



ROCKY RIVER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT QUALITY PROFILE

2014-15



A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. This profile helps characterize the overall educational value of your school district in areas that matter most in our community.

View the Rocky River City School District Strategic Plan:

<http://www.rrcs.org/StrategicPlanning.aspx>



ACADEMICS

Our district's academic program provides opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.

- Rocky River City School District has been rated in the “Top Ten” by Cleveland Magazine since 1998.
- Graduates of the Class of 2015 were awarded college scholarships worth over \$5 million.
- 95% of 2015 graduates enrolled in higher education, with 81% attending four-year colleges and 14% attending two-year colleges.
- Class of 2015 graduates were accepted at 142 different colleges.
- ACT Composite Mean: 24.0
- SAT Critical Reading + Mathematics Mean: 1162
- National Merit Summary
 - Class of 2014– 3 Finalists; 6 Semi-Finalists
 - Class of 2015 – 5 Finalists; 1 Semi-Finalist; 6 Commended Students
- Advanced Placement Courses Offered - 12
- Advanced Placement Results – 2015
 - Total AP Exams taken – 337
 - AP scores of 3 or higher – 313
 - AP Scholars – 29
 - AP Scholars with Honors – 15
 - AP Scholars with Distinction – 29
- World Languages offered - Spanish, French and German
- Dual-credit opportunities through Cuyahoga Community College
 - Math -2 Science – Biology English – 2



ARTS

Participation in performing and visual arts inspires students' creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

Seventeen high school music and art courses are offered, including one Advanced Placement Music Theory class.

Rocky River High School Vocal Music Awards

- National School Choral Award – 1 student
- WSC All-Conference Choir – 7 students
- Solo & Ensemble – 2 Students received “Superior” rating; 5 Students received “Excellent” rating
- Large Group – Class “A” Mixed Choir: Excellent at OMEA District; Class “A” Treble Choir: Excellent at OMEA District
- OMEA District 4 & 7 Honor Choir – 5 students
- OMEA All-State Choir – 1 student
- Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus – 2 students
- Singing Angels – 1 student
- West Shore Chorale Scholars – 3 students

Rocky River High School Instrumental Music Awards

- National Trumpet Competition - Semi-Finalist – 1 student
- Ohio Music Education Association
 - OMEA All State Band – 1 student
 - OMEA District 4 & 7 Honor Band – 3 Students
 - OMEA Large Group District Contest
 - Class “A” Wind Ensemble: Excellent
 - Class “C” Concert Band: Excellent
- United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award – 2 students
- John Phillip Sousa Foundation Sousa Award for Outstanding Bandsman – 1 student
- John Phillip Sousa Foundation Armstrong Award for Outstanding Jazz – 1 student
- Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Club-Music Contest-First Place – 1 student (Piano)
- WSC All Conference Band – 12 students
- Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony – 11 students
- Contemporary Youth Orchestra – 2 students
- BW Youth Wind Ensemble – 2 students
- Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra – 1 student
- Greater Cleveland Solo and Ensemble
 - 10 Superior Solos
 - 5 Excellent Solos
 - 3 Superior Ensembles
 - 2 Excellent Ensembles

Rocky River High School Art Competition Awards

- The Cleveland Institute of Art/The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation - Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for Excellence in Visual Arts & Writing
 - Gold Key- 4 students; Silver Key- 2 students; Honorable Mention- 3 students
- Lakewood Rocky River Rotary Club Visual Arts Competition
 - Second Place - 1 student
 - Exhibitors - 4 students
- Town Planner Calendar Art Competition - 9 students
- Ohio Scholastic Media Association Newspaper & News Magazine State Contest
 - Superior - 1 student
 - Excellent - 4 students
 - Third Place - Overall News Magazine - The Pirate Press
- National History day
 - First Place Exhibit - 1 student
 - Second Place Research Paper - 1 student
 - Honorable Mention - 2 students
 - Best Early Settlers Project - 5 students

Music and art classes are taken by all middle school students. Students also have the opportunity to participate in choir and band.

Rocky River Middle School Vocal Music Awards

- OMEA District IV Middle School Honors Festival
 - Honors Choir - 12 students
- OMEA District IV Middle School Solo & Ensemble Contest
 - Vocal Soloists - 34 students (26 Superior, 7 Excellent, 1 Good)
 - Vocal Ensembles - 73 students in 9 ensembles
- Music in the Parks Large Group Contest
 - Choir 7 - 80 students - Excellent rating
 - Choir 8 - 75 students - Superior rating

Rocky River Middle School Instrumental Music Awards

- Greater Cleveland Solo and Ensemble Contest
 - 62 participants
 - 48 superior ratings
 - 2 excellent ratings
- MS Band 8
 - Superior Rating at Music in the Parks Festival at Cedar Point

Rocky River Middle School Art Competition Awards

- Regional Scholastic Writing Competition
 - Gold Key – 1 student
 - Honorable Mention – 2 students



STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

A well-rounded education includes a wide variety of opportunities.

Athletic Teams

- Rocky River Middle School - 10
- Rocky River High School – 24
- Girls Lacrosse Team - State Semi-finalist
- West Shore Conference Coach of the Year: Girls Cross Country, Boys Golf, Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Swimming and Diving

Activities/Clubs

- Kensington Intermediate School – 5
- Rocky River Middle School - 10
- Rocky River High School – 26

Awards

- Ninety-four students from Rocky River Middle School took part in National History Day. One team won 2nd place in the Regional Competition and an honorable mention at the state competition.
- Rocky River Middle School was recognized as a *No Place for Hate School* by The Anti-Defamation League.
- Rocky River Middle School won Regional Teaming Award from Ohio Middle Level Association.



FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.

Expenditure Per Pupil = \$12,417

Classroom Instruction % of Expenditures = 68.61%

Consortium/Group Purchasing:

- Suburban Health Consortium – employee medical and prescription coverage
- Lakewood Career Technical District – career technical educational programming
- Ohio Schools Council – natural gas, financial software, food and commodities purchasing, bus purchasing, copy paper and office supplies, maintenance supplies
- Power4Schools - electricity
- North Coast Council – accounting and payroll systems, state EMIS reporting, student information management software, internet connectivity
- HPS – food and commodities purchasing
- Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies – artificial turf field
- The Cooperative Purchasing Network – playground site work and equipment
- City of Rocky River Partnership – artificial turf field, gasoline purchasing, facility usage (ice rink, tennis courts)

Awards

- Government Finance Association Award
- Ohio Auditor Award with Distinction FY 2014



PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Educational experiences are enhanced by partnerships between the school district and community.

- **PTA Council**, 5 PTA Units
- **Rocky River Education Foundation** – to date, the RREF has funded in excess of \$777,000 in grants to teachers and donor-named scholarships.
- **Campus Foundation** – nonprofit group formed to enhance the campus at Rocky River High School. Over \$300,000 raised to date to fund landscapes and student courtyard renovations.
- **Rocky River Activities and Athletics Boosters** – donated \$68,000 in 2015
- **The Marooners** – football parent support group donated over \$40,000 to date
- **Rocky River City-School Emergency Management Team** – District administration, police, fire and city safety services collaborate to review and implement Emergency Management Plan
- **Cops on Patrol in Schools** (COPS) Program – Rocky River Police Department
- **Citizens' Finance Committee** – provides advice to the Rocky River Board of Education on matters of fiscal policy.
- **Safe Routes to School Committee** awarded grant to develop plan to improve children's safety while walking and bicycling to school. The committee has representatives from RRCSD, PTA, parents, City of Rocky River and Cuyahoga County Board of Health.



STUDENT SERVICES

A variety of services provide options to ensure all students receive individualized instruction, enrichment and support.

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- Rocky River is proud to provide student instruction tailored to individual needs by a variety of highly qualified personnel:
 - Teachers
 - Intervention specialists
 - Gifted intervention specialists
 - Tutors (English Language Learners, Special Education, Literacy, Phonemic Awareness, Enrichment)
- Research-based, tiered levels of intervention and enrichment provide opportunities for students of all ability levels to participate in rich, meaningful learning, in a variety of settings:
- Federal grant funding supports:
 - Early childhood education and preschool
 - Intervention for students with disabilities
 - Early literacy intervention K-5
 - Tutoring for English Language Learners across the district
 - High quality professional development for P-12 staff
- National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence:
 - Kensington Intermediate School, 2011
 - Rocky River High School, 2012
- 12 Advanced Placement (AP®) courses and 3 dual-enrollment college courses are offered on-site at Rocky River High School.
- World language instruction beginning in grade 7



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Kensington Intermediate School	440-356-6770
Rocky River Middle School	440-356-6870
Rocky River High School.....	440-356-6800

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