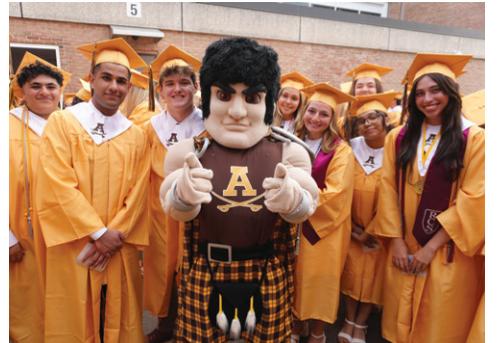




Celebrating the Class of 2025



1,207 graduating seniors
406 earned ≥ 3.9 GPA + 4 AP classes
92 earned ≥ 3.8 GPA + 3 AP classes
187 earned ≥ 3.5 GPA + 2 AP classes
727 earned ≥ 3.5 GPA overall



Rochester Community Schools celebrates 1,207 graduating seniors. As a class, they have forged strong bonds that have enabled them to excel at the highest levels. We congratulate this exceptional group of students and extend sincere gratitude to our teachers, families, administrators, staff, and community partners who have supported them on their educational journey through their K-12 experience.

“As we look to the future, there is not one clearly defined path for success. Great joy can be achieved by finding the purpose from within and pursuing it with one’s heart, not just for school, but for life,” said Nicholas Russo, superintendent. “When you live your purpose, you become an inspiration to those around you. Congratulations Class of 2025! We are proud of you!”

*Data is based on available information at time of print.

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Advancing safety through innovative technology solutions

Rochester Community Schools remains committed to enhancing processes that empower staff members to act effectively during an emergency. To that end, the district is adopting the Centegix safety platform, an incident response solution that supports emergencies, from everyday situations to the extreme.

“Nothing is more important than the safety and well-being of our students, staff and community. In an emergency, every second matters. We will do all we can to strengthen district processes that support emergency preparedness and response in our school buildings, on the playgrounds, parking lots or athletic fields,” said Superintendent Nicholas Russo.

The Centegix safety platform

leverages digital mapping, real-time locating capabilities, and an easy-to-use wearable panic button to support a faster response for safety situations.

“Every adult member of our team has been issued a breakaway lanyard that holds a crisis alert badge. Using the Centegix system, staff can call for help anywhere on school grounds, simply by pressing a button. Once activated, support teams will know exactly where the incident is taking place and can provide an immediate response for help,” said Dr. Neil DeLuca, deputy superintendent.

The Centegix platform provides two types of alerts. The “I need help” alert immediately notifies on-site staff of a localized situation on campus, such as a medical



emergency or altercation on school property.

“Response times can impact the outcome of a situation. For example, if there’s an accident on the playground, our teams can call for help without delay. We anticipate that the vast majority of our alerts will originate from these types of day-to-day interactions,” said DeLuca.

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For more extreme situations, a campus-wide alert, or lockdown, may be required. Here, the system not only notifies on-site personnel of the emergency, but also central office administrators, 911 dispatchers and first responders.



“New and innovative technologies are constantly emerging, so we did our due diligence to make

sure the platform would provide a lasting benefit, is secure, easy to use, easy to install, accepted by local law enforcement and integrates with our current systems,” said Jeff Frankowiak, technology director.

“An intentional focus on training ensures that school resource officers, first responders and nearly 2,000 district employees have the knowledge to support the alerts and respond quickly,” said Frankowiak.

When the badge is activated, school communities receive visual and auditory

alerts. A strobe light flashes; an intercom message provides verbal direction; and mobile and desktop computer alerts indicate the location of the emergency on a map.

“The Centegix safety platform does not replace other safety measures that are currently in place in the district. It is meant to enhance operations,” said RCS Safety Consultant Steve Schettenhelm, former Rochester Police chief. “This multi-layered approach to safety includes districtwide emergency response protocols, emergency radios, cameras, CPR and first-aid training and other strategic investments that make the crisis response for the district even better.”

Additional benefits of the Centegix partnership include a comprehensive visitor management system that will be installed in all 25 Rochester Community Schools buildings in the fall 2025. The system alerts staff if an individual has a background that could jeopardize a safe environment and provides building administrators with the ability to see if visitors are entering restricted areas. It also offers greater

efficiency by providing a self-service kiosk for visitors, while eliminating the need for manual clipboard and check-in sheets.

“A visitor management system improves security for our staff and students. Knowing who is in the building, along with their purpose, will also improve our ability to account for and assist our guests in the case of an emergency situation,” said DeLuca.

“Keeping our school community safe is a team effort. New processes and procedures may not always be convenient, but they are essential in this day and age. We remain grateful for our community members who partner with us to support the safety and well-being of each and every student, staff, family member, visitor and guest on school grounds,” said Russo.



Honoring excellence in education

The Excellence in Education Award was created to recognize exemplary performance throughout the district. Through a generous donation from Michelle Beitelshees of the Pino Insurance Agency, in a partnership with the RCS Foundation, the Excellence in Education Award has been sustained for more than 18 years. During that time, more than 135 employees have been recognized and awarded over \$70,000 to support our schools. Award dollars are used by the recipients to purchase materials or services that will enhance a school classroom, facility, program or service.

Congratulations to the 2025 Excellence in Education Award recipients!



Lucinda Salmon

Long Meadow teacher, recognized for her contagious and enthusiastic energy, joyful approach to teaching, and attention to helping children learn life skills to calm their minds and bodies.



Jeff Zurkan

Hart choir teacher, honored for teaching valuable lessons in music and life, sharing kindness, making learning fun and caring about student well-being.



Officer Amy Drehmer

Rochester Police officer and RCS school resource officer, honored for being a role model, mentor and caring community leader who has made a lasting impact on students and staff over the past 18 years.



ParentSquare

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RCS is launching ParentSquare as its new communication platform!

As of July 2025, the district will no longer use SchoolMessenger for communications.

ParentSquare pulls contact information directly from ParentVUE. To prevent a lapse in information, families are encouraged to update their phone number, email address, and preferred language in ParentVUE.

Need help? Scan the QR code to access the RCS ParentSquare support site for helpful videos, step-by-step guides, and FAQs. Families can also download the ParentSquare app to optimize their experience.

RCS ParentSquare Support



Download the ParentSquare App





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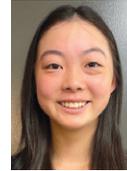
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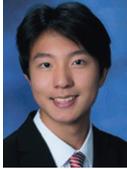
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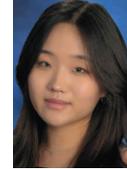
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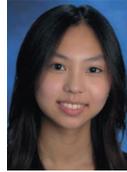
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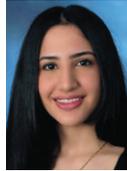
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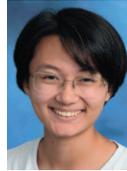
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George Washington
Univ.
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Breandan Roscoe
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Michigan State Univ.
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Mia Snellgrove
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Delaney Ross
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Giovanna Serio
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Shaurya Seth
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Riley Simpson
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Lily Sommer
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Gabriella Rapetti
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Miami Univ.
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Wayne State Univ.
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Jonathan Rawcliffe
Univ. of Michigan
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Christopher Samoila
Bowling Green State
Univ.
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Hiya Shah
Univ. of Michigan
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Aryan Sinha
Univ. of Michigan
Rochester



William Stelzer
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International Studies
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Jackson Slezak
Michigan State Univ.
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Michigan State Univ.
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Michigan Technological
Univ.
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Saravanan**
Univ. of Michigan
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Spriha Shibu
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Luka Super
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2025 RCS Scholars of Highest Distinction

GPA of 3.9 or higher; Complete and pass 4 or more AP courses



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Grand Valley State Univ.
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Viviana Vitale
Wayne State Univ.
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Isaac Wood
Cornerstone
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Hiba Zehra
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Eli Szalkowski
Oakland Community
College
Rochester



Megan Townsend
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Franny Wang
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Adams



Sophia Worobkevich
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Matt Zhang
NYU
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Elizabeth Wydeven
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Georgia Talbot
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Gloria Trumza
Oakland Univ.
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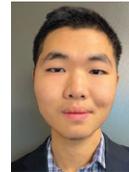
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Adams



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Andrew Zhu
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Univ.
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Jacquelyn Yucha
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Tyler Thomas
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Stoney Creek



Brielle Vince
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Steven Wilkerson
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Woonoh Yun
Oakland Univ.
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Jacob Virkus
Michigan State Univ.
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Sienna Wills
Michigan State Univ.
Stoney Creek



Giana Zanotti
Oakland Univ.
Rochester

“When you live your purpose, you become an inspiration to those around you.”

Superintendent Nicholas Russo




Celebrating Michigan High School Athletic Association state champion athletes

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) is a nonprofit organization that includes a membership of more than 1,500 public and private high schools from across the state. It exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. Earning an MHSAA state championship is one of the highest honors that a high school athlete can achieve. Congratulations champions!

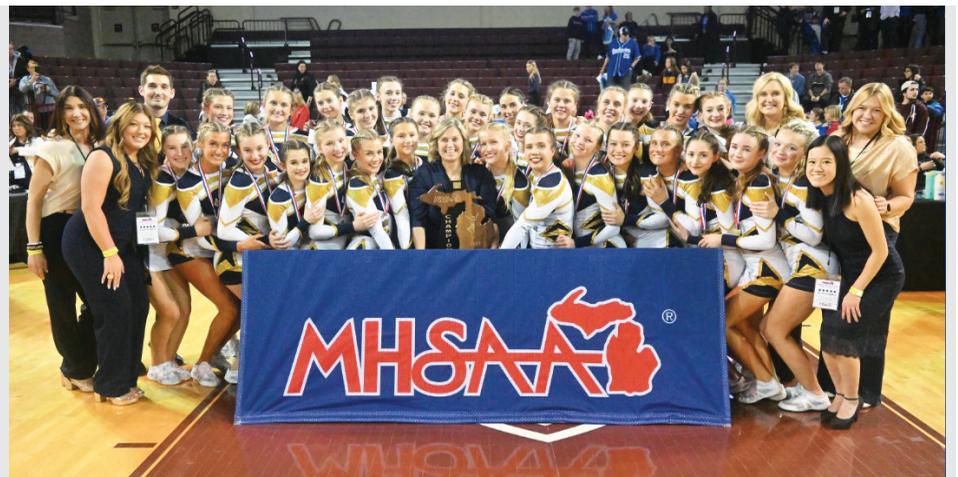


Rochester Adams Boys Soccer, Division 1

Brady Adragna	Salvatore Dinoto	Sam Piacentini
Sam Beach	Brendan Duff	RJ Pompa
Chase Blackmore	Yasir Hamdan	Cameron Pycz
Carlos Carrillo	Joey Honingford	Alex Rosin
Jun Choi	Will Kelly	Jameson Smith
Max Craft	Logan Lilla	Nick Tomezak
Dario Cusumano	Diego Monter Ugarte	Brian You
Owen Dekraker	Anthony Page	
Reid Dennis	Anthony Piacentini	

Stoney Creek High School Competitive Cheer Team, Division 1

Sarah Adams	Allee Depp	Grace Perrera
Mia Badalucco	Mary Guitron Ortiz	Gianna Perrera
Laila Biondo	Gianna Haener	Ariana Phelps
Taylor Brandimarte	Audrey Harvath	Kelsey Phipps
Briana Cairns	Kate Kacy	Ally Schamanek
Avery Chmielewski	Chelsi Kareta	Maya Shamyer
Lauren Clark	Kendall Keller	Brenna Smith
Lilly Decarlo	Natalie Marco	Isabel Williams
Meredith DeGraw	Julie McDermott	Sienna Wills
Lauren Denby	Cassidy Niester	



Nicole Fu
Adams High School,
Lower Peninsula
Division 1 singles
tennis finals



Jace Morgan
Adams High School,
Division 1 state
wrestling champion
138 lb. weight class



Will Cicco
Stoney Creek High
School, Division 2
200- and 500-yard
freestyle

“Rochester Community Schools students not only embrace the academic rigor that is provided by our outstanding teachers, staff and administrators, but they also excel in athletics,” said Superintendent Nicholas Russo. The district is proud to support 72 Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) varsity teams, 120 sub-varsity teams, and a wide variety of club sports at the middle and high school levels.



Congratulations athletes!

RCS business professionals receive international recognition for established best practices

Rochester Community Schools continues to maintain sound fiscal management and budgetary policies that have been recognized by the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO). For eight consecutive years, the district received the prestigious Meritorious Budget Award, which is conferred only to school systems whose budgets have undergone a rigorous review by financial professionals and met or exceeded the program’s stringent criteria.



The RCS general fund budget in its broadest terms is outlined below. Amounts are in millions.

	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Proposed	2024-25 Amended
Revenue	\$231.7	\$236.4	\$226.3
Expenditures	227.3	233.4	230.6
Surplus (deficit)	4.4	3.0	(4.3)
Ending fund balance	48.0	46.6	43.7
Ending fund balance as a % of expenditures	21.12%	19.97%	18.95%

Strategic Planning 2024-29

Rochester Community Schools will continue to develop, support, enhance and drive forward educational excellence through five vision areas: learning, teaching, leadership, professional development and community engagement.

Year 1 strategic plan highlights

LEARNING

- Structured literacy
- Differentiated learning strategies
- Responsive teaching practices
- Student-to-teacher feedback



TEACHING

- Innovative educator networks
- Safe, secure environments
- Onboarding processes
- Technology audits & refresh
- Behavioral response support
- Foundational multi-tiered systems of support strategies



LEADERSHIP

- Districtwide collaborative inquiry
- Shared mission and vision
- Comprehensive recruitment and retention
- Meaningful professional development



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Systemic approach for initiative roll-outs
- New teacher orientation, training and mentoring programs



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Two-way communication and stakeholder feedback
- School transition support
- District website updates and enhancements



To learn more about the RCS strategic plan, scan the QR code or visit the district website at www.rochester.k12.mi.us.



Hometown Hustle 5K celebrates 20 years All RCS schools benefit from the community's support

The Rochester Community Schools Foundation is celebrating the 20th annual Hometown Hustle 5K and Color Run on Sept. 20, 2025. This beloved, family-friendly tradition benefits all RCS students. Participants can

choose a timed 5K route and/or a more casual 1-mile color run/walk, both beginning at the site of our generous sponsor, Chief Financial Credit Union, in downtown Rochester. To learn more, visit: www.rcs-foundation.org.

RCS Foundation Impact July 2023 - June 2024

- \$68K** Invested in staff grants for academics, arts and athletics
- \$96K** Provided donor-directed grants for band, media centers, science fairs and more
- \$90K** Awarded scholarships to 63 RCS high school seniors
- \$55K** Sustained support-a-project initiatives for robotics, wellness, athletics and more
- \$15K** Awarded high school students for dual enrollment
- \$15K** Supported districtwide elementary field trips and educational outings
- \$3K** Recognized staff with Excellence in Education awards



Creating a lasting impact



The RCS Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that supports and advances learning for all Rochester Community School District students by obtaining contributions for academics, arts and athletics. To learn how you can get involved, call 248-726-3190 or go to: rcs-foundation.org. #RCSFcares

August

Tu	Aug. 19	Teachers report
W	Aug. 20	Teacher work day Full-day professional development districtwide
Th	Aug. 21	Teacher work day
M	Aug. 25	First day of school Half day of school, grades TK-12 and ATPS
Tu	Aug. 26	Full day of school, grades 1-12 and ATPS TK and kindergarten, student group A, determined by building
W	Aug. 27	Full day of school, grades 1-12 and ATPS TK and kindergarten, student group B, determined by building
Th	Aug. 28	Full day of school, grades TK-12 and ATPS Labor Day recess begins at end of day

September

Tu	Sept. 2	Classes resume
F	Sept. 26	No school Full-day professional development districtwide

October

W	Oct. 8	After-school parent-teacher conferences, grades 6-8
Th	Oct. 9	After-school parent-teacher conferences, grades 9-12
M	Oct. 13	No school
W	Oct. 15	After-school parent-teacher conferences, grades 9-12
Th	Oct. 16	After-school parent-teacher conferences, grades 6-8
F	Oct. 31	Half day of school, grades TK-12 and ATPS End of first quarter, grades 6-12 and ATPS

November

M	Nov. 3	No school Records a.m., ECSE-ATPS Asynchronous professional development, p.m.
Tu	Nov. 4	No school
F	Nov. 7	End of first trimester, ECSE- grade 5
M	Nov. 10	Elementary parent-teacher conference window opens
Tu	Nov. 25	Elementary parent-teacher conference window closes
W	Nov. 26	No school Fall conference compensatory time, ECSE-grade 12 and ATPS
Th	Nov. 27	No school
F	Nov. 28	No school

December

M	Dec. 1	Classes resume
W	Dec. 10	No school Full-day professional development districtwide
F	Dec. 19	Winter holiday recess begins at end of day

January

M	Jan. 5	Classes resume
W	Jan. 14	Half day of school, a.m., grades 6-12 and ATPS
Th	Jan. 15	Half day of school, a.m., grades 6-12 and ATPS
F	Jan. 16	Half day of school, a.m., grades TK-12 and ATPS End of second quarter/first semester, grades 6-12 and ATPS
M	Jan. 19	No school

February

F	Feb. 6	No school Full-day professional development districtwide
F	Feb. 13	Midwinter recess begins at end of day, ECSE-grade 12 and ATPS
W	Feb. 18	Classes resume
W	Feb. 25	After-school parent-teacher conferences, grades 6-8
Th	Feb. 26	After-school parent-teacher conferences, grades 9-12

March

F	March 6	Half day of school, a.m., ECSE-grade 5 Teacher records, p.m. End of second trimester, ECSE-grade 5
M	March 9	Elementary parent-teacher conference window opens
Tu	March 24	Elementary parent-teacher conference window closes
F	March 27	Spring recess begins at end of the day, ECSE-grade 12 and ATPS

April

M	April 6	Classes resume
W-Th	April 8-9	PSAT/SAT/WorkKeys testing – tentative, subject to change
F	April 10	Half day of school, a.m., ECSE-grade 12 and ATPS Teacher records p.m., grades 6-12 and ATPS Spring conference compensatory time, p.m., ECSE-grade 5 End of third quarter, grades 6-12 and ATPS
Tu	April 21	No school Full-day professional development districtwide

May

M-Tu	May 18-19	Senior exams
Tu	May 19	Last day for seniors
F	May 22	No school
M	May 25	No school
Tu	May 26	Classes resume

June

M	June 8	Half day of school, a.m., grades 6-12 and ATPS teacher records, p.m.
Tu	June 9	Half day of school, a.m., grades 6-12 and ATPS teacher records, p.m.
W	June 10	Half day of school, a.m. End of fourth quarter/second semester, grades 6-12 and ATPS End of third trimester, ECSE-grade 5 End of school year

Calendar-specific notations

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) and Adult Transition Program and Services (ATPS) will follow the calendar of their similar grad-level cohorts.

Acronym Key

AM	Morning
PM	Afternoon
ATPS	Adult Transition Program and Services
ECSE	Early Childhood Special Education
TK	Transitional Kindergarten