



ROCKY RIVER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT QUALITY PROFILE

2017-18



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: <https://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-10” by Cleveland Magazine since 1998.
- Graduates of the Class of 2018 were awarded college scholarships worth over \$9 million.
- 92% of 2018 graduates enrolled in higher education, with 82% attending four-year colleges and 10% attending two-year colleges.
- Class of 2018 graduates were accepted at 138 different colleges.
- ACT composite mean – 25.6
- SAT Critical Reading & Mathematics Mean – 595
- Class of 2018 National Merit Summary:
 - 5 finalists
 - 7 commended students
- Advanced Placement Courses Offered: 17
- Advanced Placement Results – 2018
- Total AP Exams Taken – 498
 - AP scores of 3 or higher – 400
 - AP Scholars – 35
 - AP Scholars with Honors – 18
 - AP Scholars with Distinction – 40
 - National AP Scholars – 8
 - AP Capstone Diploma – 9
 - AP Seminar & Research Certificate – 2
- Rocky River City School District was one of 447 school districts in the U.S. and Canada to be honored by the College Board with placement on the 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll.
- Rocky River High School student achieved a top ACT score of 36.
- World languages offered – Spanish, French, German.
- Number of dual-credit opportunities through Cuyahoga CC:
 - Math – 6
 - Science – 2
 - 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**
 - OMEA Treble Ensemble 2018 District Contest Excellent ("II") Rating (total participants: 48).
 - OMEA Chorale 2018 District Contest Excellent ("II") Rating (total participants: 58).
 - OMEA Solo & Ensemble: 20 participants (all Superior and Excellent ratings).

- **Rocky River High School Instrumental Music Awards**
 - All-Ohio State Fair Band - 2 students.
 - OMEA All-State Band - 1 Student.
 - OMEA Regional Orchestra - 1 Student.
 - OMEA District IV & VII Honors Band - 7 Students.
 - RRHS Class "C" Concert Band Excellent Rating at OMEA Districts - 114 Students.
 - RRHS Class "A" Wind Ensemble Superior Rating at OMEA Districts - 60 Students.
 - RRHS Class "A" Wind Ensemble Superior Rating at OMEA State - 60 Students.
 - United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award - 2 Students.
 - Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony - 15 Students.
 - Baldwin Wallace Honors Ensembles - 2 Students.
 - Greater Cleveland Solo and Ensemble Contest Association - 27 participants across 28 events: 21 Superior & 7 Excellent
 - Whole Department K-12: NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Best Communities for Music Education.

- **Rocky River High School Performing Arts Awards**
 - 2018 Dazzle Awards
 - Best Costume Design
 - Best Musical, Tier One ("Monty Python's Spamalot!")

- **Rocky River High School Art Competition Awards**
 - Gold Key- 1 student.
 - Silver Key- 2 students.
 - Honorable Mention- 1 student.
 - A RRMS student also won a gold key award.

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 Solo & Ensemble Contest (Ohio Music Educators Association District 4):
 - 14 soloists earned a Superior rating.
 - 4 ensembles earned a Superior rating and one earned an Excellent rating.
 - The ensemble includes about 35 students.
 - Music in the Parks Large Group Contest:
 - Choir 8 – Superior rating and Best Overall Choir award and 1st place in Division (50 students).
 - Choir 7 – Superior rating and 1st place in Division (70 students).
 - At the end of the year grade-level Awards Assemblies, the following trophies were given:
 - Outstanding 8th grade choir members (2).
 - Outstanding 7th grade choir members (2).
 - Outstanding 6th grade choir members (2).
 - Outstanding Chamber Choir members (2)
 - OMEA Honors Festival:
 - 10 seventh and eighth grade choir students selected for Honors Choir, which is made up of the best singers in western Cuyahoga County and Lorain County.
 - One eighth grade (choir student) selected to play first violin in Honors Orchestra.
- **Rocky River Middle School Instrumental Music Awards**
 - 8th Grade Band:
 - 1st Place and Excellent rating at Music in the Parks Festival (Cedar Point).
 - RRMS Jazz Band:
 - 1st Place in Division and Excellent rating at Music in the Parks Festival (Cedar Point).
 - Greater Cleveland Solo and Ensemble Contest:
 - 25 events (35 students) earned Superior Ratings.
 - 7 events (12 students) earned Excellent Ratings.
 - Ohio Music Education Association District 4 Honors Band:
 - 10 students selected to perform.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

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

- **Athletics Teams**
 - Rocky River Middle School – 11
 - Rocky River High School – 24
 - GCL Champions: boys soccer, volleyball, boys cross country, girls golf, boys golf, girls tennis, boys swimming, girls swimming, boys track, girls track, hockey (Baron Cup Champions)
 - GCL MVP's: volleyball, boys cross country, football (2), boys golf, girls tennis, girls golf, boys soccer, girls swimming, boys track
 - GCL Coaches of the Year: boys soccer, girls tennis, boys golf, girls golf, boys cross country, volleyball, boys swimming, girls swimming, girls track, boys track
 - NE Ohio District Boys Swimming Coach of the Year
 - 15 All-Ohio selections and 6 Academic All-Ohio selections
 - Hockey – Ohio Offensive Player of the Year
 - Girls lacrosse – US Lacrosse Academic All-American
 - Girls lacrosse – OHSAA state semifinals
 - State champion in track and field (shot put)

- **Activities & Clubs**
 - Kensington Intermediate School – 5
 - Rocky River Middle School – 17
 - Rocky River High School – 31

- **Awards**
 - Rocky River Middle School Science Olympiad Team earned first place gold medal at 2018 Ohio Science Olympiad State Tournament.
 - Students from Rocky River Middle School earned two gold, six silver and five bronze medals with 19 honorable mention awards at the 2018 National Spanish Examinations.
 - Rocky River High School's Pirate Press student newspaper won 19 awards in the Ohio Scholastic Media Association state contest.
 - A Rocky River Middle School team qualified to compete at the Destination Imagination global competition after placing second at the state contest.
 - Robotics team earned Highest Ranked Rookie Team Award at Buckeye Regional.



FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

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

- **Spending per pupil:** \$ 12,229
- **Classroom Instruction % of Expenditures:** 68.6%

- **Consortium/Group Purchasing**
 - Suburban Health Consortium – employee medical and prescription coverage, employee wellness programs, employee benefit management system and benefit audits.
 - OASIS Trust – employee dental insurance coverage.
 - Lakewood Career Technical District – career technical educational programming.
 - Ohio Schools Council – natural gas, financial software, food purchasing, bus purchasing, copy paper and office supplies, maintenance supplies.
 - Power4Schools – electricity.
 - Connect – accounting and payroll systems, state EMIS reporting, student information management software, internet connectivity.
 - HPS – food purchasing.
 - Association of Educational Purchasing Network – playground site work and equipment.
 - City of Rocky River Partnership – artificial turf field, gasoline purchasing, facility usage (ice rink, tennis courts).
 - Energy Savings Infrastructure Project – building infrastructure project that could net about \$128,000 in savings annually.

- **Awards**
 - Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.



PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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

- **PTA Council:** 5 PTA Units
- **Rocky River Educational Foundation:** to date, the RREF has funded in excess of \$875,000 in grants to the school district. In addition, the RREF administers donor created scholarships awarded to graduating seniors.
- **Campus Foundation:** nonprofit group formed to enhance the campus at Rocky River High School. More than \$300,000 raised to date to fund landscapes and student courtyard renovations.
- **Rocky River Activities/Athletics Boosters:** raised more than \$90,000 in 2017-18.
- **Rocky River Band Backers:** In just three years of existence, the group has spent more than \$20,000 in support of the instrumental music program for grades 5-12.
- **The Marooners:** the football parent support group has donated more than \$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 \$15,000 grant to develop a plan to improve children's safety while walking and biking to and from school. The committee has representatives from RRCSD, PTA, parents, City of Rocky River and Cuyahoga County Board of Health.
- **School Resource Officer (SRO):** Uniformed officers of the Rocky River Police Department on-site at Rocky River High School and Rocky River Middle School to provide additional safety and security.



STUDENT SERVICES

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

- **Rocky River is proud to provide student instruction tailored to individual needs by a variety of highly qualified personnel:**
 - Teachers.
 - Intervention specialists and 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.
 - Title I and 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.
 - 2018 US News & World Report list of best high schools: Silver Medal
 - Kensington Intermediate School named a 2017-18 Cleveland Clinic Banner School.
 - Step-Up to Quality 5 Star Rated Preschool; 2017
 - 17 Advanced Placement courses and 10 college credit plus courses are offered on-site at Rocky River High School.
 - Rocky River High School Teacher Sara Ziemnik was named the 2017 National History Teacher of the Year.
 - World language instruction beginning in grade 7.



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