

**New Student
Orientation
August, 2025**



Mr. Murphy
School Counselor
Grades 10-12

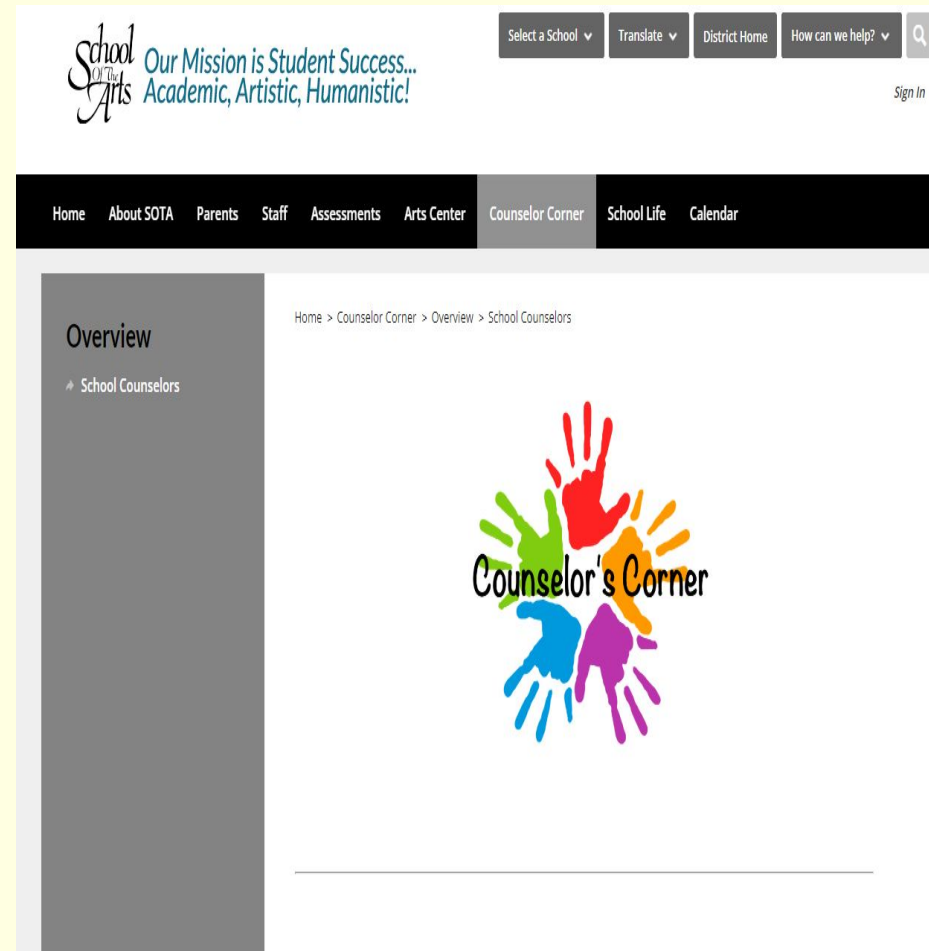
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School Counselor Website

- <https://www.rcsdk12.org/sota>
 - Counselor Corner
- Valuable Information
 - Contact Information
 - Counselor Newsletter
 - Important Web links
 - Presentations
 - College and Career Readiness Guide



The screenshot displays the website for the School of the Arts. At the top left, the logo reads "School of the Arts" with the tagline "Our Mission is Student Success... Academic, Artistic, Humanistic!". To the right of the logo are navigation buttons: "Select a School", "Translate", "District Home", and "How can we help?". A search icon and "Sign In" link are also present. Below the header is a dark navigation bar with links for "Home", "About SOTA", "Parents", "Staff", "Assessments", "Arts Center", "Counselor Corner", "School Life", and "Calendar". The main content area shows a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Counselor Corner > Overview > School Counselors". On the left, there is a sidebar with "Overview" and "School Counselors". The main content area features a large graphic of five colorful hands (red, orange, yellow, green, blue) arranged in a circle, with the text "Counselor's Corner" overlaid.

Credits Required for Graduation

- Student must earn 25.5 credits to receive a SOTA diploma
- For a RCSD diploma student must earn 22 credits
 - must meet same core academic requirements as SOTA diploma
- 4 English
- 4 Social Studies
- 3 Math
- 3 Science
- 8 Arts
- 1 Foreign Language
- 2 Physical Education
- ½ Health

Diploma Types

- All students who started 9th grade in September 2008 and beyond must meet Regents diploma standards
- Regents Diploma Standards: 65+ on the following exams
 - Global Studies, US History, English, 1 Regents Math exam, & 1 Science Regents exam

Advanced Regents Diploma

- Must meet Regents diploma requirements and pass the following exams
 - Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra 2 exams
 - Foreign Language Checkpoint B
 - 5 credit sequence in fine arts exempts students from foreign language requirement
 - 2nd Science Regents exam
 - *1 exam must be Living Environment*



Mastery in Math & Science

- Regents with Advanced Designation with an annotation that denotes...
 - Mastery in Math
 - Score 85+ on THREE Regents Exams
 - Mastery in Science
 - Score 85+ on THREE Regents Exams

Advanced Regents w/Honors or Regents w/Honors

- Must meet the requirements for the diploma and achieve an average score of 90+ on the required exams



Portrait of a Graduate



Installation

Fall 2025 - Summer 2027



Portrait of a Graduate

- Release Portrait of a Graduate rubrics with guidance



Learning Expectations

- Release prioritized, reformatted learning standards with guidance
- Require instruction in financial literacy and climate education (effective SY 26-27)
- Release details on new credit requirement (cohort phase-in)



Support Networks

- NYSED will continue workgroups and advisory panels
- Continue communication channels to disseminate and support changes to future diploma requirements

Portrait of a Graduate Continued

Preparing the Whole Graduate



- Development of real-world skills
- Enhanced critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Flexibility and creativity
- Improved student engagement and motivation
- Increased understanding of how different subjects relate to each other

Make the most of High School

Get involved!

- Art Productions
- Athletics
- Clubs
- Student Council
- National Honor Society
- Urban League Black Scholars
- Community Service
- Black Student Union
- Garden Club

The list goes on...

<https://www.rcsdk12.org/domain/13114>



Post – Secondary Planning

- School Counselors work with students to create plans after high school
- Plans include, but are not limited to
 - College
 - Military
 - Employment
 - Skilled Trades
 - Apprenticeships



Social and Emotional Support

- School Counselors help students to succeed academically and reach their goals. Part of this involves helping students to overcome barriers preventing success
- Supports offered to students
 - Short-Term Individual Counseling
 - Group Counseling
 - Referrals to school based resources
 - School Based Mental Health Counseling RRH
 - Referrals to community resources

Social and Emotional Support Continued...

- Counselors have open lines of communication to support students and families
 - Students may request an appointment to see their counselor, they can use email or stop by the office to check availability
 - Phone calls and email will be returned within 24 - 48 hours
 - Conferences can be arranged when needed to support the student

Questions?

