

Rocky Mount High School Profile 2026-2027

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The School and Community

Our school is located in Rocky Mount, a city of 54,000 people, located in eastern North Carolina. Rocky Mount is situated in the heart of the I-95 and US 64 corridors, almost geographically centered between New York and Florida. Including a two county population of 145,770, our community ranks as the 13th largest metropolitan area in the state. RMHS is a public school with enrollment around 950 students - Grades 9-12, generally structured in the Concentrated Curriculum (block) schedule, with some year long A/B day offerings. Students can normally earn four units per term - eight per year. Most students attending the school reside in Nash County. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Students

Composition:	Graduate profile	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
76% AA/Black	4 year College or Univ.	45%	38%	42%	38%	42%	32%	37%	33%
8% Hisp	2 year CC or JC or TS	38%	40%	39%	38%	41%	49%	38%	40%
8% White	Military Service	8%	8%	5%	8%	7%	4%	7%	5%
4% Multi	Work Force	9%	14%	14%	16%	10%	15%	18%	22%
4% Other									

1,048 total students

Administrative Team:

Principal:

Mrs. Keil Dawson

Assistant Principals:

Mr. Michael Crosby

Mr. James Williams

Dean of Students:

Mr. Shakiel Evans

Student Services Staff:

School Counselors:

Shira Parrish (A-Go)

Andrea Ramsingh (Gr-Pa)

Sharon Bailey (Pe-Z)

Registrar: Tracy Cooper

Next Step Adviser: Taylor Cleo Cotton

Social Worker: Renee Kerns

<https://rockymounts.ncpschools.net/students/student-services>

Academic Achievement Information

A=90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79 D=60-69



Scholarships Earned:

2026 = \$1,245,900
2025 = \$ 2,697,330
2024 = \$ 2,213,178
2023 = \$ 2,572,100
2022 = \$ 1,605,216
2021 = \$ 2,823,835
2020 = \$ 2,907,615
2019 = \$ 1,136,224
2018 = \$ 2,461,803
2017 = \$ 5,790,724
2016 = \$ 2,347,405

RMHS Grading System

Class rank is based on a weighted 4.0 grade point average scale in which one half quality point is added to passing grades earned in Honors courses and one point added to AP, International Baccalaureate (IB), and CCP College Transfer courses. Honors courses are offered in all academic areas:

English, Social Studies, Math, Science, World Languages (levels 3&4), Proficient level and above in Visual and Performing Arts, and certain CTE courses.

Total number of Honors Courses available: 38. Student selection of Honors Courses is limited only by scheduling constraints.

International Baccalaureate Program

IB Coordinator: Jeffrey Pageau

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RMHS has an IB Diploma Program, with IB courses offered in grades 11 & 12. IB Courses are in the following subjects:

English (HL), Math (SL), Biology (HL), Chemistry (SL), Foreign Language (SL), Art (SL), and Theory of Knowledge.

Most IB courses are year-long on A-B day schedule.

IB Diploma Results (It is RMHS policy not to release predicted IB exam results)

2026 - 3 out of 5 students earned full IB Diploma (60%)	IB Diploma Program began at RMHS in 1999
2025 - 5 out of 8 students earned full IB Diploma (63%)	
2024 - 5 out of 9 students earned full IB Diploma (56%)	
2023 - 10 out of 20 students earned full IB Diploma (50%)	
2022 - 6 out of 10 students earned full IB Diploma (60%)	
2021 - 13 out of 15 students earned full IB Diploma (87%)	
2020 - 11 out of 18 students earned full IB Diploma (61%)	
2019 - 9 out of 21 students earned full IB Diploma (43%)	
2018 - 9 out of 20 students earned full IB Diploma (45%)	
2017 - 24 out of 35 students earned full IB Diploma (69%)	
Over 50% of IB students eligible for UNC System credit in all 6 IB areas	
80% of IB students consistently eligible for UNC System credit in 3 or more courses	
IB Subject Area scores are consistently in line with Global Averages	

Advanced Placement Courses

Advanced Placement courses are offered in the following subjects: English 11 (Lang), English 12 (Lit), US History, Seminar, Precalculus, African American Studies.

Additional APs are available through Edmentum/Ed Options/NCVPS

AP Statistics

2026 (61 tests)		
grade	grades reported	%of total
5	0	0
4	8	13.2
3	18	29.5
2	23	37.7
1	12	19.6
2024 (80 tests)		
grade	grades reported	%of total
5	5	6.25
4	10	12.5
3	20	25
2	15	18.75
1	30	37.5

% of AP grades

3 or higher	
2026=	42%
2025=	56%
2024 =	44%
2023 =	43%
2022 =	42%
2021 =	22%
2020 =	26%
2019 =	45%
2018 =	26%
2017 =	36%
2016 =	11%
2015 =	14%
2014 =	8%

ACT and WorkKeys - College or Workplace Readiness Percentage

2026	31%	44 out of 141 tested seniors	
Past ACT data	2012 - 2024 all Juniors took the state-wide ACT		
Year	RMHS ave	NC ave	National ave
2026	14.7	TBD	TBD
2025	13.6	18.3	19.4
2024	14.4	18.5	19.4
2023	15.2	18.8	20.6
2022	15.1	18.9	20.3

SAT 1 Data (RMHS CEEB Code: 343-375)

Mean Senior SAT 1 Scores			
Year	RMHS	NC	USA - all students
2026	Very low	1165	1029
2025	Post Pandemic participation in SAT Testing	1165	1029
2024		1150	1060
2023		1096	1051
2022		22% took test	
19% Tested	EBRW = 524	EBRW = 554	EBRW = 521
2026	M = 501	M = 546	M = 508
RMHS	Total = 1024	Total = 1165	Total = 1029

College Destination/Stats
Top Destinations (class of 2026)
Nash Community College
East Carolina University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina A&T State University
Winston Salem State University
University of NC at Charlotte



Mascot: The "Gryphon" is a unique mythological creature possessing the courage & power of a lion and the cunning & agility of a blackbird.

The Nash County Public School System does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, citizenship status, age, or handicap in any of its educational or employment programs or activities

Website: <https://rockymounts.ncpschools.net/>