



**Rocky River**

**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Caring • Exceptional • Competitive

# ROCKY RIVER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT **2019 QUALITY PROFILE**

# THE ROCKY RIVER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS PLEASED TO PRESENT ITS 2019 QUALITY PROFILE!

Each year, the Ohio Department of Education releases an Ohio School Report Card for each district in the state. This report card paints a generalized picture of the district, and we feel that it does not reflect all of the amazing things happening inside and outside of the classroom that make our students successful.

This Quality Profile will provide a detailed look at some of the things going on in our elementary, middle and high schools, as well as the many extracurricular opportunities that are offered to our students. These programs assist students in developing critical thinking and problem solving skills, helping them gain the tools they need to become successful.

We are proud of all the incredible creative thinkers, thought leaders and student athletes that we have cultivated in Rocky River! Our students' success can be attributed to their hard work each and every day, as well as our caring staff, parents and guardians, and community members.

As you read this Quality Profile, be proud of not only the district, but your contributions as a parent or guardian, volunteer or community member. It takes the effort of all of us to continue making Rocky River a thriving, high-quality school district.







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### ***Mission/Vision***

At the Rocky River City School District, we provide a **CARING** environment and **EXCEPTIONAL** opportunities, resulting in **SUCCESSFUL** students who are globally **COMPETITIVE**.

### ***About the District***

Rocky River, Ohio is a residential suburb west of Cleveland with a population of 20,000. Bordered by Lake Erie on the north and the Rocky River and the Cleveland Metroparks on the east, the city's unique location provides multiple opportunities for outdoor recreation, yet easy access to downtown Cleveland.

With an enrollment of around 2,700 in grades K-12, the Rocky River City School District provides students with the benefits of a small-school setting and all the resources of a larger school district. Long known for its tradition of academic quality, an "Excellent with Distinction" rating on the latest State Report Card shows that Rocky River students have continued to excel academically. Last year more than 90 percent of Rocky River students continued on to college or universities across the country. The Rocky River Schools are consistently ranked in the prestigious Top Ten List of Cleveland Area Schools in the Cleveland Magazine. The National Blue Ribbon Schools award was earned by Kensington Intermediate School in 2011 and by Rocky River High School in 2012.

### ***Student Population Profile***

Beach Preschool: **66**

Goldwood Primary School: **573**

Kensington Intermediate School: **544**

Rocky River Middle School: **642**

Rocky River High School: **874**

**4 year**  
**graduation rate** **99%**

The 4-year graduation rate applies to the Class of 2018 who graduated within four years, i.e. students who entered the 9th grade in 2015 and graduated by 2018.

# ACADEMICS

## College Credit Plus

On-site at RRHS, we are proud to partner with Cuyahoga Community College to offer eligible students transcribed credit opportunities with Transfer Assurance Guides (TAG) courses. TAG courses are identified foundational/pre-major courses in over 30 majors that are guaranteed to transfer and apply toward that major at any of Ohio's public institutions of higher education. Courses may transfer to private Ohio institutions and out-of-state institutions of higher education. Check with the receiving institution regarding their transfer credit policy.

### Dual Credit Opportunities through Cuyahoga CC

- ✓ Math – 6
- ✓ Science – 2
- ✓ English - 2

## AP

17 AP Courses offered (Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, Computer Science Principles, English Literature and Composition, French Language and Culture, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Physics C Mechanics, Research, Seminar, Spanish Language and Culture, Statistics, U.S. Government and Politics, U.S History)

### Advanced Placement Results – 2019

Total AP Exams Taken – 499

AP scores of 3 or higher – 409

AP Scholars – 31

AP Scholars with Honors – 24

AP Scholars with Distinction – 39

National AP Scholars – 7

AP Capstone Diploma – 8

AP Seminar & Research Certificate – 1

## World Languages Offered

- ✓ German, Spanish, French

## Awards/Honors

- ✓ Ranked #2 in State on Ohio Report Card (109.385 Performance Index)
- ✓ Overall grade of A on Ohio Report Card
- ✓ U.S. News & World Report 2019 Best High Schools in the Nation
- ✓ RRCSD rated in the "Top-10" by Cleveland Magazine every year since 1998
- ✓ RRHS – 2019 Drug Education School Challenge Award from Ohio PTA
- ✓ Kensington Intermediate School – Cleveland Clinic Banner School
- ✓ Best Communities for Music Education – National Association of Music Merchants Foundation

## Student Services

Rocky River City Schools is proud to provide student instruction tailored to individual needs by a variety of highly qualified personnel, including teachers, intervention specialists, and tutors. 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 the early childhood education and the preschool, intervention for students with disabilities, Title I and early literacy intervention (K-5), tutoring for English Learners across the district and high quality professional development for P-12 staff.

## Class of 2019 Highlights

- ✓ 224 seniors graduated
- ✓ Accepted at 427 colleges and universities
- ✓ 112 students received a Diploma with Honors
- ✓ Two students earned perfect ACT score
- ✓ Two students named National Hispanic Recognition Program Finalists
- ✓ Three students named Outstanding Career-Technical Students in West Shore Career Technical Program
- ✓ 16 National Merit Scholarship Program honorees  
4 National Merit Scholarship Finalists
- ✓ Awarded college scholarships worth \$8.29 million
- ✓ RRHS senior named a candidate in the 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program
- ✓ Eight RRHS students awarded AP Capstone Diplomas
- ✓ Eight RRHS students in the graduating Class of 2019 earned the Ohio Seal of Biliteracy credential

## SAT/ACT Scores

SAT Reading & Writing mean - 586

SAT Mathematics mean - 589



# ARTS & ACTIVITIES

## List of offerings

### High School

- ✓ Academic Challenge
- ✓ AFS Club
- ✓ Band
- ✓ Broadcasting Club
- ✓ Chess Club
- ✓ Choir
- ✓ Drama Club
- ✓ Driftwood
- ✓ E-Sports
- ✓ Environmental Club
- ✓ Exceptional Students Unlimited
- ✓ Fencing
- ✓ Forensics
- ✓ Key Club
- ✓ Model UN
- ✓ National History Day
- ✓ National Honor Society
- ✓ Robotics
- ✓ SAFE Club
- ✓ Sailing
- ✓ Science Olympiad
- ✓ Stage Crew Club
- ✓ Student Council
- ✓ World Language Club
- ✓ Yearbook (Riverlet)

### Middle School

- ✓ Band
- ✓ Science Olympiad
- ✓ Student Council
- ✓ Art Club
- ✓ Be the Change-Interact
- ✓ Builder's Club

- ✓ Channel 10
- ✓ Chess Club
- ✓ Destination Imagination
- ✓ Lego Olympiad
- ✓ Maker's Club
- ✓ Math Club
- ✓ Mindful Mornings
- ✓ RRMS All School Musical
- ✓ Safety Patrol
- ✓ Safe Club
- ✓ Team Unify
- ✓ Talent Show
- ✓ Threads & Fibers
- ✓ Yearbook

## Highlights, awards, etc.

- ✓ RRHS Boys and Girls Fencing teams won state championships.
- ✓ eSports Club made debut at RRHS.
- ✓ RRHS Broadcasting Club produced more than 50 events, including commencement.
- ✓ Drama Department Spring Musical (Singin' in the Rain) won four regional Dazzle Awards.
- ✓ Four Kensington third graders qualified for the Destination Imagination State Tournament.
- ✓ RRMS Science Olympiad team qualified for the state tournament.
- ✓ RRHS student earned All-State choir recognition
- ✓ RRMS students combined for 14 Superior, three Excellent and two Good ratings at the Solo & Ensemble Contest.
- ✓ RRHS wind ensemble earned Excellent rating at OMEA states.
- ✓ RRHS Academic Challenge team won GLC Championship and qualified for regionals.
- ✓ RRMS student received Silver Medal in prestigious 2019 Scholastic Art & Writing National Awards



# ATHLETICS

## *Championships, titles, etc.*

RRHS teams won 10 league championships (girls soccer, boys soccer, girls cross country, girls tennis, boys golf, girls golf, boys swimming and diving, girls swimming and diving, boys track and field, girls track and field)

RRMS won 3 league championships (girls basketball, boys track and field, girls track and field)

## *Athletic highlights*

Conference MVP's (Boys Soccer, Girls Cross Country, Girls Soccer, Boys Golf, Girls Tennis, Girls Golf, Boys Track and Field)

Coaches of the Year (Girls Golf, Boys Golf, Girls Tennis, Girls Soccer, Girls Cross Country, Boys Swimming & Diving, Girls Swimming & Diving, Boys Track & Field, Girls Track & Field, Boys Lacrosse)

All-Ohio Selections: 13

Academic All-Ohio Selections: 7

Academic All-Americans: 3

## *List of athletic offerings*

### RRHS

- ✓ Baseball
- ✓ Boys Basketball
- ✓ Girls Basketball
- ✓ Cheerleading
- ✓ Boys Cross Country
- ✓ Girls Cross Country
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Boys Golf
- ✓ Girls Golf

- ✓ Gymnastics
- ✓ Ice Hockey
- ✓ Boys Lacrosse
- ✓ Girls Lacrosse
- ✓ Boys Soccer
- ✓ Girls Soccer
- ✓ Softball
- ✓ Swimming & Diving
- ✓ Boys Tennis
- ✓ Girls Tennis
- ✓ Track & Field
- ✓ Indoor Track & Field
- ✓ Volleyball
- ✓ Wrestling

### RRMS Offerings:

- ✓ Boys Basketball
- ✓ Cross Country
- ✓ Cheerleading
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Girls Basketball
- ✓ Softball
- ✓ Track
- ✓ Volleyball
- ✓ Wrestling





## FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

### *General Fund*

Cost  
per Pupil **\$12,406**

The Rocky River City School District remains committed to the highest standards of fiscal accountability, responsibility and transparency. As such, we allocate resources only after thorough study, discussion and reflection. We then monitor those resources with great care.

#### ***Consortium & Group Purchasing:***

- Suburban Health Consortium (Employee medical and prescription coverage)
- OASIS Trust (Dental)
- Lakewood Career Technical Center (Career technical educational programming)
- Ohio Schools Council (natural gas, financial software, office supplies, maintenance supplies)
- Power4Schools (electricity)
- Connect (accounting systems, internet connectivity, student information management system)
- HPS (Food Purchasing)
- Energy Savings Infrastructure Project
- City of Rocky River Partnership

RRCSD has earned a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting through the Government Finance Officers Association and has continually received the Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction for its excellence in financial reporting.



# STUDENT SAFETY AND WELLNESS

## ***Student Safety***

Safety is our number one priority.

Committed to a proactive stance, ensuring the utilization of best practices in the areas of physical security and student mental health and well-being.

### **Safety Initiatives**

- ✓ 3 School Resource Officers
- ✓ Safe School Helpline
- ✓ COPS in Schools
- ✓ RR City and School Safety Collaboration
- ✓ Safe Routes to School
- ✓ Town Hall Meetings
- ✓ One access point into buildings for all visitors
- ✓ School Bus Safety & Security

## ***Nutrition Services***

The Nutrition Services Department has teamed with Nutrislice to publish lunch menus at Rocky River HS to an interactive website with a free smartphone app.

Features include information about menu items, nutrition information and a filter for common food allergies.

Strive to make the meals offered at both the High School and Middle School healthy, whole grain rich and full of locally sourced fruits and vegetables.







## PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### ***Activities & Athletics Boosters***

The mission of Rocky River Student Activities Boosters is to provide support to co-curricular activities at Rocky River Middle School and High School, including academic and peer organizations, sports, music, and theater.

During the 2018-2019 school year, the Boosters raised over \$70,000 for student activities through membership dues, program sales, concession sales, advertisements and special events.

### ***Marooners***

The football parent support group has donated more than \$40,000 to date

### ***PTA***

5 PTA units

### ***Rocky River Band Backers***

The group enhanced the curricular and extra-curricular education of instrumental music students grades 5-12, spending more than \$25,000 in the first four years of existence.

### ***Rocky River Campus Foundation***

A nonprofit group formed to enhance the campus at Rocky River High School. More than \$400,000 has been raised to date to fund landscaping and student courtyard renovations.

### ***Rocky River Education Foundation***

To date, the RREF has funded in excess of \$900,000 in grants to the school district. In addition, the RREF administers donor created scholarships awarded to graduating seniors.

### ***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 School: (COPS) Program***

Rocky River Police Department

### ***Citizens Finance Committee***

Provides advice to Rocky River Board of Education on matters of fiscal policy.

### ***Safe Routes to School Committee***

Awarded \$40,000 grant to help 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 Officers (SROs)***

Uniformed officers of the Rocky River Police Department on-site at Rocky River High School, Rocky River Middle School, Kensington Intermediate School, Goldwood Primary School and Beach Preschool to provide additional safety and security.

## ***Board of Education***

Ruth Beach

Jon Fancher

Kathy Goepfert

Diana Leitch

Addie Olander

## ***Communication***

Website

[www.RRCS.org](http://www.RRCS.org)

Twitter and Instagram

@RrCitySchools

## ***Administration***

**Dr. Michael Shoaf**, Superintendent

**Elizabeth Anderson**, Assistant  
Superintendent

**Samuel Gifford**, Executive Director,  
Human Resources & Support Services

**Jennifer Norman**, Executive Director,  
Pupil Services

**Greg Markus**, Treasurer

