



**ROCHESTER**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

PRIDE IN EXCELLENCE

## **LEARNING**

Rochester Community Schools believes that well-rounded students who possess core academic knowledge, high levels of self-awareness and the ability to apply their learning have the skills that will enable them to thrive in a continually evolving global society. The district will ensure all students have independence in foundational literacy, mathematics, science and humanities skills. These skills, along with embedded coaching on character, citizenship, creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, cultural proficiency and communication, will continue to prepare students for success beyond school.

Progress will be determined by evidence that includes, but also reaches beyond, grades and standardized test scores to demonstrate grade-level proficiency and growth. This evidence-based approach ensures that all students, at all ability levels, get learning experiences tailored to their needs. RCS will empower students to be owners of their learning by engaging them as co-creators of their experiences and action plans. Learners will set and reflect upon goals while having opportunities to provide and respond to feedback from a variety of sources.

Relevance and global connection are developed through career exposure and exploration. A variety of specialized focus areas in individual schools along

with Career and Technical Education (CTE) offerings across the district will enhance college-bound and direct-to-work pathways, enabling students to access career certifications, advanced coursework options and post-secondary credit.

The district creates a sense of belonging and supports the development of skills and habits that enable physical, social-emotional and mental wellness. Content will be culturally relevant and include opportunities for all students to concentrate on areas of interest and passion through remedial, on-level, and advanced/accelerated pathways. To ensure the district continues to foster this culture of belonging, students will have meaningful input into practices and approaches to learning in collaboration with RCS educators.

Through a commitment to foundational academic knowledge, deepening learning skills and a culture of wellness, Rochester Community Schools develops the leaders and responsible citizens of the next generation.