



Rocky River City School District

State of the Schools

January 10, 2022

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Rocky River

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Caring • Exceptional • Competitive

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS OVERVIEW

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BOARD OF EDUCATION



- Board of Education Meetings are held on days and times listed below unless otherwise noted.
 - **Committee of the Whole Meetings**
 - 5:00 PM on the second Wednesday of the month
 - **Board of Education Business Meetings**
 - 6:00 PM on the third Thursday of the month
- Board agendas, minutes and updates are always available online on the BOE webpage.

Front Row (L-R): Jessica Wilson and Lauren Negrey.

Back Row (L-R): Diana Leitch, Peter Corrigan, Addie Olander.



MISSION

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

STRATEGIC PLAN & QUALITY PROFILE

- The Rocky River City School District Strategic Plan is an outline of actions designed to achieve desired goals. It is a statement of our District's mission, beliefs, and goals. It defines what we as a community value for our schools, and details objectives for our District and strategies to reach them.
- In the Quality Profile, you can learn about innovative learning experiences, AP scores, activities and athletics, financial ratings, parent support groups, and much more.



STUDENT ENROLLMENT

- Future Think enrollment projections are available at: www.RRCS.org/Superintendent



PROJECTED ENROLLMENT

Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Projected	2674	2803	2833	2830	2838	2839	2809	2787	2765
Actual	2703	2708	2701	2707	2610	2695			



RRCSD RECOGNITION

- National Blue Ribbon School Award
 - *RRHS, 2012, 2020*
 - *Kensington, 2011*
- RRHS Best High Schools in the Nation
 - *US News & World Report*
- RRHS Best Middle Schools in the Nation
 - *US News & World Report*
- Beach Preschool Five-Star Step-Up to Quality Award
- Kindness Certified School District
- Best Communities for Music Education Award
- *Cleveland Magazine* Top-10.
- +90 activities & athletics opportunities for students throughout RRCSD.



2020-2021 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Class Of 2021

- 219 RRHS seniors earned their diplomas at Commencement.
 - 89 RRHS seniors were part of the Cum Laude society.
 - 85 RRHS seniors received a Diploma with honors.
 - 13 RRHS seniors awarded an AP Capstone Diploma.
- 10 RRHS students earned National Merit Scholarship Program honors (four finalists).



RRCSD Student Highlights, 2020-2021:

- RRHS student selected to the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America (NYO-USA).
- RRHS senior was a top award-winner in the 76th annual Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River Speech, Music, and Visual Arts Contests sponsored by Beck Center for the Arts.
- RRHS Drama Club presented a radio Fall Play and video production of its spring musical during COVID-19.
- 13 RRHS students combined to earn 20 Scholastic Art Awards
 - 6 Gold, 2 Silver, 11 Honorable Mention
- Two RRHS students inducted into the West Shore Career-Technical's National Technical Honor Society.



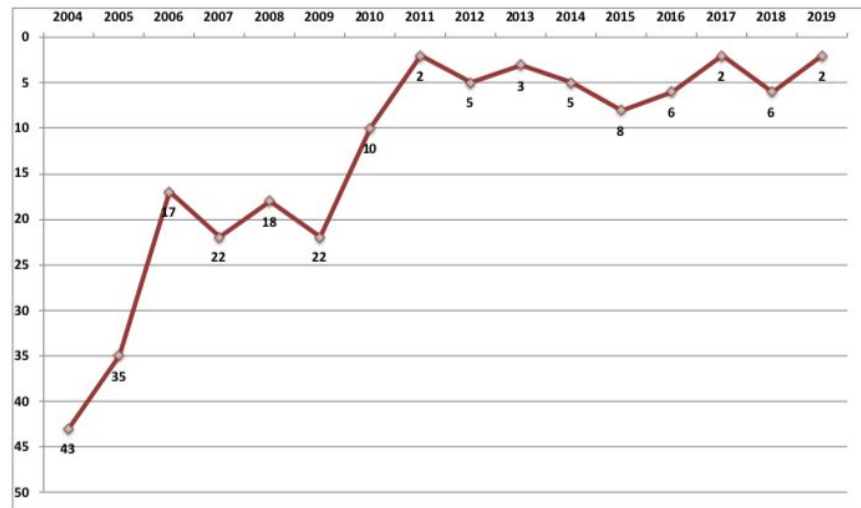
2020-2021 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- 17 RRMS students received the Principal's Award for earning all A's during their time in middle school.
- RRMS students earned three recognitions in the 2021 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.
- RRMS Power of the Pen team finished 5th at the state competition in its first season.
- RRCSD Science Olympiad team qualified for state tournament.
- Two Destination Imagination teams advanced to Global Finals.
- Nine students from RRCSD earned top honors at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Solo & Ensemble Contest that was conducted virtually.
- Two employees and one student received Excellence in Education Awards by the Educational Service Center (ESC) of Northeast Ohio and State Support Team – Region 3.
- RRHS teams won 7 league championships (girls soccer, boys cross country, boys golf, girls golf, girls basketball, boys swimming and diving, girls swimming and diving).
- Girls lacrosse finished as the Division II state runner-up.
- Girls soccer and boys lacrosse advanced to the Division II state semifinals.
- Girls cross country competed at the Division I state meet and finished seventh.



ACADEMICS

- Students remain actively engaged in academic areas, from arts to science, in curriculums that follow state and national standards.
- The state's education community has experienced unprecedented impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Letter grades and ratings were not reported for the 2020-2021 school year.



Year	Rank
2021	Not reported
2020	No report card
2019	2nd
2018	6th
2017	2nd
2016	6th
2015	8th
2014	5th
2013	3rd
2012	5th

Year	Rank
2011	2nd
2010	10th
2009	22nd
2008	18th
2007	22nd
2006	17th
2005	35th
2004	43rd



NEW COURSES FOR 2022-2023

- Business and IT
 - Principles of Marketing
 - Topics include branding, market research, buyer behavior, segmentation, advertising, selling, distributing and pricing.
 - Programming for the Modern World
 - Topics covered will provide students with a strong foundation to continue developing computer science skills.
- College Credit Plus Courses (Lorain County Community College)
 - Microcomputer Applications
 - Operating Systems Interfaces



NEW COURSES FOR 2022-2023

- Art
 - Three tracks for students
 - 2-dimensional, 3-dimensional, digital
 - Advanced Studio Art
 - AP Studio Art
 - Advanced Digital Art & Design
 - AP Digital Art & Design
 - Advanced 3D Arts
- Social Studies
 - AP Psychology



SUMMER INTERVENTION

- Recovery Bridge - Extended Learning Summer 2021.
- Presented students and families opportunities and resources in 3 areas.
 - Academic
 - Extended School Year
 - Counseling and Mental Health
- Exploring plans to offer similar programs for summer 2022.
 - Tentative plans to run June 14-July 7
 - More information will be shared when details are finalized.



ROCKY RIVER EDUCATION FOUNDATION

- The Rocky River Education Foundation (RREF), a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation designed to support and enhance the educational experience of Rocky River City School District students.
- The purpose of the Rocky River Education Foundation is to enrich and provide added quality to the educational experience of the students attending the Rocky River City Schools.
- Dedicated funds for new technology for RRMS Media Center renovations.
- Financially supporting transition from Smart Boards to Clevertouches.
- Funding coffee shop in RRHS Commons.
- RREF Annual Gala which will take place on March 26, 2022, at Westwood CC.
- Tickets for the Gala will go on sale in January.



KINDERGARTEN, 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

- Information for All Day Kindergarten is available online.
- Kindergarten Information Night is January 27, 2022.
 - Virtual video will be available online.
 - 4:30-6:30pm - Open House for those interested in seeing Goldwood.
- Registration for Kindergarten runs from January 31-February 18, 2022.
- The number of sections of all-day kindergarten will be determined after registration closes on Friday, February 18, 2022.
- Once all spaces are filled, all-day kindergarten registration will close for the 2022-2023 school year.



SUMMER PROGRAMS - PUPIL SERVICES

- Most programs are invitation only.
- English Language Learners - 2 week camp, 3 days per week.
- Self-care tool box camp - 1 week camp.
- Preschool Extended School Year (ESY) Camp - 6 week camp.
- Youth Camp - elementary-aged students.
- Junior Camp - middle school and high school students.
- More information will be shared when details are finalized.



BEACH PRESCHOOL



- Five Star Step-Up to Quality Award.
- Beach Preschool serves children with disabilities and typically developing peer models ages 3 through 6 within our community.
- The program promotes growth, development and success across all skill areas.
- Three morning sessions (9:00am-11:30am) and three afternoon sessions (12:45pm-3:15pm) that run Monday through Thursday.
- Beach Preschool conducts a Peer Screening event each winter to fill available peer spots.
- Preschool program is designed to blend playtime with table time to help develop children's academic skills while allowing children to learn through play and social interaction within a warm and caring environment.
- We strive to prepare children to follow directions, actively listen, interact appropriately in a group setting and make academic gains.



COVID-19 TEST KITS

- COVID-19 test kits available at all buildings.
- Contact building principal or nurse to receive a test kit.
- Available for students who are symptomatic or exposed to a direct contact.
- District receives them from Ohio Department of Health.
- Limiting test kits to symptomatic students or those who have been close contacts.
- Test kits are taken home and done over a computer with a live person.



FACE MASKS @ RRCSD

- Face masks required in all district buildings through January 23.
- Based on continued monitoring of COVID-19 data in our school and community, our plan is to move to strongly recommending face masks for all students and staff on January 24.
- Masks are required on school buses based on the CDC mandate.
- The district will continue to follow the ***Mask to Stay/Test to Play*** option and align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently updated quarantine and isolation guidance released on December 27.
 - Eligibility to participate in Mask to Stay/Test to Play is contingent on the exposure being in a school setting or school-related activities.
- District continues to host an online COVID-19 dashboard on the district website.
 - Includes number of positive cases and quarantined students/staff at each building.
 - Communication sent to parents/guardians and staff about positive cases in buildings.
 - District has a nurse in each building who communicate with parents/guardians.



HVAC UPDATES

- Air movement
 - Air flipped in rooms multiple times per hour
- Air filtration
 - Air filtered in filters rated MERV 8-15A
 - MERV 15A is COVID-19 rated
- Air sanitization
 - Air sanitized with UV-C light



DISTRICT SAFETY

- The safety and well-being of all students and staff is our #1 priority.
- RRCSD is committed to a proactive stance, ensuring the utilization of best practices in the areas of physical security and student mental health and well-being.



COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

RRCSD's COVID-19 online dashboard - Confirmed COVID-19 cases.

- Social distancing 3' when possible in instructional areas & K-8 lunchrooms 6'.
- Air purification and disinfection in all buildings.
 - MERV 8-15A filters for maximum air filtration; UV-C technology to sanitize air.
- Daily cleaning of classrooms, common areas, restrooms, hallways, buses.
- Hand sanitizer stations in hallways, common areas, classrooms and buses.
- Portable sinks in each building for hand washing.
- Hand washing reminder signage in all restrooms.
- Touchless bottle filling drinking fountains in buildings.
- Full-time nurse in each building.
- Each building has Rapid COVID-19 Test Kits available for distribution.
- Hosted onsite COVID-19 vaccination clinics for students age 12 and older.



DISTRICT SAFETY MEASURES

- 3 School Resource Officers (SRO)
- COPS in Schools
- Safe School Helpline
- Security cameras
- Secure and hardened entrances
- Mental Health Resources webpage
- Ramming deterrents
- Raptor Visitor Management System
- MARCS Radios
- Gaggle - student safety
- NaviGate Prepared
- Threat assessment teams (Grades 6-12)
- Instant Connect Notification System
- School Bus Safety & Security
- Zonar Z-Pass for all busses
- A.L.I.C.E Training conducted by RRPD
- School Safety Drills
- 4 full-time nurses in district
- RR City and School Safety Collaboration
- Town Hall Meetings
- Coffee Chats
- One access point into buildings for all visitors



PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

- RRHS stadium fence
- Stadium wrap
- RRHS Pool Locker Room



FINANCE

- District five-year forecast is available on the district website at:
 - <https://www.rrcs.org/OfficeoftheTreasurerCFO.aspx>
- RRCSD remains committed to the highest standards of fiscal accountability, responsibility and transparency.
- We allocate resources only after thorough discussion and reflection. We then monitor those resources with great care.
- The Board of Education and administration will continue to thoroughly examine district budgets and operations.
- Treasurer's office has earned the awards from the Government Finance Officers Association for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Auditor of State Award with Distinction.
- Discussions regarding a future levy are on-going.

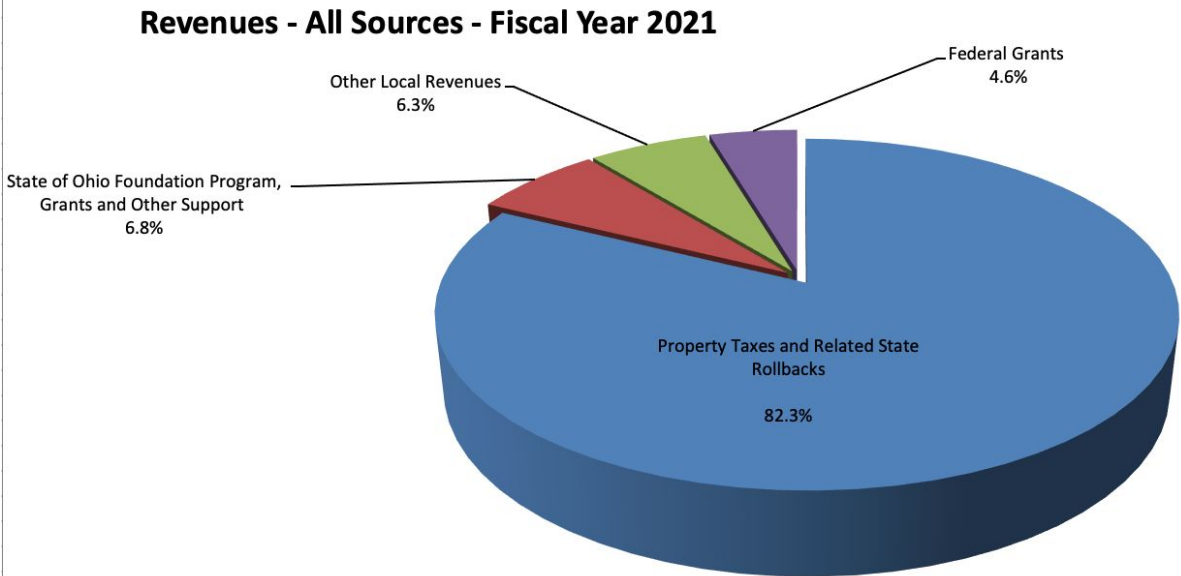


COUNTY REAPPRAISAL

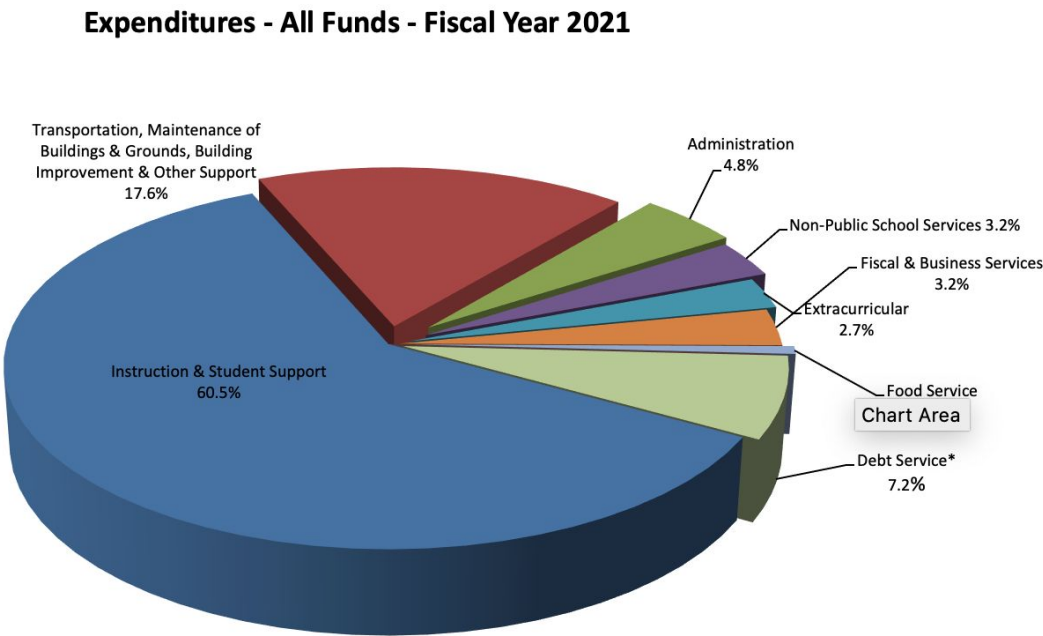
- Cuyahoga County recently went through its three-year (triennial) property value update and each property tax levy is treated separately.
- For those who had an upward adjustment to their property value, most of the property tax millage rate will be reduced due to the effects of House Bill 920.
- In the case of the Rocky River City Schools, the district will only see a revenue increase on 4.57 of the current 35.27 effective residential mills due to the recent property valuation update.
- There will be a reduction of 1 mill for debt service effective with the January 2022 tax bills.



REVENUES - 2021



EXPENDITURES - 2021



ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

- Yearly comprehensive report about district's finances.
- Includes financial statements and statistical data.
- Provides community a comprehensive look at financial information.
- Accessed on the Ohio Auditor of State's website and the district website.



COMMUNITY TAX BILL COMPARISON

- *Out of the 31 districts in Cuyahoga County*

Rank	School District SORTED BY RES/AGR EFFECTIVE RATE	School District - Res/Agr Effective Rate	Res/Ag School Tax Bill per \$100,000 Market Value*
10	Chagrin Falls	54.66	1,913.10
11	Fairview Park	51.32	1,796.20
12	Olmsted Falls	50.03	1,751.05
14	Solon	48.33	1,691.55
16	North Olmsted	46.20	1,617.00
18	Lakewood	46.06	1,612.00

Rank	School District SORTED BY RES/AGR EFFECTIVE RATE	School District - Res/Agr Effective Rate	Res/Ag School Tax Bill per \$100,000 Market Value*
20	Bay Village	44.63	1,562.05
21	Orange	42.33	1,481.55
23	Beachwood	39.67	1,388.45
28	Rocky River	35.47	1,241.45
29	Independence	32.45	1,135.75
30	Westlake	31.08	1,087.80



TOTAL EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL BY DISTRICT

- *Out of the 31 districts in Cuyahoga County*

Rank	School District	Spending Per Pupil
1	Orange City	\$19,970
2	Beachwood City	\$17,094
5	Independence Local	\$15,709
8	Chagrin Falls Exempted Village	\$14,677
10	Solon City	\$14,158
11	Lakewood City	\$13,981

Rank	School District	Spending Per Pupil
13	Rocky River City	\$13,689
14	North Olmsted City	\$13,684
15	Westlake City	\$13,494
19	Bay Village City	\$12,932
27	Fairview Park City	\$11,123
28	Olmsted Falls City	\$10,706

2020-2021 School Year | Source: Ohio Department of Education



PARTNERSHIPS

- **Rocky River Education Foundation**
Dave Westerfield, President
- **Rocky River PTA Council**
Stacey Robinson, President
- **Rocky River Band Backers**
Margie Hackett, President
- **Rocky River Campus Foundation**
- **Activities and Athletic Boosters**
Sarah Lang, President
- **The Marooners**
- **City of Rocky River**
Mayor Pam Bobst



RESOURCES

- District Website: <https://www.rrcs.org>
- District Mobile App: <https://www.rrcs.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=63023GI&dasi=3G0Y>
- Strategic Plan: <https://www.rrcs.org/StrategicPlanning.aspx>
- Quality Profile: <https://www.rrcs.org/AbouttheDistrict.aspx>
- COVID-19 Online Dashboard: <https://www.rrcs.org/COVID-19Reporting.aspx>
- Mental Health Resources: <https://www.rrcs.org/MentalHealth1.aspx>
- Treasurer's Office: <https://www.rrcs.org/OfficeoftheTreasurerCFO.aspx>
- District Newsletters: <https://www.rrcs.org/RSchoolsNewsletter.aspx>
- RRCSD on Social Media
 - Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RrCitySchools>
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/rrcityschools>



Thank you for your continued support of the Rocky River City School District

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