



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

To serve the various needs of students, online learning is offered through Rochester Community Schools when appropriate. The State of Michigan, under Section 21f of the State School Aid Act, provides the option for parents to request their student(s) in grades 6-12 be enrolled in no more than two online courses per semester in place of regularly scheduled courses.

Rochester Community Schools prides itself on the forward movement of technology to support learning. At the same time, our solid history of meaningful learning across the district with highly qualified RCS teachers is noteworthy in terms of our accomplishments and student growth. Therefore, we encourage parents to carefully consider if a 100% online course is ideal for their child, given that they will be forfeiting face-to-face teacher classroom instruction and support.

Parents should consider the unique qualities of their child when considering if an online course is right for them. Some of the factors to consider include:

- Can your child create and maintain a study schedule without face-to-face interaction with a teacher and collaboration with other students?
- Does your child possess the independent study habits needed to complete an online course without direct supervision?
- Can your child self-advocate and seek help in a virtual setting?
- Does your child have reading, writing, math, and computer literacy skills to succeed in a completely online class?

Rochester Community Schools offers online courses through Imagine Learning Instructional Services, however, not all courses provided by the vendor are available to RCS students. Additionally, not all online courses meet the rigor of RCS courses from a credit or graduation requirement perspective and are subject to administrative approval.

When taking an online course, students work independently at a designated location within the school and are supervised by their in-school mentor teacher. Actual Imagine Learning instructors working remotely create the course content, monitor students' progress, and communicate with students. Final exams for all students taking a course through Imagine Learning are proctored in school by their teacher mentor. Semester dates between Rochester Community Schools and Imagine Learning may slightly differ. If so, seniors taking classes through Imagine Learning will need to complete their classes by their last school day with Rochester Community Schools, therefore requiring their work be done ahead of the Imagine Learning semester calendar.

Parents who wish to enroll their child for the 2026-2027 school year in this learning option for online courses will need to submit their request before the scheduling deadline. Should you have additional questions about online learning opportunities, please contact your child's counselor.

Sincerely,

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