

Launch your Future Evening

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Agenda

Tonight you will be able to see and experience our IB World School MYP, DP, and CP courses and programs in-person and hands-on!

4:00, 5:00, and 6:00pm - Welcome Presentation by Mr. Paul Menard, RHS Principal (Commons)

- Welcome, high level overview of our pathways
- Information on how to navigate the building and the evening
- Brief college credit information

4:00-7:00 pm -

- MYP Programme (9th & 10th Grade) - Visit with teachers at their department tables. Learn about classes and academics for a 9th or 10th grade student, and get your questions answered.
- CP & DP Programme in RHS Classrooms (see map) - Navigate the building on your own. Learn about our career pathways, college credit opportunities, and overall course curriculum. *Tour classrooms, enjoy a quick course lesson, or see the results of student work in the classroom.*
- Rocket School Store will be open
- Individual school tours available upon request- stop by the welcome table in the Commons.

If you need assistance at any time, see a staff member in a green IB shirt!

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Ignite Your Curiosity at Rockford High School!

COLLEGE PREPARATION

INQUIRY-BASED

CAREER READINESS

RHS is an International Baccalaureate World School.

Known worldwide for developing curious, knowledgeable, principled, and reflective thinkers, IB courses and curriculum are a part of every student's experience at RHS.



Middle Years Programme

Grades 9 and 10



Career-related Programme

Grades 11 and 12



Diploma Programme

*Upperclassmen
pursuing intensive
college programs*



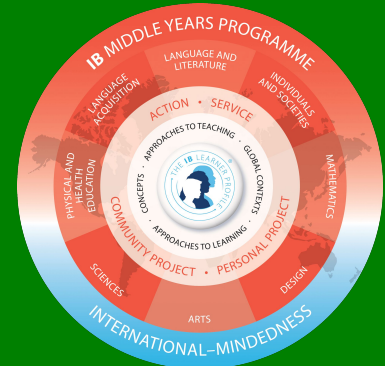


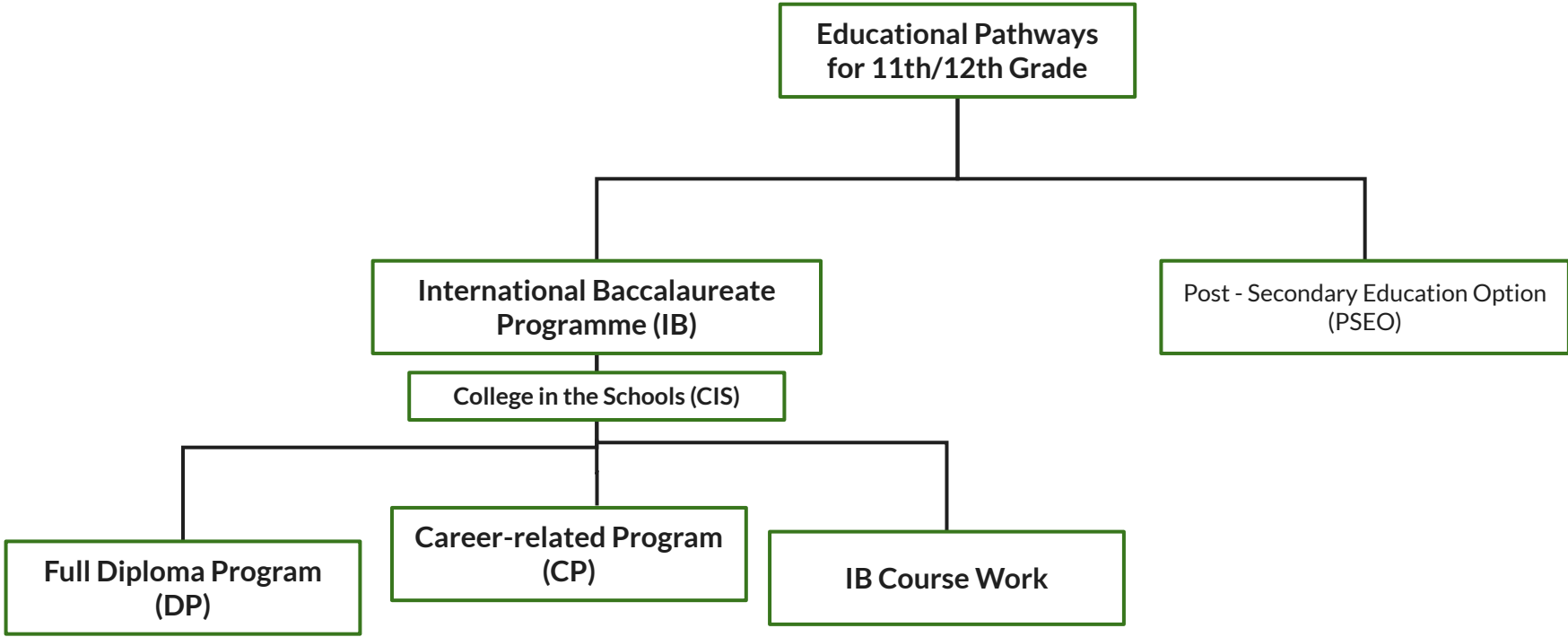
Students in Grades 9 & 10 are apart of the Middle Years Programme

All 9th graders will be participating in a grade level **Community Project** as a part of the IB Learner Profile traits.

All 10th graders participate in a grade level **Personal Project**. It is an opportunity for students to guide their own learning in a project driven by their interests based on experiences within the school or outside of school.

There is a showcase of Personal Projects by the MYP English table- take a look!





**Pathways
Outside of RHS
PSEO**

The PSEO Program

- Students take college level coursework *at* the college.
- Courses are taught and graded by college professors with college-level peers in the course.
- Students can pursue this option in 10th-12th Grade

Sophomores

- Allowed to take a Career/Technical Course with a limit of ONE class
- MCA testing scores may be required

Juniors

- Can do either part-time at the college, part-time at the high school OR full time at the college
- Online or In-person classes depending on availability
- Need to be in the top 33% of their class

Seniors

- Can do either part-time at the college, part-time at the high school OR full time at the college
- Online or In-person classes depending on availability
- Need to be in the top 50% of their class

Benefits of PSEO

- Opportunity to pursue challenging coursework
- May provides students with an additional variety of class offerings
- Tuition, fees, and required textbooks are at no cost to the student
- Students are still able to participate in sports and activities at the high school

Things to consider

- A PSEO student is a independent, motivated student, who is able to navigate through college without assistance from counselors, teachers, and parents.
- PSEO grades will be posted on your high school transcript and on your permanent college transcript
- PSEO students must still meet RHS and state graduation requirements
- Transferring college credits to another college is dependent on their transfer rules

PSEO - More Information

- For more information, including a list of colleges participating in PSEO, visit the Student Services page - <https://rhs.rockford.k12.mn.us/student-services/pseo>
- If you are interested in hearing more about PSEO, please contact Ms. Bloom, RHS Counselor, to set up an appointment

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Educational pathways within RHS

Questions to consider as you move forward in High School

- What are the different options for earning college credit?
 - What educational pathways can I take?
 - How can I align these with my future career?
 - How can I know that is actually something I'm interested in?
- How can I earn college credit and save money in High School?
- Do I qualify for any of the options?
- How do I know what is best for me?

IB Pathways at RHS



IB Course Work

Students can pick & choose courses from any of these pathway

Students can decide to not pursue the Full Diploma or Career-related certificate and still take coursework from either area

- Great way to explore potential career pathways
- Earn college credits and/ or a certification

Career-related Program

Students can earn certificates and college credit in each pathway and an additional Diploma

15 Different Career Pathways to choose from

- Complete 2 DP Courses & Exams
- Complete Personal & Professional Skills 11
- Complete Personal & Professional Skills 12
- Language and Cultural Awareness
- Community Engagement
- Reflective Project

Full Diploma Program

Students pursuing this option have the opportunity to earn an additional Diploma

Students can earn an additional Diploma through IB, contingent upon the successful completion of all the components below and receiving a minimum score of 24.

- 3 Higher Level (HL) DP courses & exams
- 3 Standard Level (SL) Courses & exams
- Core: Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge (2 semesters), Creativity, Action, Service (CAS)

Earning College Credit at RHS

- Classes with the label “**DP**” have the opportunity to earn college credit by completing both internal and external assessments.
- IB awards a final score (1-7) based on these assessments. College determines how much credit to grant for each exam and score
 - Ex: Augsburg: 4 credits for Biology (HL) with a score of 5-7
 - Ex: NDSU: 8 college credits for Biology (HL) with a score of 4+.
- For more information on IB College Credit opportunities, see the [IB website](#).
- Some IB classes are co-seated with **College in the Schools (CIS)** courses, giving students another way to earn college credit. Courses with “**College**” in the title are part of this program.
- CIS classes are taught by RHS teachers who partner with a college professor. Students experience a true college-level course while receiving the support of their high school teacher.
- The grade given by your high school teacher is the grade that will appear on your official college transcript.
- For a full list of CIS courses and eligibility requirements, see the course guide



Launch Your Future

Going into the 2026-2027 school year, we are working to reframe our mindset around CP pathways.

Our goal is that every student is enrolled, enlisted or employed by graduation.

The goal is that every student leaves here with college credit or a certification or both

Rockford High School IB World School



All students at Rockford High School are called to:

- **Engage in Learning** through rigorous coursework with access to college credit through College in the Schools and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program
- **Ignite Curiosity** by owning their learning and creating a four-year plan which provides a roadmap for their coursework and a vision beyond beyond high school
- **Launch Your Future** by exploring a variety of careers through specific coursework aligned to college and career pathways, allowing them to fully prepare to be enrolled, enlisted, or employed by graduation.



Our goal tonight:

1. Demonstrate our career pathways
2. Create appeal for the different pathways through hands on activities
3. Showcase our MYP/DP/CP classrooms
4. Highlighting our building and classrooms to show how the work we have been doing benefits our students



Rockford High School aligns our pathways with the State of Minnesota's Career Fields, Clusters & Pathways.

Students at RHS are able to take courses or complete pathways in any of the six career clusters.

MN Career Fields, Clusters & Pathways	Pathways *under development	Courses *indicates college credit opportunity	Accreditation or Certification (potential credits earned)
Human Services	Education	Psychology or Leadership & Personal Development CIS Introduction to Education*	SCSU (3) Paraprofessional Certification
	Global & Cultural Studies	CIS/DP Language & Literature HL* CIS/DP European History HL*	SCSU (7) UMD (8) IB (6-8)
Arts, Communications, and Information Systems	Theatrical Performance*	Intro to Theater Advanced Acting DP Theater SL*	IB (3-4) Hennepin Arts Trust
	Literary Analysis and Composition	CIS/DP Language and Literature HL* Literature Elective	SCSU (7) IB (3-4)
	Film Study	Intro to Film DP Film SL*	IB (3-4)
	Visual Communication	MYP Media Art Multimedia Expression or Drawing DP Visual Art SL*	IB (3-4)
	Music Performance and Production	Performance Ensemble DP Music SL*	IB (3-4)
	Spanish and Translation Services	Spanish I Spanish II DP Spanish B SL*	IB (3-4)
Health Science Technology	Certified Nursing Assistant	CNA	CNA Certification
	Athletic Training*	Sports Science CIS/DP Biology HL* and/or DP Exercise Science*	may include: Red Cross CPR & First Aid Certification IB (3-4) SCSU (3)

Most certifications and accreditations are earned via successful completion of a skills and knowledge exam. These exams will be coordinated and proctored by RHS Staff.

Rockford High School is an IB World School. All of our pathways and programs are aligned with International Baccalaureate learner outcomes.

This internationally-recognized program of study is part of every student's experience at RHS.



MN Career Fields, Clusters & Pathways	Pathways *under development	Courses *indicates college credit opportunity	Accreditation or Certification (potential credits earned)
Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources	Equine Studies*	Pets and Paws Horsing Around	U of M Extension Certificate
	Food Science, Restaurant & Culinary Skills*	Food Science I Food Science II	ServSafe Certification
Business, Management, and Administration	Business Management	Introduction to Business Personal and Professional Skills I DP Business Management SL*	IB (3-4)
	Hospitality & Tourism Management	Introduction to Business Hospitality and Tourism	ProStart Hospitality and Tourism Specialist Certification
	Financial Planning*	Personal Finance CIS/DP Economics SL*	IB (3-4) SCSU (3)
	Marketing*	Intro to Marketing Sports and Entertainment Marketing DP Business Management SL*	IB (3-4)
Engineering, Manufacturing, and Technology	Engineering Fundamentals	DP Physics SL* CIS/DP AA Math HL*	SCSU (3) UMD (8) IB (6-8)
	Information Technology*	Leadership and Personal Development Intro to IT	CompTIA A+ Certification
	Craftsmanship	General Metals General Woods Advanced Metals or Woods	OSHA Safety Certification
	STEM in Practice	DP Physics or DP Biology PreCalc/AA or AI CTE Elective	SCSU (3) UMD (8) IB (6-8)

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Engineering, Manufacturing, and Technology

MN Career Fields, Clusters & Pathways	Pathways *under development	Courses *indicates advanced credit	Accreditation or Certification
Engineering, Manufacturing, and Technology	Engineering Fundamentals	DP Physics SL* CIS/DP AA Math HL*	SCSU (3) UMD (6) IB (3-4)
	Intro to IT*	Leadership and Personal Development Google 101	CompTIA or CISCO Certification
	Craftsmanship	General Metals General Woods Advanced Metals or Woods	OSHA Safety Certification
	STEM	DP Physics or DP Biology PreCalc/AA or AI CTE Elective	UMD (8) SCSU (3) IB (3-4)



Career Path Mentors



Industry Collaboration



Advanced Math and Science

Complete
Your
Enrollment
Online



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Health Science Technology

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Health Science Technology	Certified Nursing Assistant	CNA	CNA Exam
	Athletic Training*	Sports Science CIS/DP Biology HL* or DP Exercise Science*	Red Cross CPR & First Aid Certification IB (3-4) SCSU (3)



Collaborative Culture



Hands-On Experience



Industry Recognized Certification

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Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources

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Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources	Veterinary Assistant	Farm to Fork Pets and Paws Horsing Around	Vet Assistant Certification
	Food Science, Restaurant & Culinary Skills*	Food Science I Food Science II	ServSafe Certification



Collaborative Culture



Industry Certifications



Expert Teachers

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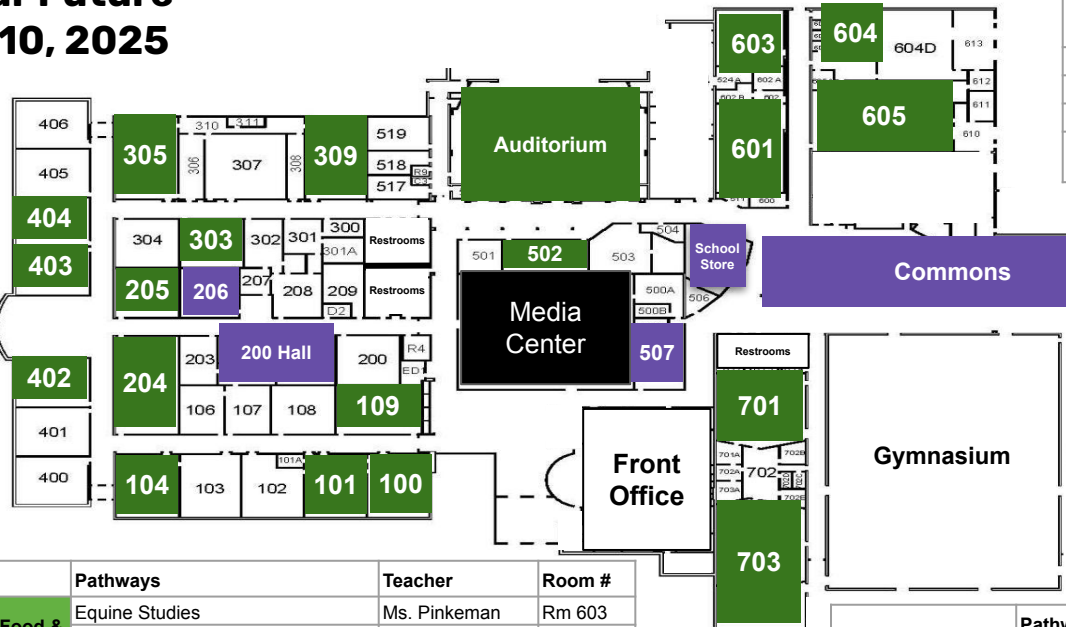
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Arts, Communications, and Information Systems

Next Steps!

- Consider which pathway is the best fit for you
- Explore Launch your Future to ask questions
 - There will be time for you and your family to meet with Teachers, Counselors, and the IB Coordinator to give you more information about our career pathways
- Complete your 4 year plan on Academic Planner (Infinite Campus)
- Set up meetings with Ms. Bloom (RHS Counselor) or Ms. Gordee (IB Coordinator) for more information

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Other	Teacher	Room #
AVID	Ms. Trandahl & Ms. DesMarais	Rm 507
Phy Ed / Health	Mr. McCoy	Rm 206
Student Access & Disabilities	Special Ed Team	200 Hall
MYP Tables - 9th & 10th Grade	Core Teachers	Commons
Intro Presentations (4:00, 5:00, 6:00)	Mr. Menard	Commons

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	Pathways	Teacher	Room #
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	Equine Studies	Ms. Pinkeman	Rm 603
	Food Science, Restaurant & Culinary Skills	Ms. Cronk	Rm 601
Business, Management, & Administration	Business Management	Mr. Westgaard	Rm 109
	Hospitality & Tourism Management	Mr. Westgaard	Rm 109
	Financial Planning	Mr. Tauber	Rm 100
	Marketing	Mr. Westgaard	Rm 109
Engineering, Manufacturing, & Technology	Engineering Fundamentals	Mr. Merila	Rm 305
	Information Technology	Mr. Vasseei	Rm 303
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	Craftsmanship	Ms. Pinkeman	Rm 604
	STEM in Practice	Ms. Cronk	Rm 604
		Ms. Ulen	Rm 404

	Pathways	Teacher	Room #
Human Services	Education	Ms. Mattson	Rm 502
	Global & Cultural Studies	Ms. Merila	Rm 402
		Ms. Young	Rm 101
Arts Communications & Information Systems	Theatrical Performance	Ms. Hall	Auditorium
	Literary Analysis & Composition	Ms. Merila	Rm 402
	Film Study	Mr. VonKaenel	Rm 205
	Visual Communication	Ms. Weber	Rm 104
	Music Performance & Production	Mr. Ferdig	Rm 703
		Ms. Swanson	Rm 701
	Spanish & Translation Services	Ms. Zastoupil	Rm 403
Health Science & Technology	CNA	Ms. Morgan	Rm 204
	Athletic Training	*	*

*For questions on this pathway, please contact Jill Gordee

Thank you for your time!

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