



# One Core Mission: Student Success

*Low Student:Teacher  
Ratios*

Elementary 21:1

Middle 26:1

High 20:1

*4-Year Graduation Rate*

83.3%

*RCPS ranks above the state  
grad rate average for the  
last four years.*

*Climate Star Rating*

District Average ★★★★★/★★★★★



The Rockdale County school system is a boundless learning community where students aspire to their dreams and success is expected of all.

## *All Means All*

Our mission is to ensure that each student performs at his/her highest academic level and is a successful, participatory member of our global society through a system distinguished by —  
fearless advocates for students;  
community alliance for students' success;  
empowering students to shape their own future;  
infinite learning opportunities for all;  
and customized measures of individual success.

## Learning Reimagined

Learning Reimagined strives to transform teaching and learning throughout the district using technology as a tool. The district has deployed over 5,600 laptops to teachers and students in grades 9-12 and Apple iPads to Pre-k- 3rd grade classrooms. Grades 4-8 will receive their devices during the 2016-17 school year, completing a three-year implementation of our one to one device program. Access to digital devices empowers students to become thoughtful producers and evaluators of information. The devices will allow them to work with others to create collaborative products of learning, and to engage in authentic, real-world tasks. Most importantly, students will develop the skills they need to become engaged, digitally responsible citizens ready to compete in today's technology infused society.





# “One of the very highest rated districts”

Accreditation



RCPS has earned International Accreditation by AdvancEd, the parent company for SACS CASI, which is the highest accreditation available to public schools. “You’re going to be seen as one of the very highest rated districts because these are extremely high scores and ones that really are a tribute to the tremendous work that’s being done in Rockdale County Schools.” — Dr. Mike Lodico, Lead Evaluator

## Award-winning Students Attend RCPS



- A few notable State, National and International achievements —
- 1st and 3rd place in the world - International Environmental Project Olympiad
- 2nd, 3rd and 4th place in the world – International Science and Engineering Fair
- 3rd place in the world - International Sustainable World Energy, Engineering, and the Environment Project (ISWEEEP) Olympiad
- National Winners of the Seimen’s We Can Change the World Challenge
- Selected among 30 projects nationwide to participate in the White House Science Fair
- Georgia Winner of the 3M Young Scientist Award
- Elite 8 Boys and Girls Varsity Soccer and Basketball
- World, National and state record holders – Girls and Boys Varsity Track
- Boys State Track Team Champions
- Microsoft and Industry Certifications earned at every high school

## RCPS Students are Prepared to Soar



The RCPS Class of 2015 had 1,105 graduates who were offered nearly \$15 million in scholarships. Our students attend some of the best colleges and universities across the nation including Brown University, The Citadel, Harvard University, Emory University, Spelman College, Georgia Institute of Technology, Clark Atlanta University, Johnson & Wales, Le Cordon Bleu, Stanford University, University of Georgia, and Vanderbilt.

RCPS provides opportunities for every student to create his/her own future. Each student has the ability to graduate with an advantage—whether choosing to pursue higher education, enter the workforce, or join the armed forces.



# Customized Learning Allows Dreams to Become Reality



RCPS focuses on expanded learning options for students and families, specialized programs of study based on interests and talents, and new ways of learning through virtual opportunities. Specialty and Choice Programs are offered throughout the district and include:

- AVID at Sims Elementary, Conyers and Memorial Middle, and Salem and Rockdale County high schools
- STEM Certified (Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Program at Honey Creek Elementary
- STEAM (adding the Arts to STEM) at Shoal Creek Elementary
- The STEM Academy for Environmental Studies at Memorial Middle School
- Performing and Visual Arts Academy at Davis Middle School
- Academy for Pre-Medical Sciences at Edwards Middle School
- Center for Technology and Engineering at Conyers Middle School
- Performing and Visual Arts Academy at Heritage High School
- Advanced Institute of Technology at Rockdale County High School
- International Entertainment and Business Leadership Academy at Salem High School
- Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology (STEM Certified High School)
- Rockdale Career Academy (offering over 25 different career pathways to high school students)
- Rockdale Virtual Campus (offering all courses required for graduation)
- Rockdale Open Campus (non-traditional high school learning environment)

**RCPS continues to add new specialty and choice options each year.**



## RCPS A Specialty & Choice District

**Color Key**

Existing	Future
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### HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL

- Microsoft Information Technology Academy
- Academy for Performing and Visual Arts

### ROCKDALE CAREER ACADEMY

- Career Technical & Agricultural Education
- School of Health & Medical Sciences

### ROCKDALE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

- Microsoft Information Technology Academy
- Rockdale Magnet School for Science & Technology
- AVID
- Institute of Advanced Technology

### SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

- Microsoft Information Technology Academy
- AVID
- International Entertainment and Business Leadership Academy

Alpha Academy • Rockdale Open Campus • Rockdale Virtual Campus

### Conyers Middle School

- AVID
- Center for Technology and Engineering

### Davis Middle School

- Academy for Performing and Visual Arts

### Edwards Middle School

- Academy for Pre-medical Sciences

### Memorial Middle School

- AVID
- STEM Academy for Environmental Studies

### Honey Creek Elementary

- STEM Program

### Sims Elementary

- AVID Elementary

### Shoal Creek Elementary

- STEAM Academy

### Flat Shoals Elementary

- Elective Program

### Lorraine Elementary

- Performing and Visual Arts

### Pine Street Elementary

- Elementary Career Academy

Additional Elementary Specialty Programs coming soon!



# Vision for the Future of Education in Rockdale County

The vision focuses on expanded learning options for students and families, specialized programs of study based on interests and talents, and new ways of learning through virtual opportunities.

Rockdale County residents approved an \$83.6 million, five-year E-SPLOST which began in spring 2014 to fund security, technology, and facility additions and enhancements.

## Did you know...

**Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology** was named the first STEM certified high school in Georgia. It has a unique partnership with Georgia Institute of Technology, a four-year research curriculum, and boasts many accolades for student achievement. The number of students eligible to attend RMSST increases each year.

**The STEM Academy for Environmental Science at Memorial Middle School** is one of five middle schools to earn state STEM certification from the Georgia Department of Education.

Rockdale Career Academy offers nearly 25 career pathways. Many of them are industry certified, such as Culinary Arts, Broadcast Video Production, Early Childhood Education, Marketing and Manufacturing. RCA holds the state certification of Georgia College & Career Academies (GCCAs).

**Rockdale Virtual Campus** offers a unique online learning environment. Students may choose to attend full-time, earning 100% of their graduation requirements through the virtual campus or follow a blended model of virtual and traditional classroom learning. RVC students are eligible to participate in all extracurricular activities.

RCPS has an **Early Learning Initiative** to provide educational opportunities for children ages 0-4 of moderate to low income families. This is a unique collaboration of non-profit organizations, private funding and the school system to ensure all children in Rockdale County start school ready to learn. RCA Early Learning Center has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. Every RCPS elementary school offers Bright from the Start Pre-K classes.

## Exemplary Board

The RCPS Board of Education holds the "Exemplary Board" distinction via Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) and Georgia School Superintendents Association (GSSA) and operates as a "standards driven" Board.



## AP Honor Schools



Heritage and Rockdale County high schools have been named 2016 AP Honor Schools by the Georgia Department of Education, a distinction RCPS high schools have achieved for more than six consecutive years.

## Reward Schools

Four RCPS schools made the 2015 Reward Schools list from the Georgia Department of Education. Barksdale Elementary and Lorraine Elementary are listed as "Highest Performing" schools and Flat Shoals Elementary and Honey Creek Elementary are listed as "High Progress" schools.

## Community Support

Examples of projects funded by E-SPLOST are controlled access vestibule entrances, security camera systems, new theatres and theatre enhancements, the purchase of laptops, tablets, and new high school band uniforms. RCPS also relies on community support through mentoring, apprenticeship and internship opportunities. For more information on the RCPS Foundation and the Partners-In-Education program, please visit [RCPSpartner.com](http://RCPSpartner.com) or call the Community Relations department at 770-860-4266.



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