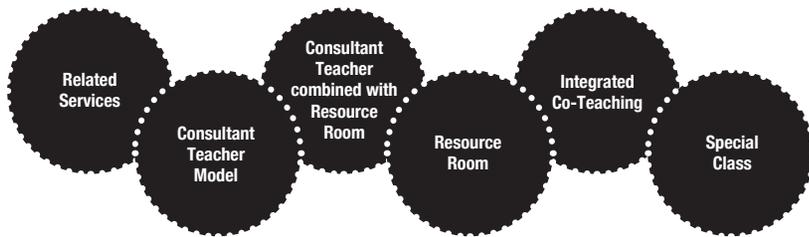
# Student SUPPORT SERVICES

## Student Support Services

East Ramapo Central School District is committed to making sure all students receive a quality education that fits within the framework of their individual needs. The Department of Student Support Services specially designs instruction, services and programs to help meet the unique needs of students with disabilities.

## Special Education

East Ramapo offers the entire New York State Continuum of Special Education Services, and prides itself on maintaining students in their least restrictive environment with supports needed to succeed.



## East Ramapo Central School District Special Education Specialized Programs



## Case Management

In addition to the programs in district, The Case Management Office provides services to students who have been recommended by the school District for out-of-district placements. Once a student has been recommended for an out-of-district placement, the staff in Case Management assumes responsibility for overseeing the student's educational program. The Case Management Office conducts CSE meetings and annual reviews. The Case Management staff observes students in their school environments, meets with staff and parents as necessary and ensures students receive an appropriate education.

**Committee on Special Education (CSE)** All special education placements are determined by the Committee on Special Education, the Subcommittee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education. Based on mandated documents and educational reports, the CSE will determine if a

disability exists and, if so, will recommend appropriate services, program and placement. These committees, in conjunction with parents and teachers, help develop Individual Education Programs (IEPs) for each school-age or preschool-age pupil with a disability on an annual basis.

**Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE)** The School District is responsible for ensuring the provision of evaluations and special education services and/or programs to eligible preschool children. A child must be classified by the CPSE as a preschooler with a disability in order to receive services. Parents who have concerns about their preschool child's development should contact the CPSE Department with questions.

## Increasing Social Emotional and Mental Health Support

East Ramapo is committed to meeting the needs of the whole child by focusing on supporting students and families. The Coordinator of Family and Community Engagement alongside the Homeless Liaison, Family Resource Coordinators, School Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists collaborate to provide multiple layers of support for students, families, and the greater community.

**In addition to in-school supports, the District recognizes the efforts of our community partners.**

- Access-VR (845.426.5410)
- Alcoholics Anonymous (845.352.1112)
- Astor Services (845.871.1000)
- Bridges (845.624.1366)
- Candle (845.634.6677)
- Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland (845.942.5791)
- Center for Safety and Change (845.634.3344)
- Child Care Resources of Rockland (845.425.0009)
- NAMI - National Alliance of Mental Illness (845.359.8787)
- Ramapo Police Department (845.357.2400)
- Rockland BOCES (845.348.3500)
- Rockland County Department of Social Services (845.364.3100)
- Rockland County Department of Health (845.364.2512)
- Samaritan Daytop Village (845.353.2730)
- Spring Valley Police Department (845.356.7400)

**The following procedures are used when a parent believes that their child may have an educational disability requiring Special Education:**

<b>Suspicion of a possible disability</b>	If you have a child or know of a child who may have a disability and who may require special education, please submit the following information to your child's school office: the child's name and date of birth; your specific concerns about the child's learning or behavior; the name of the child's parent or guardian (if this is not in reference to your own child.)	<i>Contact your child's teacher or School Principal</i>
<b>Referral</b>	A referral is a request to have a child individually evaluated because there is a suspicion of a possible educational disability which may require special education.  The written referral must be sent to: The School Principal <b>or</b> The Committee on Special Education 105 S. Madison Ave. Spring Valley, NY 10977	<i>Contact your child's School Principal or Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services</i>
<b>Evaluations</b>	The evaluations performed for your child may include a social history, reading, math and written language tests, a health assessment, psychological tests, speech/language/hearing tests, and other tests which may be necessary. Before an initial evaluation can be done, the District must have a parent's written consent. The consent is voluntary and may be withdrawn at any time prior to the completion of the evaluations. If you do not wish to consent to the evaluations, you will be invited to your child's school to discuss your objections. If you do not attend this meeting or if you continue to object, the CSE will stop the referral process.  If the evaluations are done and you disagree with the results, you have the right to get an independent evaluation which the CSE/CPSE must consider when making its recommendation on your child's special education program. If you want this evaluation to be at the District's expense, you must notify the CSE/CPSE in writing.	<i>Contact your child's School Principal or Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services</i>

<b>Individual Education Program (IEP)</b>	The IEP states your child's classification, the type of program, specific special education and related services to be provided, duration of program (10 or 12 months), present levels of academic performance, any special needs for transportation, annual goals, and any special testing procedures or equipment to be used. The IEP must explain the extent, if any, to which your child will not participate in general education programs.  Your child's classification, services, and program will be reviewed once a year by a subcommittee of the CSE/CPSE. This meeting is called an Annual Review. Once in 3 years a full re-evaluation may be conducted to determine if special education is still needed for your child to receive a free, appropriate public education. At any time, you may ask for a review of your child's IEP, classification, special education services and/or program by writing to the CSE/CPSE.	<i>Contact your child's School Principal or Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services</i>
<b>Due Process Rights</b>	If you disagree with any part of the recommendation of the IEP, you may make a written request for a resolution meeting, mediation meeting, or an impartial hearing. Your request must state specifically what you disagree with.  If you request an impartial hearing, the hearing must be held and a decision made within 45 days of your written request. If you are represented by an attorney at a hearing or a subsequent appeal to the State Review Office or court, and if your appeal is successful, your reasonable attorney's fees may be paid by the District.	<i>Contact your child's School Principal or Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services</i>
<b>Transition Planning</b>	Transition planning is a required process that is used to prepare a student with a disability to achieve his or her goals related to living, learning and earning within the community after high school graduation. It includes planning for college, the world of work, linking to agencies and living as an adult after high school. Successful transition planning includes parents and guardians, your child and the school. It must be reviewed annually.	<i>Contact your child's School Principal, Director of Special Education, or School Counselor.</i>

For information about accessing special education services for your child follow the links below.

**Parent's Guide to Special Education (English)** <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/parentguide.htm>

**Parent's Guide to Special Education (Spanish)** <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/spanishparentguide.htm>

# Graduation REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED SUBJECTS	REGENTS DIPLOMA	ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA
English Language Arts	4 Credits	4 Credits
Social Studies	4 credits	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits	3 credits
Science	3 credits	3 credits
Language Other Than English	1 credit (a)	3 credits (b)
Health	1/2 credit	1/2 credit
Art, Music, Dance or Theater	1 credit	1 credit
Electives	3 1/2 credits	1 1/2 credits
Physical Education	2 credits	2 credits
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED (minimum)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>NYS Regents Examination Requirement</b>	<b>Score 65 or above on 5 required Regents exams <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Score 65 or above on 8 required Regents exams <sup>2</sup></b>

REGENTS EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL DIPLOMA	
<b>Year Student Entered 9th Grade</b>	2008 and thereafter
<b>Minimum Regents Exam Requirement</b>	Score 65 or above on 5 required Regents exams. No local diplomas will be issued

<sup>1</sup> Under the new "4+1" pathway assessment option, students must pass four required Regents Exams or Department-approved alternative assessments (one in each of the following subjects: English, math, science, and social studies) and either pass a comparably rigorous assessment for a fifth required exam, or in lieu of a fifth exam, complete the requirements to earn the CDOS Commencement Credential.

<sup>2</sup> Five required Regents exams plus at least one more in science, at least one more in math, and one in a language other than English. Students entering 9th grade in 2009 and beyond will be required to pass three Regents examinations in mathematics for an advanced Regents diploma.

## LOTE REQUIREMENT

- (a) Students who complete Checkpoint A and two credits in a single language other than English no later than the end of grade 8 must pass the second language proficiency examination in order to earn one credit toward a high school diploma
- (b) Students taking a sequence of not less than 5 credits in career and technical education (GTE) or the arts may substitute such 5 credit sequence in place of the 3 credits in a language other than English (LOTE). To earn the advanced designation, the student must complete one of the following:
1. **LOTE** (Language Other Than English) — 3 credits
  2. **CTE** (Career and Technical Education) — 5 credits
  3. **The Arts** (Dance, Music, Theater and Visual Arts) — 5 credits

## **REGENTS EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN TRANSFER STUDENTS**

The Regulations of the Commissioner of Education provide certain conditions under which an 11th or 12th grade transfer student who has not previously been home instructed and has not previously attended school in New York can earn a diploma without meeting the requirements for passing the Regents examination in global history and geography and passing a Regents examination in science. See your guidance counselor for further details.

## **APPEAL TO GRADUATE WITH A LOWER SCORE ON A REGENTS EXAMINATION**

Beginning with students entering grade 9 in 2005, students who have taken and passed certain courses in preparation to take a Regents examination and have a 65 course average but whose highest score on the Regents examination is below but within three points of the 65 passing score may appeal to graduate with a local or Regents diploma using the lower score. Students who may be eligible for this consideration should speak with their guidance counselor for a list of eligibility requirements to further determine if they can pursue this appeal.

## **SAFETY NET FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Board of Regents, at their October 2012 meeting, approved the emergency adoption of an amendment to section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. These regulations, effective October 31, 2012, provide an additional option for a student with a disability to earn a local diploma through the use of a "compensatory option" if the student:

1. scores between 45-54<sup>4</sup> on one or more of the five required Regents exams, other than the English language arts (ELA) or mathematics exam<sup>1</sup>, but scores 65 or higher on one or more of the required Regents exams, in which case the lower score(s) can be compensated by the higher score(s)<sup>2</sup>; and
2. obtains a passing grade, that meets or exceeds the required passing grade by the school, for the course in the subject area of the Regents examination in which he or she received a score of 45-54; and
3. has a satisfactory attendance rate, in accordance with the District's or school's attendance policy, for the school year during which the student took the examination in which he or she received a score of 45-54, exclusive of excused absences; and
4. is not already using a passing score<sup>3</sup> on one or more Regents Competency Tests (RCTs) to graduate with a local diploma. (A student may not use the compensatory score option if he or she is using a passing score on one or more RCTs to graduate with a local diploma.)

<sup>1</sup> A score of at least 55 must be earned on both the ELA and mathematics exams.

<sup>2</sup> A score of 65 or higher on a single examination may not be used to compensate for more than one examination for which a score of 45-54 is earned.

<sup>3</sup> Not used if RCT is used.

<sup>4</sup> To qualify a student has to have a 65 on the ELA.

The Superintendent Determination option allows a superintendent (or the principal/head of school of a registered nonpublic school or charter school, as applicable) to make a local determination that a student with a disability has otherwise met the standards for graduation with a local high school diploma when such student has not been successful, because of his/her disability, at demonstrating his/her proficiency on one or more of the Regents exams required for graduation (excluding the ELA or math Regents exams).

# Our Theory OF ACTION

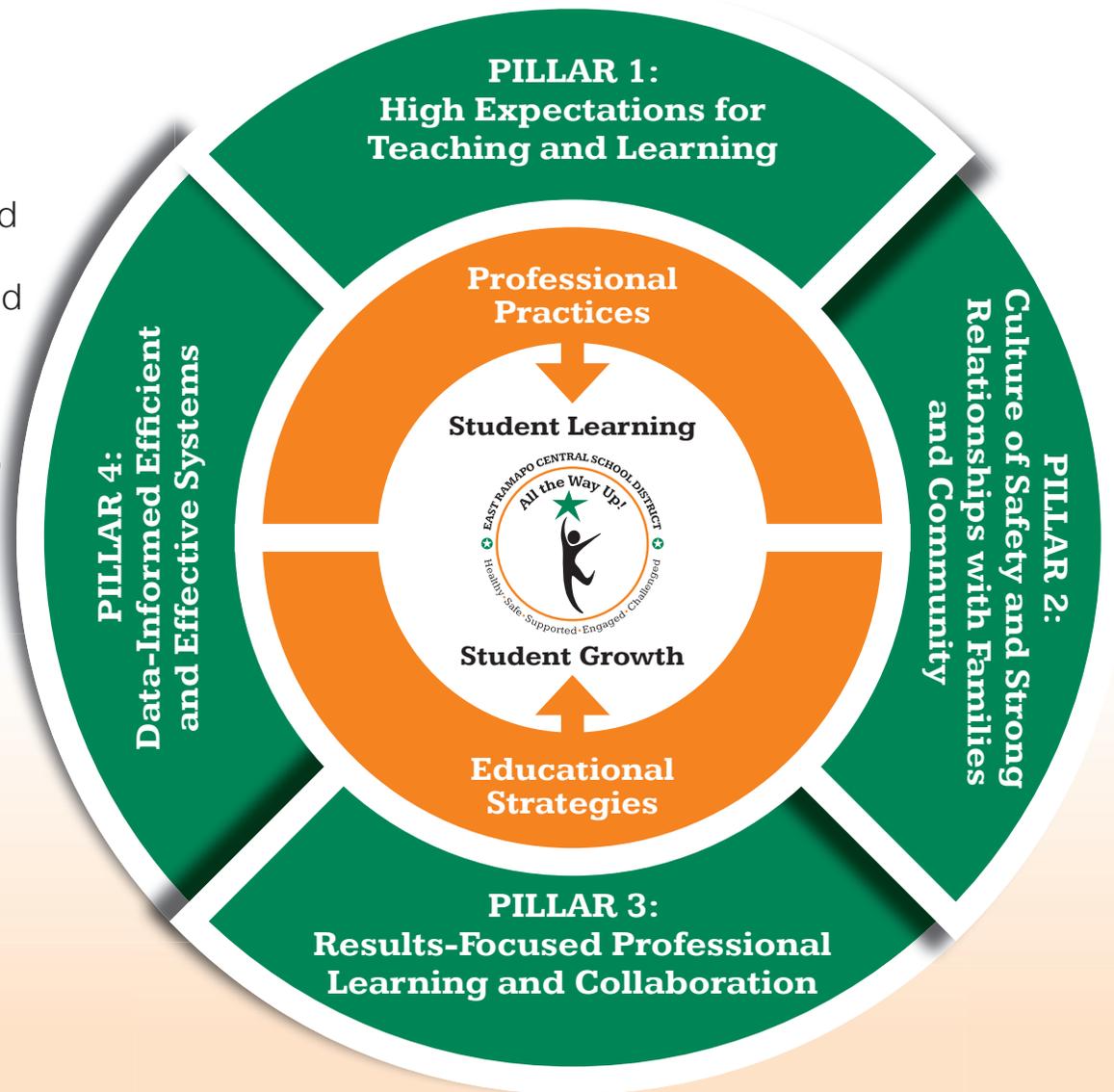


**IF** educators individually and collectively exercise key **professional practices** and **educational strategies** framed by our **four pillars** and geared towards building student competencies and confidence for success,

**THEN** students will

- (1) demonstrate success in the early years,
- (2) exhibit healthy, safe, supported, engaged, and challenged behaviors;
- (3) be motivated confident, and empowered critical thinkers;
- (4) show mastery of academic subjects and the arts;
- (5) graduate from high school and show readiness for college and careers,

**AND** we will realize our Vision of being proficient in all that we do.





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## KEY DATES:

**JULY 1, 2024**  
**New Budget Begins**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2024**  
**First Day of School**

**APRIL 1, 2025**  
**Transportation Forms Due**

**MAY 6, 2025**  
**Last Day to Register to Vote**

**MAY 20, 2025**  
**School Budget Vote**

**JUNE 27, 2025**  
**Last Day of School**



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