

# EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023-2024 CALENDAR













Educating the whole child by providing a healthy, safe, supportive, engaging and challenging learning environment.

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### **East Ramapo Central School District's**

### **GOALS AND COMMITMENTS**

The District's overarching plan for the 2023-24 academic year is organized around **THE FIVE GOALS** and **THE THREE COMMITMENTS** which refer to our expectations for student learning and student growth.

## GOALS

#### GOAL 1: Success in the Early Years

Every student will demonstrate social, emotional and academic readiness to meet or exceed grade-level standards by the end of second grade.

#### GOAL 2:

## Healthy, Safe, Supported, Engaged and Challenged

Every student will be challenged, in a safe learning environment, to be a productive and engaged citizen capable of meeting high expectations.

#### GOAL 3:

#### Motivated, Confident, Empowered Critical Th<mark>inkers</mark>

Every student will demonstrate ownership of his/her education and befully engaged in becoming critical, creative-thinking goal-setters.

#### GOAL 4:

#### **Mastery of Academic Subjects and the Arts**

Every student will meet or exceed standards in all subjects, including the arts, at the end of key transition grades.

#### GOAL 5:

#### High School Graduation and Readiness for College and Careers

Every student will graduate from high school prepared for college, career and post-secondary experiences.







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ACADEMICS

Giving students access to accelerated/college courses, art, music and technology programs Research-based teacher professional development in reading and literacy that will enhance instruction for English Language Learners Providing print and digital resources to support small-group reading instruction.



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SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

Creating restorative environments where ALL students feel connected and comfortable, which build community: school security, counseling and mentoring.



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**OPERATIONS** 

Investing in critical capital projects that prioritize the health and safety of students, staff and families and make an impact on student learning and achievement.



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### Our SCHOOLS

## **Chestnut Ridge: An International Baccalaureate Middle School** (7-8)

892 Route 45, Chestnut Ridge, NY 9:25 am – 3:40 pm / (845) 577-6300 **Bernidette Grant**, Principal

Yolanda Gardner, Assistant Principal Jennifer Piliere-Gutzeit, Assistant Principal

#### Early Childhood Center/ECC at Kakiat School (K-1)

465 Viola Road, Spring Valley, NY 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6585 **Tiffane Barrow**, Principal **Johnny Vasquez**, Assistant Principal

#### Eldorado Intermediate School (4-6)

5 Eldorado Drive, Chestnut Ridge, NY 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6150 **Fitzgerald Georges**, Principal

#### Elmwood Intermediate School (4-6)

43 Robert Pitt Drive, Monsey, NY 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6160 Pamela D'Apice White, Principal Stephanie Ayala, Assistant Principal

#### Fleetwood Primary School (K-3)

22 Fleetwood Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6170 Laura DeSimone, Interim Principal

#### **Grandview Primary School** (K-3)

151 Grandview Ave, Monsey, NY 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6260 Patricia Smith, Principal Karen Kellogg, Interim Assistant Principal

#### **Hempstead Primary School** (K-6)

80 Brick Church Road, Spring Valley, NY 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6270 Hazel Ortiz, Principal Beatriz Munoz, Assistant Principal



#### Kakiat STEAM Academy (4-8)

465 Viola Road, Spring Valley, NY 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6100 Jennifer Wilmoth, Principal Douglas Doller, Assistant Principal Amma Brown, Assistant Principal

#### Lime Kiln Intermediate School (4-6)

35 Lime Kiln Road, Suffern, NY 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6280 Laura Ann Dobson, Principal Maria Petrella, Assistant Principal

#### Margetts Primary School (K-3)

25 Margetts Road, Chestnut Ridge, NY 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6190 Jacqueline Polanco, Principal Sarita Thomas, Assistant Principal

#### Pomona Middle School (7-8)

101 Pomona Road, Suffern, NY 9:25 am – 3:40 pm / (845) 577-6200 Taren Washington-Peterson, Principal Barbara Jean, Assistant Principal Wendy Vaca, Assistant Principal

#### Ramapo High School (9-12)

400 Viola Road, Spring Valley, NY
7:42 am – 1:56 pm / (845) 577-6400
Michael Phillips, Principal
Annie Bino, Assistant Principal
Lathell Sebastian-Smith, Assistant Principal
Karissa Sullivan, Assistant Principal
Steven Forman, Assistant Principal OA

#### Spring Valley High School (9-12)

361 Route 59, Spring Valley, NY
7:42 am – 1:56 pm / (845) 577-6500
Karen Pinel, Principal
Jennifer Martin, Assistant Principal
Dionne Olamiju, Assistant Principal
Hope Savich, Assistant Principal
Dara Monifa Tippitt, Assistant Principal

#### Summit Park Primary School (K-3)

925 Route 45, New City, NY 8:25 am - 2:40 pm / (845) 577-6290 Marissa Cavellero, Interim Principal Raisha Sandford, Interim Assistant Principal

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Superintendent's Message

DEAR EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY,

On behalf of the School Board, administration and staff of the East Ramapo

Central School District Lycology you to the 2023-24 academic year Central School District, I welcome you to the 2023-24 academic year.

Please refer to this calendar regularly to learn about upcoming events across the District and visit the District website, ercsd.org, for the most updated information. This calendar also contains information regarding special education, emergency closings, immunizations, the Dignity for All Students Act, Family Resource Centers and more, and will be a useful reference throughout the year.

The last school year was filled with many wonderful programs and events throughout the District, including Final Five ceremonies, My Brothers Keeper events, musicals at both high schools, honor society induction ceremonies, pep rallies, family nights, and so much more. There are many activities planned for this year as well and we encourage you to take advantage of as many of them as possible.

We continue to carry out our mission to educate the whole child to be healthy, safe, supported,

engaged and challenged. The passing of the 2023-24 school budget by voters in June allows us to take the critical steps necessary to achieve this mission, building high-quality programs and services that support the long-term goals in the areas of academic instruction, social emotional learning and efficient operations.

Here's to an outstanding 2023-24 school year! Sincerely,

Dr. Clarence G. Ellis, Superintendent of Schools

## September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
S M T W T F S   S   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31   October 2023	HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (9/15 – 10/15)				New Teacher Orientation	2
S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31						
3	4 Labor Day Schools Closed	5 Professional Learning (No School for Students)	Superintendent's Conference Day (No School for Students) ECC New Kindergarten Student Orientation 1:00 PM	7 First Day of School for Students Faculty Meetings (Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM	8 CRMS Pep Rally/ CRMS Cares Community Cash Card Program (CCC) 2:08 PM	9

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1 () National Grandparents Day	Patriot Day ELM 9/11 Memorial Presentation Teachers' Center Policy Board Meeting 4:15PM STAR Assessment Cycle (9/	12 Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	13	14 SVHS Fall Sports Pep Rally MAR Back To School Night 7:00 PM New Hire Mentor Program Workshops	15 SPK Lions' Assembly 8:25 AM Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	16 Rosh Hashanah
17 Rosh Hashanah	18 STAR Assessment Cycle (9)	19 ECC Back To School Night for Kindergarten and First Grade 5:30PM MAR PTA Meeting 5:45 PM	ELM Back to School Night ELD Back to School Night 6:00 PM KSA Back to School Night Grades 7-8 6:30 PM GRV Back to School Night 7:00 PM LKN Meet the Teacher 7:00 PM ok Fairs (9/18 - 9/22)	Paculty Meetings (Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM SVHS Parent Meeting - Academic Success Night 6:30 PM	22	23 First Day of Autumn
24 Yom Kippur begins at sundown	25 Yom Kippur Schools Closed	26	27 SPK Back to School / Curriculum Night 1 6:00 PM KSA Back to School Night Grades 4-6 6:30 PM	28 HEMP Back to School Night 5:30 PM ELD PTA Meeting Elections/PTA Membership Drive 6:00 PM ELM First PTA Meeting in Person FLT Back to School Night 6:00 PM New Hire Mentor Program Workshops	29	30

#### **Calendar Code**

CRMS - Chestnut Ridge Middle School ECC - Early Childhood Center ELD - Eldorado Elementary School ELM - Elmwood Elementary School FLT - Fleetwood Elementary School GRV - Grandview Elementary School

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HEM - Hempstead Elementary School
KSA - Kakiat STEAM Academy

LKN - Lime Kiln Elementary School MAR - Margetts Elementary School POMS - Pomona Middle School RHS - Ramapo High School SVHS - Spring Valley High School SPK - Summit Park Elementary School FRC - Family Resource Coordinator

Schools	Instructional Bell Schedule	Early Dismissal	
HIGH SCHOOLS	7:42 a.m 1:56 p.m.	7:42 a.m 11:56 a.m.	
MIDDLE SCHOOLS (Pomona & Chestnut Ridge)	9:25 a.m 3:40 p.m.	9:25 a.m 1:40 p.m.	
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (includes Kakiat STEAM)	8:25 a.m 2:40 p.m.	8:25 a.m 12:40 p.m.	

NOTE: 1. School bell schedule arrival times are coordinated to ensure students have access to breakfast.

2. Kakiat STEAM Academy's elementary and middle school start and end time is the same.

However, the bell-to-bell schedule differs.



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East Ramapo educators are dedicated to educating the whole child through a continuous improvement process involving curriculum, instruction, assessment and professional development. The District recognizes the importance of a progressive learning environment, and provides students access to accelerated/college courses, art, music and technology programs. Offering students an advanced curriculum fosters growth and advancement, and builds the skills and habits essential for success.

## October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH	2	3 LKN Principal Breakfast 9:00 AM	4 KSA PTA Meeting 6:30 PM	MAR Coffee w/ Principal 9:00 AM Faculty Meetings (Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM SVHS Parent Meeting College Planning Night 7:00 PM	6 SPK Lions' Assembly 8:25 AM ELM Monthly SEL / Award Assembly	7 SAT Exam Testing RHS NYSFBC Marching Band Home Show at SVHS 5:00 PM	
	ELD Social Awareness Tear	m/Spirit Building Week (10/2 - 1	0/6)	- 10/6) 🖒			
8	Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples Day (Schools Closed)	FLT Fall Pictures (Kindergarten & 3rd grade) 8:30 AM SPK Chit-Chat with the Principal 9:00 AM Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	PSAT/SAT Exams Grade 10, 11, 12 FLT Fall Pictures (1st grade & 2nd Grade) 8:30 AM SPK Hispanic Heritage Assembly 9:00 AM GRV Breakfast with the Principal 9:00 AM CRMS PTA Meeting 6:00 PM	RHS ENL Parent Academy #1 9:00 AM FLT PTA Meeting 4:30 PM ELD PTA Meeting 6:00 PM New Hire Mentor Program Workshops	FLT Hispanic Heritage Parade 9:30 AM ELM Hispanic Heritage Parade POMS Student of the Month Celebration		

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15	GRV Book Fair 9:00 AM CRMS Picture Day 10:00 AM Teachers' Center Policy Board Meeting 4:15PM	17  KSA Picture Day  ECC Parent Support Group 6:00 PM  16 - 10/20) ⇔ RHS Spirit Wee	18 ELD Monthly SEL/PBIS Assembly 9:00 AM RHS Final Five Ceremony 6:30 PM	CRMS Bus Driver Appreciation 9:30 AM ELD Coffee With the Principal 10:00 AM Faculty Meetings (District and Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM ELM Coffee with the Principal SVHS Parent Meeting Financial Aid Night 7:00 PM	20  MAR Chuck E Cheese 3:00 PM  CRMS IB MYP Pick a Mentor Week (10/20 – 10/27)	21 RHS Homecoming Dance 6:00 PM
22	KSA Thanksgiving Food Col		POMS Bus Driver Appreciation 9:30 AM KSA STEM Game Night 6:30 PM	26  LKN Picture Day  CRMS Cougar Roll Mentorship  New Hire Mentor Program Workshops  ELM PTA/ Lakeshore Family Math Night  ELD Parent Engagement Night 6:00 PM	PLT Chat & Chew w/ the Principal 9:00 AM SVHS Fall Spirit Week Field Day HEMP Fall Dance/PTA Meeting SVHS Homecoming Dance 7:00 PM	28 ACT Exam Testing at RHS
29	CRMS IB MYP Pick a Mento  30  ECC Book Character Day & Parade For Students and Staff 9:40 AM  ECC Fall Festival 12:00 PM  KSA Thanksgiving Food Col	31 FLT Costume Parade 9:30 AM ELM Character Dress Up Parade HEMP Character Parade 1:30 PM SPK Costume Parade 1:45 PM	SA Fun Week & POMS Spirit We	eek (10/30 – 11/3) ⊏>		September 2023   S   M   T   W   T   F   S   1   2   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10   11   12   13   14   15   16   17   18   19   20   21   22   23   24   25   26   27   28   29   30

#### Plan de estudios

Los educadores de East Ramapo se dedican a educar al niño en su totalidad a través de un proceso de mejora continua que involucra el plan de estudios, la instrucción, la evaluación y el desarrollo profesional. El distrito reconoce la importancia de un entorno de aprendizaje progresivo, y brinda a los estudiantes acceso a cursos acelerados/universitarios, programas de arte, música y tecnología. Ofrecer a los estudiantes un plan de estudios avanzado fomenta el crecimiento y el avance, y desarrolla las habilidades y los hábitos esenciales para el éxito.







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Children learn best when they are safe, healthy and comfortable, which is why one of East Ramapo's three main pillars focuses on Social Emotional Learning. Establishing restorative practices is the path to providing a positive school climate. Throughout our schools, there are guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, the NICE team, Family Resource Coordinators, DASA coordinators and mentors to assist in this ongoing effort.

## November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH			1	2 SVHS Final Five Ceremony 7:00 PM Faculty Meetings (Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM	3 SPK Lions' Assembly 8:25 AM ELM Monthly SEL / Award Assembly POMS Schoolwide Historical Experience CRMS Fall Back to School Dance 4:00 PM	4 SAT Exam Testing at RHS
	KSA Thanksgiving Food Col	lection (10/23 – 11/17) 🖒 CF	RMS Thanksgiving Fundraiser D	Prive (11/1 – 11/21) 🖒		
5	6	7 Election Day Superintendent's Conference Day (No School for Students) Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	CRMS PTA Meeting 6:00 PM KSA PTA Meeting 6:30 PM	End of Marking Period Elementary and Secondary ELM Visit from a Veteran GRV Family Reading Night 6:00 PM HEMP Chuck E. Cheese/ PTA Meeting RHS College Panel/Financial Aid Evening 6:30 PM	1 () Veteran's Day observance (Schools Closed)	11 Veteran's Day
	SVHS School Pictures (11/6			, and the second		
	KSA Thanksgiving Food Col	lection (10/23 – 11/17) 🖒 CF	RMS Thanksgiving Fundraiser D	Prive (11/1 – 11/21) 🖒		-

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12	FLT Kindness Day 8:05 AM ELD Fall Scholastic Book Fair (PTA) 8:30 AM Teachers' Center Policy Board Meeting 4:15PM	14  SPK Chit-Chat with the Principal 9:00 AM  ECC Family Readiing Night 5:30 PM  LKN Literacy Night 6:30 PM  ction (10/23 – 11/17)   CRMS	15 ELD Monthly SEL/PBIS Assembly 9:00 AM MAR Family Reading Night 5:30 PM Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	SPK Multicultural Feasts 10:30 AM ELM PTA Meeting Virtual Faculty Meetings (District and Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM HEMP Health Night/ PTA Meeting 4:30 PM CRMS Parent University/ Thanksgiving Give Away 6:30 PM SVHS Parent Meeting ENL Parent Night #1 7:00 PM	FLT Chat & Chew w/ the Principal 9:00 AM  ELD Thanksgiving Dessert Social Grade 4 11:00 AM  CRMS IB Block Out Day 2:08 PM  RHS Fall Drama 7:30 PM	18 RHS Fall Drama 7:30 PM
19 RHS Fall Drama 2:00 PM	CRMS Picture Day (Retake) 10:00 AM  ELD Thanksgiving Dessert Social Grade 5 12:00 PM  ELM Spirit Week (11/20 - 11/2)  STAR Assessment Cycle (11/20)	RHS ENL Parent Academy #2 8:30 AM ECC Thanksgiving Brunch 9:30 AM POMS Honor Roll Assembly LKN Thanksgiving Celebration 10:00 AM ELD Thanksgiving Dessert Social Grade 6 1:00 PM ELM Thanksgiving Celebration Parent/Teacher Conferences: RHS 7:00 PM; SVHS 7:15 PM 21)	Professional Learning / Grades K-8 Parent Teacher Conferences (No School for Students)	23 Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)	24 Thanksgiving Recess (Schools Closed)	25
26	STAR Assessment Cycle (11)	28 KSA Picture Retakes 8:00 AM	29	30 SVHS Fall Drama 7:30 PM New Hire Mentor Program Workshops		S   M   T   W   T   F   S

#### Socioemocional

Los niños aprenden mejor cuando están seguros, sanos y cómodos, por lo que uno de los tres pilares principales de East Ramapo se centra en el aprendizaje socioemocional. Establecer prácticas restaurativas es el camino para proporcionar un clima escolar positivo. En todas nuestras escuelas, hay consejeros, psicólogos, trabajadores sociales, el equipo NICE, coordinadores de recursos familiares, coordinadores de DASA y mentores para ayudar en este esfuerzo continuo.







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In June of 2023, the East Ramapo Central School District reached an extraordinary milestone—about 56% of the students qualified as English Language Learners. In order to properly address and educate this particular set of students, the East Ramapo Central School District collaborates with the New York State Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages and the Hudson Valley R-BERN. Each month, ELL teachers regularly undergo special training on Advanced Literacy instruction to engage Linguistically Diverse Learners in grade level literacy.

## December 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 2023  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4  5 6 7 8 9 10 11  12 13 14 15 16 17 18  19 20 21 22 23 24 25  26 27 28 29 30   January 2024  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6  7 8 9 10 11 12 13  14 15 16 17 18 19 20  21 22 23 24 25 26 27  28 29 30 31					SPK Lions' Assembly 8:25 AM FLT Chat & Chew w/ the Principal 9:00 AM ELM Monthly SEL / Award Assembly KSA Giving Tree (12/1-12/22) 🖒	2 SAT Exam Testing at RHS
3	4	SPK Chit-Chat with the Principal 9:00 AM  Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	GRV Fall Picture Day 9:00 AM CRMS PTA Meeting/ Family Night: Hour of Code 6:00 PM KSA PTA Meeting 6:30 PM CRMS Scholastic Book Fair	, ,	8 Chanukkah	9 ACT Exam Testing at RHS
	KSA Giving Tree (12/1-12/22)	□ CRMS Computer Science	e Week (12/4 – 12/10) 🖒 HEM	Holiday Boutique (12/4 – 12/22	2) 🖒	

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10	11 KSA Holiday Boutique Teachers' Center Policy Board Meeting 4:15PM	Professional Learning (No School for Students)	ECC Winter Extravaganza Multicultural Night 5:00 PM GRV Family Holiday Night 6:00 PM RHS Art Show & Winter Concert 6:30 PM	14  ELD Talent Show 9:00 AM HEMP Breakfast with the Principal/PTA Meeting 9:00 AM ELM Talent Show ELD Parent Engagement Night - Talent Show 6:00 PM LKN Family Holiday Celebration 6:30 PM New Hire Mentor Program Workshops	15 CRMS Winter Dance 4:00 PM	16 FRC Holiday Feast
17	18	CRMS Scholastic Book  19 CRMS IB Block Out Day 1:21 PM MAR PTA Meeting 5:45 PM	PAIR (12/6 - 12/15) ES  20  POMS Student of the Month Celebration  ELM PTA Meeting / Holiday Boutique  SVHS Fall Concert 7:00 PM  ay Boutiques (12/18 - 12/22)	First Day of Winter SPK Holiday Jams Around the World 9:00 AM CRMS Spirit Games Competition 1:39 PM Faculty Meetings (District and Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM POMS Winter Dance 6:00 PM	22 LKN Winter White Assembly 9:00 AM CRMS Principal's Dinner: Holiday Give Away 6:00 PM ELM Faculty / Student Volleyball Game	23
24/31 Christmas Eve (12/24) New Years Eve (12/31)	25 Christmas Day Winter Recess / Schools Cl	26  Kwanzaa begins  Chanukkah ends at sundown	27	28	29	30

#### Plan de estudios

En junio de 2023, el distrito escolar central de East Ramapo alcanzó un hito extraordinario: alrededor del 56% de los estudiantes calificaron como estudiantes del idioma inglés. Para abordar y educar adecuadamente a este grupo particular de estudiantes, el Distrito Escolar Central de East Ramapo colabora con la Oficina de Educación Bilingüe e Idiomas del Mundo del Estado de Nueva York y Hudson Valley R-BERN. Cada mes, los maestros de ELL completan regularmente capacitación especial sobre instrucción de alfabetización avanzada para involucrar a los estudiantes lingüísticamente diversos en la alfabetización de nivel de grado.







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## strongER

East Ramapo remains committed to providing sustained equitable access to high-quality programs and services, and facilities upgrades are another step in meeting that goal. Since the District received more than \$150 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in 2021 (for use 7/2021 - 9/2024), it has allocated more than half to the District's most pressing areas of need. Over the past two summers, new flooring was installed in twelve East Ramapo schools and new kitchen vent hoods at eleven schools. These critical building upgrades have made a profound impact on student learning and achievement.

## January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH	New Year's Day (Schools Closed) Kwanzaa ends	Schools Reopen Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM		Faculty Meetings (Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM	ELM Monthly SEL / Award Assembly SPK Lions' Assembly 8:25 AM		
7	8 Teachers' Center Policy Board Meeting 4:15 PM	9 LKN Math Night 6:30 PM	CRMS PTA Meeting 6:00 PM KSA PTA Meeting 6:30 PM	RHS ENL Parent Academy #3 12:00 PM CRMS College and Career Night 6:00 PM ELD PTA Meeting 6:00 PM SVHS Alumni Night 7:00 PM New Hire Mentor Program Workshops	12	13	

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14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Schools Closed)	16 SPK Chit-Chat with the Principal 9:00 AM Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM  SPK No Name Calling Week	17 : (1/16 - 1/19) ⇒	Faculty Meetings (District and Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM HEMP PTA Meeting 4:30 PM CRMS International Baccalaureate Night 6:00 PM SPK Curriculum Night #2 6:00 PM	19	20
21	22	ECC Parent Support Group 6:00 PM MAR PTA Meeting 5:45 PM	24	GRV Breakfast with the Principal 9:00 AM CRMS IB Block Out Day 12:34 PM ELD Parent Engagement Meeting 6:00 PM ELM PTA Meeting / Family Reading Night New Hire Mentor	26 FLT Chat & Chew w/ the Principal 9:00 AM End of Marking Period Secondary	27
28	29 STAR Assessment Cycle (1/	30 Superintendent's Conference Day (No School for Students)	31	Program Workshops		December 2023   S   M   T   W   T   F   S

#### **Operaciones**

East Ramapo mantiene su compromiso de brindar un acceso equitativo sostenido a programas y servicios de alta calidad, y las mejoras de las instalaciones son otro paso para alcanzar ese objetivo. Dado que el distrito recibió más de \$150 millones en fondos federales de la Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (ARPA) en 2021 (para usar del 7/2021 al 9/2024), ha asignado más de la mitad a las áreas de necesidad más apremiantes del distrito. Está programada para el verano de 2023 completar la instalación de nuevos pisos en doce escuelas de East Ramapo y nuevas campanas de ventilación de cocina en once escuelas. Estas actualizaciones críticas de edificios han tenido un impacto profundo en el aprendizaje y el rendimiento de los estudiantes.







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## healthiER

School Safety Officers and School Resource Officers (SROs) know our East Ramapo facilities inside and out. Our devoted SSOs secure the premises, patrol the grounds, monitor surveillance equipment, guard entry points and verify visitors. The SROs are uniformed police officers stationed inside our high schools and are highly trained in school-based law enforcement. These security teams are truly dedicated to making sure our students are safe at all times.

## February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH PTA PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS (PARP) MONTH				POMS Honor Roll Assembly MP2 Faculty Meetings (Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM	Groundhog Day  SPK Lions' Assembly 8:25 AM  ELM Monthly SEL / Award Assembly	3
				HEM Valentine's Day Boutique	ue (2/1 – 2/14) ⊏>	
4	5	6 SPK Black History Month Assembly 9:00 AM ECC Math Family Game Night 5:30 PM	7	B  ELD International Extravaganza 9:00 AM  ELM Coffee with the Principal  CRMS Perfect Attendance Jam/ PBIS Award Ceremony 4:00 PM  FLT PTA Meeting  RHS ENL Parent Academy #4 6:30 PM  SVHS Parent Meeting - Scholarship/ FAFSA Application Workshop 7:00 PM  New Hire Mentor Program  Workshops	9 End of Marking Period Elementary HEMP Rockland Read-In MAR Rockland Read In SVHS Valentine's Day Dance 7:00 PM	10 ACT Exam Testing at RHS Asian Lunar New Year
	STAR Assessment Cycle (1/2	29 - 2/9)   → HEM Valentine's	a Day Boutique (2/1 – 2/14) 🖒	LKN Book Fair (2/5 – 2/9) 🖒		

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11	12 Teachers' Center Policy Board Meeting 4:15 PM  HEM Valentine's Day Boutiq	13 SPK Rockland Read-In Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	14  Valentine's Day  ELD Monthly SEL/PBIS Assembly 2:45 PM  CRMS PTA Meeting 6:00 PM  HEMP Art/Music Concert  Spirit Week (2/12 - 2/16)   El	15 Faculty Meetings (District and Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM ELD Parent Engagement Night 6:00 PM  ■ M. Spirit Week (2/12 – 2/16)	16* CRMS Multicultural Passport Day CRMS, ECC, ELM, FLT, GRV, KSA, LKN, POMS, RHS Rockland Read-In MAR Chuck E Cheese 3:00 PM	17
18	19 Presidents' Day Schools Closed  Mid-Winter Recess / Schoo	20 Is Closed (2/19 – 2/23)	21*	22*	23*	24
25	26 ELD Monthly SEL/PBIS Assembly 9:00 AM	27	28	29 ELM PTA Meeting / Family Writing Night New Hire Mentor Program Workshops		S M T W T F S

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#### Socioemocional

Los oficiales de seguridad escolar y los oficiales de recursos escolares (SRO) conocen nuestras instalaciones de East Ramapo al derecho y al revés. Nuestros SSO dedicados aseguran las instalaciones, patrullan los terrenos, monitorean el equipo de vigilancia, vigilan los puntos de entrada y verifican a los visitantes. Los SRO son oficiales de policía uniformados estacionados dentro de nuestras escuelas secundarias y están altamente capacitados en la aplicación de la ley en las escuelas. Estos equipos de seguridad están realmente dedicados a asegurarse de que nuestros estudiantes estén seguros en todo momento.







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# smartER

The District encourages small-group instruction with students to enhance the overall learning experience. This teaching method provides opportunities for students to be more interactive than they may be in larger group settings. In these circles, East Ramapo educators are able to focus more individually on knowledge gaps and assist them in developing critical-thinking, problem-solving and communications skills, all of which reinforce their academic experience.

## **March** 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
YOUTH ART MONTH WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH	S   M   T   W   T   F   S				SPK Lions' Assembly 8:25 AM SPK Unplug Day CRMS Rockland Read-In (Snow Date) ELM Monthly SEL / Award Assembly	2	
3	4  ELM Scholastic Book Fair (	5 Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM  3/4 - 3/8)   SPK Celebrate	6 SVHS Multicultural Day National SEL Week (3/4- 3/8) 다	7 ELD Newcomer Breakfast 9:00 AM Faculty Meetings (Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM KSA Musical	Professional Learning/ Parent Teacher Conferences K- 12 (No School for Students) SVHS Noche Latina Event 7:00 PM KSA Musical	SAT Exam Testing at RHS FRC Creative Arts Fair	

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1() Daylight Saving Time Begins	11 Teachers' Center Policy Board Meeting 4:15 PM	12 SPK Chit-Chat with the Principal 1:45 PM ECC Parent Support Group 6:00 PM	POMS Student of the Month Celebration CRMS PTA Meeting/Family Game Night 6:00 PM ELD PTA/Parent Engagement Meeting 6:00 PM GRV Math Night 6:00 PM KSA PTA Meeting 6:30 PM	14 ELM PTA Meeting / International Night SVHS Parent Meeting - ENL Parent Night #2 7:00 PM New Hire Mentor Program Workshops	Superintendent's Conference Day, County-Wide (No School for Students)	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18  RHS College Week (3/18 – 3/	First Day of Spring  MAR PTA Meeting 5:45 PM  Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	20 ELD Monthly SEL/PBIS Assembly 9:00 AM	Paculty Meetings (District and Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM SPK Curriculum Night 3 6:00 PM RHS ENL Parent Academy #5 6:30 PM CRMS Musical 7:00 PM SVHS Spring Musical 7:30 PM	22 SVHS Spring Musical 7:30 PM	23 SVHS Spring Musical - Matinee 3:00 PM Purim begins at sunset
24/31  Palm Sunday (3/24)  Purim ends at sunset (3/24)  Easter Sunday (3/31)	25	26 LKN Principal Breakfast 9:00 AM	GRV Breakfast with the Principal 9:00 AM CRMS March Madness/ Pep Rally/CRMS Cares Community Cash Card Program (CCC) 1:21 PM	CRMS March Madness/ Pep Rally/CRMS Cares Community Cash Card Program (CCC) 1:21 PM SVHS Books Vs. Badges Basketball Game 7:00 PM	29 Good Friday (Schools closed)	30*

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#### Plan de estudios

El distrito alienta la instrucción en grupos pequeños con los estudiantes para mejorar la experiencia de aprendizaje en general. Este método de enseñanza brinda oportunidades para que los estudiantes sean más interactivos de lo que pueden ser en entornos de grupos más grandes. En estos círculos, los educadores de East Ramapo pueden enfocarse más individualmente en las brechas de conocimiento y ayudarlos a desarrollar habilidades de pensamiento crítico, resolución de problemas y comunicación, todo lo cual refuerza su experiencia académica.

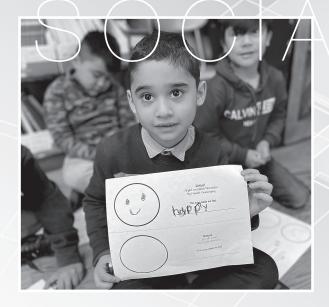






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## healthiER

Family Resource Center Coordinators and School Psychologists make every effort to accommodate the students and their supporting community. The FRCs provide free information and referral services to all families in the East Ramapo Central School District such as childcare, employment, donations and counseling. The psychologists provide mental health services like assessment, counseling, behavioral consultation and crisis intervention. These exceptional teams are making tremendous strides in addressing the social emotional needs of our students.

## **April** 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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March 2024	1**	2	3	4	5	6
S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH	School Board Meeting 7:30 PM		Faculty Meetings (Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM;	Third Progress Report for Elementary Schools	
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24/31 25 26 27 28 29 30	Transportation forms due			ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM MAR Math Night 5:30 PM	End of Marking Period Secondary	
May 2024  S M T W T F S					SPK Lions' Assembly 8:25 AM	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18					ELM Monthly SEL / Award Assembly	
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	HEMP Mother's Day Boutique	ue (4/1 – 4/10) 🖒				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Teachers' Center Policy Board Meeting 4:15 PM	SPK Chit-Chat with the Principal 1:45 PM	CRMS PTA Meeting 6:00 PM	ELD PTA Meeting 6:00 PM	HEMP Autism Awareness Week	ACT Exam Testing at RHS
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					RHS Spring Musical 7:30 PM	
	HEMP Mother's Day Boutique	ue (4/1 – 4/10) ⊏>				

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14 RHS Spring Musical 2:00 PM	15  ELM Spirit Week & SVHS Sp	16  Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM  ring Spirit Week 4/15 - 4/19 ➡	POMS Honor Roll Assembly MP3 CRMS IB MYP Community Project Day 9:05 AM KSA PTA Meeting 6:30 PM SVHS Honor Societies Induction Ceremony 7:00 PM NYSESLAT Speaking (4/15	Faculty Meetings (District and Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM ELD Faculty Meeting 2:45 PM ELM PTA Meeting Virtual	CRMS Celebrate Earth Day CRMS Day of Service SVHS Spring Pep Rally/ Field Day HEMP Chuck E. Cheese/ PTA Meeting	20
21	22 Earth Day Passover begins at sunset	23	24 Administrative Professional's Day	25*	26*	27
28	Spring Recess (4/22 - 4/30)  29  Spring Recess (4/22 - 4/30)	30				

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#### Socioemocional

Los coordinadores del Centro de Recursos para las Familias (FRC) y los psicólogos escolares hacen todo lo posible para acomodar a los estudiantes y su comunidad de apoyo. El FRC brinda información gratuita y servicios de referencia a todas las familias en el Distrito Escolar Central de East Ramapo, como cuidado de niños, empleo, donaciones y asesoramiento. Los psicólogos brindan servicios de salud mental como evaluación, asesoramiento, consultas sobre comportamiento e intervención en crisis. Estos equipos excepcionales están logrando grandes avances para abordar las necesidades socioemocionales de nuestros estudiantes.







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## healthiER

Physical activity has a positive influence on memory, concentration and behavior, and student-athletes tend to have better grades, school attendance, cognitive performance and classroom behaviors. At East Ramapo, our athletes are some of the District's best students. East Ramapo's Athletics Department provides a wide variety of sports in 70 different programs throughout the fall, winter and spring, while the Physical Education programs fosters healthy fitness activities for kids in all grades. Participation in school sports and athletic experiences helps children develop important life skills and remains a primary area of focus for the District.

## **May** 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH			1	Faculty Meetings (Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM RHS ENL Parent Academy Evening Mtg #6 6:30 PM RHS National/Arista/Honor Roll Societies 6:30 PM	SPK Lions' Assembly 8:25 AM HEMP Breakfast with the Principal/PTA Meeting 9:00 AM ELM Monthly SEL / Award Assembly	4 SAT Exam Testing at RHS FRC Spring Fling	
			NYSESLAT Speaking (4/15 –	5/24) 🖒			
5	GRV Book Fair 9:00 AM ECC Staff and Student Talent Show 9:10 AM	7 Last day to register to vote before School Budget Vote Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	Last day to register to vote before Budget Vote ELD Faculty Meeting 2:45 PM ECC Annual School Spelling Bee 5:00 PM CRMS PTA Meeting	9 ECC Staff Red Carpet Luncheon 2:45 PM RHS New Parent Orientation Incoming 9th graders 6:30 PM	10 FRC Vendor Appreciation	11	
	NYSESLAT Speaking (4/15 –	5/24)	t Exams (5/6 – 5/17) ⊏>				
	ELD PTA Spring Boutique - I	Mother's/ Father's Day (5/6 – 5/1	10) 🖒				

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12 Mother's Day	13 ELD The NED Show Assembly 9:00 AM Teachers' Center Policy Board Meeting 4:15 PM	MAR PTA Meeting 5:45 PM	15 ELD Monthly SEL/PBIS Assembly 9:00 AM ELM Incoming 4th Grade Orientation KSA Secondary Concert	GRV Spring Picture Day 8:45 AM POMS Student of the Month Celebration Faculty Meetings (District and Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM SPK Spring Art Show 6:00 PM	17 SPK Donuts with Grownups (K/1) 8:30 AM RHS Dance Concert 7:00 PM	18 RHS Dance Concert 7:00 PM
	NYSESLAT Speaking (4/15 -	- 5/24)	ent Exams (5/6 - 5/17) ⊏> NYS	ESLAT Written (5/13 - 5/24)		
19	20 SPK Donuts with Grownups (2/3) 8:30 AM	21 School Budget Vote ECC Parent Support Meeting 6:00 PM Board of Education Meeting 8:30 PM	GRV International Night 6:00 PM RHS Spring Concert & Art Show 6:30 PM	PRC Appreciation Day MAR Music Concert 5:30 PM ELD Parent Engagement Night 6:00 PM POMS 8th Grade Dance 6:30 PM CRMS Spring Concert and Art Show 7:00 PM ELM PTA Parent/Child Night Out SVHS Senior Prom Class of 2023 7:00 PM	24 FLT Chat & Chew w/ the Principal 9:00 AM HEMP Spring Concert	25
	NYSESLAT Speaking (4/15 -	5/24) 🖒 NYSESLAT Written (	5/13 – 5/24) 🖒 ECC School	Spirit Week (5/20 – 5/24) 🖒		
26	27 Memorial Day (Schools Closed)	ELD Finkelstein Memorial Library - Summer Reading 9:00 AM KSA Elementary Concert SVHS Senior Trip	FLT PTA Meeting 4:30 PM CRMS Grade 6 Parent Evening Orientation 6:30 PM RHS Underclassman Awards 6:30 PM SVHS Spring Concert 7:00 PM	RHS Variety Show 7:00 PM	31	April 2024  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30  June 2024  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
		STAR Assessment Cycle (5/	28 – 6/10) 🖒			16     17     18     19     20     21     22       23/30     24     25     26     27     28     29

#### Socioemocional

La actividad física tiene una influencia positiva en la memoria, la concentración y el comportamiento, y los estudiantes-deportistas tienden a tener mejores notas, asistencia escolar, rendimiento cognitivo y conductas en el aula. En East Ramapo, nuestros deportistas son algunos de los mejores estudiantes del distrito. El Departamento de Deportes de East Ramapo ofrece una amplia variedad de deportes en 70 programas diferentes durante el otoño, el invierno y la primavera, mientras que los programas de Educación Física fomentan actividades físicas saludables para niños en todos los grados. La participación en deportes escolares y experiencias atléticas ayuda a los niños a desarrollar importantes habilidades para la vida y sigue siendo un área principal de enfoque para el distrito.

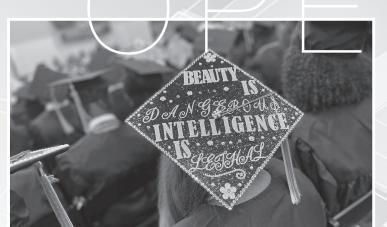






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## strongER

Through the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund (ARP-ESSER), East Ramapo was provided with more than \$150 million in federal funding to improve instructional and non-instructional spaces across the District. Since 2021, the District has been thoughtfully investing more than half of these funds in infrastructure changes. The third and final phase of renovations, such as lighting and ceiling replacement, electrical systems, windows, doors and ventilation, will take place during the summer of 2024. These critical building upgrades are improving the academic environment in our schools.

## **June** 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 2024  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4  5 6 7 8 9 10 11  12 13 14 15 16 17 18  19 20 21 22 23 24 25  26 27 28 29 30 31  July 2024  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6  7 8 9 10 11 12 13  14 15 16 17 18 19 20  21 22 23 24 25 26 27  28 29 30 31				STAR Assessment Cycle (5/	28 – 6/10) 🖒	1 SAT Exam Testing at RHS FRC Soccer Fair
2	3 Teachers' Center Policy Board Meeting 4:15 PM	ANYS Algebra 1 New Framework Regents Exam  MAR Art Show 5:30 PM  LKN Concert 7:00 PM  Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	5 KSA PTA Meeting 6:30 PM SVHS Awards Night 7:00 PM	SPK Field Day #1 Faculty Meetings (Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM RHS Senior Prom	End of Marking Period Elementary Field Day at GRV, MAR, SPK SPK Lions' Assembly 8:25 AM ELM Monthly SEL / Award Assembly GRV Third Grade Concert & Art Show 6:00 PM SVHS Dance Concert	8 ACT Exam Testing at RHS
	STAR Assessment Cycle (5/2	28 – 6/10) 🖒			7:00 PM	

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9	1() SVHS Senior Breakfast STAR Assessment Cycle (5/28 - 6/10) □>	11 MAR Kindergarten-Spirit Day 9:00 AM	SPK 3rd Grade Spring Concert 6:00 PM CRMS PTA Meeting 6:30 PM RHS Senior Awards 6:30 PM SVHS Thespian Awards 7:00 PM	13 RHS Senior Breakfast CRMS Grade 8 Picnic ELM PTA Appreciation Dinner	1.4  Regents Exams (6/14 - 6/26)   End of Marking Period Secondary  LKN Field Day 8:30 AM	15
16 Father's Day	17  Regents Exams (6/14 - 6/26)	Budget Revote (If needed) CRMS Grade 8 Dance 5:00 PM Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM (8:30 PM if Budget Revote)	19 Juneteenth (Schools Closed)	First Day of Summer LKN 6th Grade Kruckers Trip 8:30 AM Faculty Meetings (District and Bldg Level): HS 2:00 PM; ES 2:45 PM; MS 3:45 PM HEMP Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony/Breakfast with the Principal	21 ECC First Grade Dance & Luncheon 11:00 AM	22
23/30	24 ECC School Field Day 8:40 AM  Regents Exams (6/14 - 6/26)	25 CRMS Pep Rally/ CRMS Cares Community Cash Card Program (CCC) 2:08 PM	26 Last Day of School for Students and Staff (Rating Day)	27	28	29

#### **Operaciones**

A través del Fondo de Ayuda de Emergencia para Escuelas Primarias y Secundarias del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (ARP-ESSER), East Ramapo recibió más de \$150 millones en fondos federales para mejorar los espacios educativos y no educativos en todo el distrito. Desde 2021, el distrito ha estado invirtiendo cuidadosamente más de la mitad de estos fondos en cambios de infraestructura. La tercera y última fase de renovaciones, como el reemplazo de iluminación y techos, sistemas eléctricos, ventanas, puertas y ventilación, se llevará a cabo durante el verano de 2024. Estas actualizaciones críticas del edificio están mejorando el ambiente académico en nuestras escuelas.







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## **July** 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
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## **August** 2024

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## East Ramapo CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



#### **■ CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION**

105 South Madison Ave Spring Valley, NY 10977

#### **Superintendent of Schools**

District Clark	
Dr. Clarence G. Ellis(x	.6011)

#### District Clerk

Kathi Kivi .....(x6015)



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Samantha Scherer(x6276)
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Director of Fine and Performing Arts
Michael Smith(x6380)
Director of Instructional Technology and Curriculum
Sonia Dominguez-Saravia(x6021)
Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics
Greg Russo(x6075)
Mathematics Coordinator
JoAnn Feniger(x6197)
Special Programs Coordinator
Abraham Blanco(x6026)
Office of Secondary Education
Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education

Dr. Augustina West.....(x6394)

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	Dominique Marable	(x6195
	Director of Special Education Services Non-	public
	Dr. Elizabeth Cohen	(x6598
	Director of Clinical Services	(x6048
	Health Services Coordinator	
	Janeen Dilkes	(x6049
	Family and Community Engagement Coordi	nator
	Sheila Luna	(x6073)
	Committee of Special Education	(x6040
	Committee of Preschool Special Education	.(x6042
	Home Schooling	(x6044



#### **■ OPERATIONS**

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Supervisor of Fiscal Services/Assistant
Business Official
My Nguyen(x6118)
Director of Transportation
Janette Silva(x6490)
Facilities(x6480)
Food Services
Carmela Cernaro(x6582)
Office of Funded Programs
Assistant Superintendent of Funded Programs
Dr. Daniel Shanahan(x6031)
Universal Pre-Kindergarten Coordinator
Dr. Jennifer Coggio(x6113)
Book Depository
Marsha Epstein(x6146)

	Warehouse	
	Armani Bishun	(x6567
	Purchasing Clerk	
	Sue Fata	(x6393
	Funded Programs Assistant	
	Donna Tanner	(x6030
	Audit and Compliance Coordinator	
	Phyllis Tucker	(x6032
	Accountant	
	Renee Vaughan	.(x6031
Н	uman Resources Office	
	Human Resources	.(x6090
	Assistant Director of Human Resources Jessica Theodore	.(x6094
	Personnel Administrator Kim Smith	(venoo
	Civil Service	
	Certificated	
	Benefits	

#### **Technology and Information Management Department**

Director of Technology and Informati	on Management
Bhavin Gandhi	(x6081)
Data Manager/Data Coordinator	
Akash Desai	(x6072)
Student/Staff Help Desk	(914-922-3002)

#### **Central Registration**

Dire	or of Central Registration	
Kiml	erly O'Brien(x	6276

#### **Safety and Security Department**

Coordinator of Safety and Sec	urity/School Resourc
Officer	
Tom Carton	(x61

InfoPhone 24 Hour Message Service .....(x6565)

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### **We** BELIEVE...

#### **MISSION**

As a unified community, the East Ramapo Central School District is committed to educating the whole child by providing a healthy, safe, supportive, engaging and challenging learning environment.

#### **VISION**

We will become proficient in all that we do.

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

East Ramapo is governed by a Board of Education composed of nine trustees elected by the community, each for a term of three years. The Board is responsible for providing and promoting a budget, levying taxes, setting educational policy, and meeting all requirements of state law. To contact members of the Board of Education, e-mail the Board at BoardofEducation@ercsd.org, or call the District Clerk at (845) 577-6015.

#### 2023-2024 Board of Education

Shimon Rose

Sabrina Charles-Pierre

Moshe Samuel Feder

Harry Grossman

Yitzchok Gruber

Simon Koth

Ashley Leveille

Sherry McGill

Ephraim Weissmandl

The East Ramapo Board conducts regularly scheduled business meetings which are listed in this calendar. All meetings are held in the Professional Learning Community Center (PLCC) of the Senator Eugene Levy/Dr. Jack R. Anderson Education Center, 105 S. Madison Ave., Spring Valley, and begin at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise announced. Special meetings may be called as necessary, and will be announced on the District's website. Meetings are live-streamed to YouTube and are saved there for viewing later. See District Clerk announcements for the links. The Board also conducts study sessions

to discuss District-related matters without taking formal action. Additionally, public hearings and other informational meetings are held as needed, as are those of the Board's various committees. The Board may conduct an executive session during a scheduled meeting to discuss personnel items, negotiations, real estate, litigation and other matters as allowed by law.

## SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS

All school budgets and bond issues must be approved by the voters of the East Ramapo Central School District.

To vote, a person must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A resident of the School District for at least 30 days;
- 18 years of age or older;
- Personally registered for School District Elections or registered for General Elections with Rockland County.

If you have recently moved into the District, or moved wards in the District, or are not registered for School District elections, but have voted in general elections, you must file a change of address with the Rockland County Board of Elections to be eligible to vote in school votes.

Residents may come to the District Clerk's office at 105 South Madison Ave, Spring Valley, NY, between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm on any school day up to 14 days prior to the school District vote to register in person.

The 2024 School Budget Vote and Election will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Possible budget re-vote would be June 18, 2024.

Requests for Absentee Ballots to be mailed to voters must be received seven (7) days before Election Day. Detailed information on registration, absentee ballots, and running for the school board are available online at www.ercsd.org/districtclerk.

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## **Emergency** CLOSING INFORMATION

There may be times during the year when weather conditions such as snow, ice or freezing rain, or emergencies such as loss of water or heat in the building may dictate school closings, delayed openings or early dismissals. Information can be obtained at the following locations:

#### Online:

www.ercsd.org

#### Mobile App:

Download the East Ramapo CSD mobile app from the App Store or Google Play and allow push notifications.

#### Web:

lohud.com news12.com cancellations.com

#### Info Phone:

(845) 577-6565 ERCSD's 24-hour message service.

## Radio: WHUD (100.7 FM)

Television:
WNBC TV 4
WABC TV 7
News 12 Hudson Valley

If schools are to be closed before the start of the school day, or if the opening of school is to be delayed, a decision will be made by 6:00 am and all information venues will be informed by 6:30 am.

When District schools are closed, all regularly scheduled sports events and co-curricular activities are also cancelled, unless otherwise announced.

When school is in session, and students are to be sent home early because of poor weather conditions, that decision will be made by 11:15 am. Any decision to close early will be posted on the District's website.

## If you are the parent/guardian of an elementary school student,

you are urged to have a current emergency telephone number, cell number, and email address on file at your child's school. You are also urged to make your child aware of where to go and what to do in case of an emergency dismissal during regular school hours

If a delayed opening has been announced, please monitor www.ercsd.org or the Mobile App; or look for alerts via Remind App, phone, or email about the possibility of school being closed.

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#### **Equal Opportunity Statement**

The East Ramapo Central School District, Spring Valley, New York, in compliance with Federal and State statutes and School District policy, prohibits discrimination against any student, employee or applicant for employment on the basis of age, color, creed, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

This policy of nondiscrimination includes access by students to educational programs, counseling services for students, course offerings and student activities, recruitment and appointment of employees, and, subject to applicable collective bargaining agreements, employment pay and benefits.

The officials responsible for coordination of activities relating to compliance are Dr. Ogechi Iwuoha - Student Programs Compliance Officer, Jessica Theodore - Employment Compliance Officer, Jessica Alexander - Compliance Officer for the Handicapped. These officials are located in the Administration Building, 105 South Madison Avenue, Spring Valley, New York, 10977, and may be contacted at (845) 577-6000 for any further information.

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## Title I, Family Resource Centers, Parent/Teacher Association &

#### TITLE I INFORMATION ON DISTRICT'S WEBSITE

Title I, a federally funded program, was developed to help ensure that all students meet challenging academic standards in core subject areas. The East Ramapo Central School District provides a variety of academic intervention and supplemental remedial services to help students who require additional assistance to meet state performance standards. Title I also supports staff development and parental involvement activities to further promote successful academic outcomes.

The District encourages you to learn about services offered at your child's school and how your participation will contribute to and enhance your child's overall achievement.

For information regarding the Title I Parental Involvement Policy, Parents' Right to Know, the School-Parent Compact, and Title I Complaint and Appeal Procedures, please go to the Title I page on the District's website (https://www.ercsd.org/Page/333).

#### **FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS**

The mission of the East Ramapo Central School District Family Resource Coordinators (FRCs) is to work with families and staff to build nurturing communities where children are cherished and families are supported. FRCs provide families with support and access to information on educational programs. They connect families to one another , to their community, and to resources.

#### Some of the services FRC can help you with:

referrals for childcare, employment, tutoring, counseling, workshops, food pantries, and much more.

### Family Resource Center Coordinators can be contacted at their respective schools:

Ramapo High School: (845) 577-6400
Spring Valley High School: (845) 577-6500
Chestnut Ridge Middle School: (845) 577-6300
Pomona Middle School: (845) 577-6200
Fleetwood Elementary School: (845) 577-6170
Eldorado Elementary School: (845) 577-6150
Grandview Elementary School: (845) 577-6260
Lime Kiln Elementary School: (845) 577-6280
Hempstead Elementary School: (845) 577-6270
Early Childhood Center: (845) 577-6585
Margetts Elementary School: (845) 577-6190
Elmwood Elementary School: (845) 577-6160
Summit Park Elementary School: (845) 577-6209
Kakiat STEAM Academy: (845) 577-6200

#### WHAT IS PTA?

The Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) is a national organization that believes parent and teacher participation will lead to the best education for students at all levels, from early childhood to graduating high school students.

The Council, like all of PTA, consists of volunteers. These volunteers, whose unpaid contributions of time and treasure are considerable, receive something special: the knowledge that they have made a difference!

#### What is the PTA Council?

The PTA Council is the organizing group responsible for the Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) units and Parent/Teacher/ Student Association (PTSA) units of the East Ramapo Central School District. The Council provides assistance to each PTA or PTSA in the District, helps coordinate school District/PTA activities, and is a central location for information. Your local PTA or PTSA unit is a volunteer organization whose efforts in conjunction with all the families of East Ramapo benefit all the children of East Ramapo.

#### **SEPTSA**

The Special Education Parent-Teacher-Student Association (SEPTSA) is part of the PTSA, and its focus is the education of students in the District's special education programs.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARENTS

Parents will from time to time have inquiries about school matters. Inquiries should be taken first to those persons who are closest to the subject. This normally means discussing the matter with the appropriate teacher.

Appointments can be made by calling the school's general office. After talking with the teacher, a parent may wish to discuss the concern with a guidance counselor or other member of the pupil personnel team. If the matter is not resolved, the parent may then contact the principal or other member of the school's administrative team. If the matter is still not resolved, you may wish to bring the concern to a central office administrator.

This administrator will ask for a summary of previous discussions held with school personnel in relation to the concern. The matter will be investigated and findings and conclusions will be reported to the individual concerned. A resident always has the right to appeal to the Board of Education. However, even in matters related to acts of the Board itself, it is proper to present any matter first to the superintendent of schools.

#### COMMUNICATION

The District strives to communicate effectively with parents, students, and community members through various media.

#### **DISTRICT WEBSITE**

The District's website is found at: www.ercsd.org

Important information such as announcements, special events, lunch menus, and more are found on the District and school websites.

www.ercsd.org/chestnutridge
www.ercsd.org/ecc
www.ercsd.org/eldorado
www.ercsd.org/elmwood
www.ercsd.org/fleetwood
www.ercsd.org/grandview
www.ercsd.org/hempstead
www.ercsd.org/kakiat
www.ercsd.org/limekiln
www.ercsd.org/margetts
www.ercsd.org/pomona
www.ercsd.org/ramapo

#### MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

www.ercsd.org/springvalley

www.ercsd.org/summitpark

The Blackboard Mass Notification System is an automated telephone, e-mail and text and app messaging service that the District uses to keep parents, community members and staff rapidly informed about emergency situations and important announcements. Alerts will be sent to announce weather related or other school closings.

Telephone messages will be sent to main phone numbers on file with your child's school.

As always, student telephone and emergency contact information is updated by calling your child's school and speaking with the secretary. Telephone numbers must be kept current so we may better support you and your children.

Parents and Guardians who are interested in push notifications to their mobile device should download the East Ramapo CSD free mobile app on the App Store or Google Play.

#### **BOARD DOCS**

Board of Education agendas, minutes and election information can be found online via Board Docs:

www.boarddocs.com/ny/ersd/Board.nsf

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### **INFORMATION** and **DASA**

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please visit ercsd.org for detailed information on the following categories:

**Athletics** 

Attendance Zones by Street

Central Registration

Classlink

Curriculum

Code of Conduct

Data Privacy/Parents Bill of

Rights

Dignity for All Students Act

(DASA) Disclosure to the

Military

District-Wide Safety Plan

**Enrolling in School** 

EPIC (Every Person Influences

Children)

Family Resource Center

Family University

Family Educational Records

Privacy Act (FERPA)

Free and Reduced-Price

Meals

Health Services
Home Schooling

Kindergarten Registration

Lunch Menus

New York State Education

Department

New York State Education

Parent Dashboard

New York State Learning

Standards

New York State Report Cards

Parent Portal

Policies

School Closing

Schoology

Title 1 Notification

Transportation ERCSD

Transportation NYSED

Title I Title II

Title III

Universal Pre-kindergarten

(UPK)

**Voting Information** 



#### **DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (DASA)**

The East Ramapo Central School District will not tolerate incidents of discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, or bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school

function by students and/or school employees.

The Dignity Act was signed into law on September 13, 2010 and took effect on July 1, 2012. Amendments to the act are effective as of July 1, 2013. In compliance with Education Law §13(3), at least one staff member at every school must be thoroughly trained in human relations in the areas of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, and sex. This staff member should be referred to as the Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC).

## Dignity Act Building Coordinators are responsible for the following:

- Supporting the staff in deciding if the incident falls under the DASA law
- Helping the staff, parent, student to fill out the DASA form
- Collaborating with the Principal, Assistant Principal, and School Counselors to conduct investigations and create interventions for the alleged victim and offender

A list of East Ramapo's DASA Coordinators can be found at www.ERCSD.org/DASA

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## \*Admission & IMMUNIZATIONS\*

#### INTRODUCTION

All children who meet the age and residency requirements established by state law have the right to attend school whether they are U.S. citizens, documented aliens, or undocumented immigrant children and youth.

#### REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

The child's initial enrollment will occur on the next school day after the request for enrollment is made, or as soon thereafter as practicable. However, if the District is able to determine non-residency from documentation provided on the day of the initial request, the child will not be enrolled. Following the request for enrollment, you will have three (3) business days to present proof of custody, residency, and age of the student using the kinds of documentation listed below. If you do not present the required proof, your child will not be granted final registration in the District.

#### Proof of Age: must be certified copy

- Certified transcript of birth, including foreign birth certificate (with seal); or
- Religious Certificate (Baptismal or Bris Certificate).

If neither of the above are available:

• Passport (including foreign passport) showing the date of birth of the minor.

If none of the above-listed documentation is available, the following will be considered:

- Permanent resident/Green Card:
- Official driver's license;
- State-or other government-issued ID;
- School photo ID with date of birth;
- Consulate identification card;
- Hospital or health records (in New York City, Hospital Birth Records);
- Military dependent ID card;
- Documents issued by federal, state or local agencies;
- Court orders or court-issued documents:
- Native American tribal document;
- Record(s) from non-profit international aid agencies and voluntary agencies (VOLAGS).

Other than birth certificates, religious certificates and passports, documentation of age must have been in existence two years or more.

**Proof of Immunization:** You have fourteen (14) days to submit to the school nurse the month, date and year of New York State immunizations signed by a doctor or clinic. If documentation of immunization is not obtained after this period, the student may be excluded from school until documentation/immunization is obtained. For a list of required immunizations, see the Central Registration page on the District website: **www.ercsd.org**.

**Proof of Parental Identification:** The parent/guardian/person in parental relation MUST be present at time of registration and provide valid identification such as:

- Driver's license:
- Government Issued Photo ID;
- Passport
- DSS-299.

**Proof of Residency:** You must provide at least one form of proof of residency from list **A** or **B**. In addition, please provide at least one other document from list **C**, below.

#### A. Homeowner/Condominium owner

- Mortgage statement:
- Deed: or
- Closing Papers

#### B. Renter/Tenant

- Lease:
- Affidavit or unsworn statement by landlord;
- Affidavit or unsworn statement by owner or tenant from whom parent/person in parental relation leases or shares property; **or**
- Statement by any other party establishing parent(s)'/person in parental relations' physical presence in the District.

#### C. Other Documentation of Residency

In addition to providing at least one item from list **A** or **B** above, please provide at least one additional document demonstrating residency if available. Below is a list of examples of documentation that may be used. *Please note that this list is intended only to provide examples of documentation that may be relevant to residency determinations.* The District will consider other kinds of documentation. The list below is not intended to be exhaustive, nor is it a list of required documentation.

- Pav stub:
- Income tax form;
- Utility (such as gas/electric/oil bill, e.g., Orange & Rockland);
- Other bills (such as water bill (e.g., United Water), home telephone bill (e.g., Verizon, Optimum, etc.), cable TV/Digital TV bill (e.g., Cablevision, Direct TV, etc.) or Broadband/Internet service provider bill (e.g., Verizon, AOL, etc.);
- Membership documents (e.g., library cards) based upon residency;
- Voter registration document(s);
- Official driver's license, learner's permit or non-driver identification;
- State or other government issued identification;
- Documents issued by Federal, State or local agencies (e.g., local social service agency, Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement); or
- Evidence of custody of the child, including but not limited to judicial custody orders or guardianship papers.

**Please note:** The District will be flexible in considering different kinds of documentation of residency. Any documentation you present will be considered. However, the District has found the following kinds of documents to be less reliable proof of residency: checkbooks; bank statements; credit card statements; car insurance statements/cards; cellular telephone bills; car notes or loan statements (other than mortgage loans).

#### D. Proof of Parental Relationship/Custody

- An affidavit of the parent(s) or person(s) in parental relation indicating either:
   (1) that they are the parent(s) with whom the child lawfully resides; or
- (2) that they are the person(s) in parental relation to the child, over whom they have total and permanent custody and control, and describing how they obtained total and permanent custody and control, whether through guardianship or otherwise
- Documentation indicating that the child resides with a sponsor with whom the child has been placed by a Federal agency;
- Guardianship document or custody order signed by a Judge or Court Officer (This specific documentation is not required, but is one form of proof of the parental relationship that may be used).

#### **Additional Documents**

Please submit any previous school records, transcripts, or any other relevant documents regarding your child's education, as these will assist us in placing your child in the proper grade and classes.

\*New York State Law requires that all students K-12 be fully immunized. As of August 2021, required immunization does not include COVID-19.

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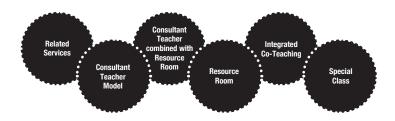
## **Student SUPPORT SERVICES**

#### **Student Support Services**

East Ramapo Central School District is committed to making sure all students receive a quality education that fits within the framework of their individual needs. The Department of Student Support Services specially designs instruction, services and programs to help meet the unique needs of students with disabilities.

#### **Special Education**

East Ramapo offers the entire New York State Continuum of Special Education Services, and prides itself on maintaining students in their least restrictive environment with supports needed to succeed.



#### **East Ramapo Central School District Special Education Specialized Programs**











#### **Case Management**

In addition to the programs in district, The Case Management Office provides services to students who have been recommended by the school District for out-of-district placements. Once a student has been recommended for an out-of-district placement, the staff in Case Management assumes responsibility for overseeing the student's educational program. The Case Management Office conducts CSE meetings and annual reviews. The Case Management staff observes students in their school environments, meets with staff and parents as necessary and ensures students receive an appropriate education.

**Committee on Special Education (CSE)** All special education placements are determined by the Committee on Special Education, the Subcommittee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education. Based on mandated documents and educational reports, the CSE will determine if a

disability exists and, if so, will recommend appropriate services, program and placement. These committees, in conjunction with parents and teachers, help develop Individual Education Programs (IEPs) for each school-age or preschoolage pupil with a disability on an annual basis.

**Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE)** The School District is responsible for ensuring the provision of evaluations and special education services and/or programs to eligible preschool children. A child must be classified by the CPSE as a preschooler with a disability in order to receive services. Parents who have concerns about their preschool child's development should contact the CPSE Department with questions.

#### **Increasing Social Emotional and Mental Health Support**

East Ramapo is committed to meeting the needs of the whole child by focusing on supporting students and families. The Coordinator of Family and Community Engagement alongside the Homeless Liasion, Family Resource Coordinators, School Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists collaborate to provide multiple layers of support for students, families, and the greater community.

## In addition to in-school supports, the District recognizes the efforts of our community partners.

- Access-VR (845.426.5410)
- Alcoholics Anonymous (845.352.1112)
- Astor Services (845.871.1000)
- Bridges (845.624.1366)
- Candle (845.634.6677)
- Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland (845.942.5791
- Center for Safety and Change (845.634.3344)
- Child Care Resources of Rockland (845.425.0009)
- NAMI National Alliance of Mental Illness (845.359.8787)
- Ramapo Police Department (845.357.2400)
- Rockland BOCES (845.348.3500)
- Rockland County Department of Social Services (845.364.3100)
- Rockland County Department of Health (845.364.2512)
- Samaritan Daytop Village (845.353.2730)
- Spring Valley Police Department (845.356.7400)

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#### The following procedures are used when a parent believes that their child may have an educational disability requiring Special Education:

Suspicion of a possible disability	If you have a child or know of a child who may have a disability and who may require special education, please submit the following information to your child's school office: the child's name and date of birth; your specific concerns about the child's learning or behavior; the name of the child's parent or guardian (if this is not in reference to your own child.)	Contact your child's teacher or School Principal	Individual Education Program (IEP)	The IEP states your child's classification, the type of program, specific special education and related services to be provided, duration of program (10 or 12 months), present levels of academic performance, any special needs for transportation, annual goals, and any special testing procedures or equipment to be used. The IEP must explain the extent, if any, to which your child will not participate in general education programs.	Contact your child's School Principal or Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services
Referral	A referral is a request to have a child individually evaluated because there is a suspicion of a possible educational disability which may require special education.  The written referral must be sent to: The School Principal or The Committee on Special Education 105 S. Madison Ave. Spring Valley, NY 10977  The evaluations performed for your child	Contact your child's School Principal or Assistant Superin- tendent for Student Support Services		Your child's classification, services, and program will be reviewed once a year by a subcommittee of the CSE/CPSE. This meeting is called an Annual Review. Once in 3 years a full re-evaluation may be conducted to determine if special education is still needed for your child to receive a free, appropriate public education. At any time, you may ask for a review of your child's IEP, classification, special education services and/or program by writing to the CSE/CPSE.	
Evaluations	may include a social history, reading, math and written language tests, a health assessment, psychological tests, speech/language/hearing tests, and other tests which may be necessary. Before an initial evaluation can be done, the District must have a parent's written consent. The consent is voluntary and may be withdrawn at any time prior to the completion of the evaluations. If you do not wish to consent to the evaluations, you will be invited to your child's school to discuss your objections. If you do not attend this meeting or if you continue to object, the CSE will stop the referral process	School Principal or Assistant Superin- tendent for Student Support Services	Due Process Rights	If you disagree with any part of the recommendation of the IEP, you may make a written request for a resolution meeting, mediation meeting, or an impartial hearing. Your request must state specifically what you disagree with.  If you request an impartial hearing, the hearing must be held and a decision made within 45 days of your written request. If you are represented by an attorney at a hearing or a subsequent appeal to the State Review Office or court, and if your appeal is successful, your reasonable attorney's fees may be paid by the District.	Contact your child's School Principal or Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services
	If the evaluations are done and you disagree with the results, you have the right to get an independent evaluation which the CSE/CPSE must consider when making its recommendation on your child's special education program. If you want this evaluation to be at the District's expense, you must notify the CSE/CPSE in writing.		Transition Planning	Transition planning is a required process that is used to prepare a student with a disability to achieve his or her goals related to living, learning and earning within the community after high school graduation. It includes planning for college, the world of work, linking to agencies and living as an adult after high school. Successful transition planning includes parents and guardians, your child and the school. It must be reviewed annually.	Contact your child's School Principal, Director of Special Educa- tion, or School Counselor.

For information about accessing special education services for your child follow the links below.

Parent's Guide to Special Education (English) http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/parentguide.htm Parent's Guide to Special Education (Spanish) http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/spanishparentguide.htm

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## **Graduation REQUIREMENTS**

REQUIRED SUBJECTS	REGENTS DIPLOMA	ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA
English Language Arts	4 Credits	4 Credits
Social Studies	4 credits	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits	3 credits
Science	3 credits	3 credits
Language Other Than English	1 credit (a)	3 credits (b)
Health	1/2 credit	1/2 credit
Art, Music, Dance or Theater	1 credit	1 credit
Electives	3 1/2 credits	1 1/2 credits
Physical Education	2 credits	2 credits
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED (minimum)	22	22
NYS Regents Examination Requirement	Score 65 or above on 5 required Regents exams <sup>1</sup>	Score 65 or above on 8 required Regents exams <sup>2</sup>

REGENTS EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL DIPLOMA	
Year Student Entered 9th Grade	2008 and thereafter
Minimum Regents Exam Requirement	Score 65 or above on 5 required Regents exams.  No local diplomas will be issued

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Under the new "4+1" pathway assessment option, students must pass four required Regents Exams or Department-approved alternative assessments (one in each of the following subjects: English, math, science, and social studies) and either pass a comparably rigorous assessment for a fifth required exam, or in lieu of a fifth exam, complete the requirements to earn the CDOS Commencement Credential.

#### LOTE REQUIREMENT

- (a) Students who complete Checkpoint A and two credits in a single language other than English no later than the end of grade 8 must pass the second language proficiency examination in order to earn one credit toward a high school diploma
- (b) Students taking a sequence of not less than 5 credits in career and technical education (GTE) or the arts may substitute such 5 credit sequence in place of the 3 credits in a language other than English (LOTE). To earn the advanced designation, the student must complete one of the following:
  - **1. LOTE** (Language Other Than English) 3 credits
  - **2. CTE** (Career and Technical Education) 5 credits
  - **3. The Arts** (Dance, Music, Theater and Visual Arts) 5 credits

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Five required Regents exams plus at least one more in science, at least one more in math, and one in a language other than English. Students entering 9th grade in 2009 and beyond will be required to pass three Regents examinations in mathematics for an advanced Regents diploma.

#### REGENTS EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN TRANSFER STUDENTS

The Regulations of the Commissioner of Education provide certain conditions under which an 11th or 12th grade transfer student who has not previously been home instructed and has not previously attended school in New York can earn a diploma without meeting the requirements for passing the Regents examination in global history and geography and passing a Regents examination in science. See your guidance counselor for further details.

#### APPEAL TO GRADUATE WITH A LOWER SCORE ON A REGENTS EXAMINATION

Beginning with students entering grade 9 in 2005, students who have taken and passed certain courses in preparation to take a Regents examination and have a 65 course average but whose highest score on the Regents examination is below but within three points of the 65 passing score may appeal to graduate with a local or Regents diploma using the lower score. Students who may be eligible for this consideration should speak with their guidance counselor for a list of eligibility requirements to further determine if they can pursue this appeal.

#### SAFETY NET FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Board of Regents, at their October 2012 meeting, approved the emergency adoption of an amendment to section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. These regulations, effective October 31, 2012, provide an additional option for a student with a disability to earn a local diploma through the use of a "compensatory option" if the student:

- 1. scores between 45-54<sup>4</sup> on one or more of the five required Regents exams, other than the English language arts (ELA) or mathematics exam<sup>1</sup>, but scores 65 or higher on one or more of the required Regents exams, in which case the lower score(s) can be compensated by the higher score(s)<sup>2</sup>; and
- 2. obtains a passing grade, that meets or exceeds the required passing grade by the school, for the course in the subject area of the Regents examination in which he or she received a score of 45-54; and
- 3. has a satisfactory attendance rate, in accordance with the District's or school's attendance policy, for the school year during which the student took the examination in which he or she received a score of 45-54, exclusive of excused absences; and
- 4. is not already using a passing score' on one or more Regents Competency Tests (RCTs) to graduate with a local diploma. (A student may not use the compensatory score option if he or she is using a passing score on one or more RCTs to graduate with a local diploma.)
- <sup>1</sup>A score of at least 55 must be earned on both the ELA and mathematics exams.
- <sup>2</sup> A score of 65 or higher on a single examination may not be used to compensate for more than one examination for which a score of 45-54 is earned.
- <sup>3</sup> Not used if RCT is used.
- <sup>4</sup> To qualify a student has to have a 65 on the ELA.

The Superintendent Determination option allows a superintendent (or the principal/head of school of a registered nonpublic school or charter school, as applicable) to make a local determination that a student with a disability has otherwise met the standards for graduation with a local high school diploma when such student has not been successful, because of his/her disability, at demonstrating his/her proficiency on one or more of the Regents exams required for graduation (excluding the ELA or math Regents exams).

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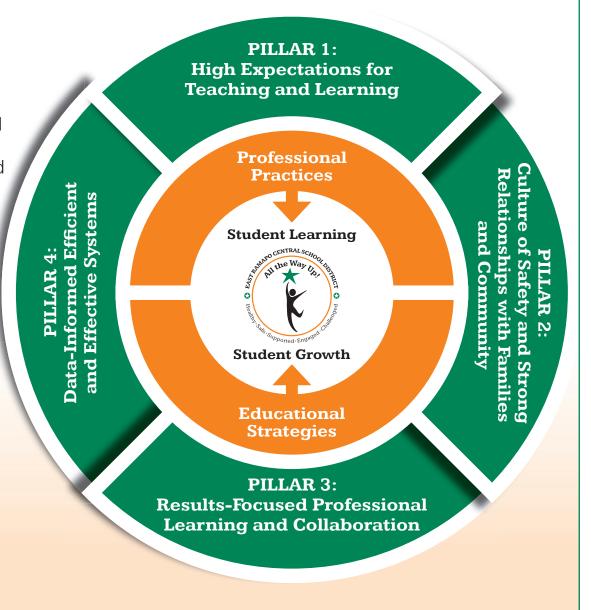
IF educators individually and collectively exercise key professional practices and educational strategies framed by our four pillars and geared

towards building student competencies and confidence for success,

#### **THEN** students will

- (1) demonstrate success in the early years,
- (2) exhibit healthy, safe, supported, engaged, and challenged behaviors;
- (3) be motivated confident, and empowered critical thinkers;
- (4) show mastery of academic subjects and the arts;
- (5) graduate from high school and show readiness for college and careers,

**AND** we will realize our Vision of being proficient in all that we do.



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An ka ke ou ta vle nou tradui lèt sa a an Kreyòl, rele lè Mèkredi nan nimewo telefòn sa a: (845) 577-6056. L ap kontan pou li ede ou.



#### **KEY DATES:**

JULY 1, 2023 New Budget Begins

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 First Day of School

APRIL 1, 2024
Transportation Forms Due

MAY 8, 2024 Last Day to Register to Vote

> MAY 21, 2024 School Budget Vote

JUNE 26, 2024 Last Day of School







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