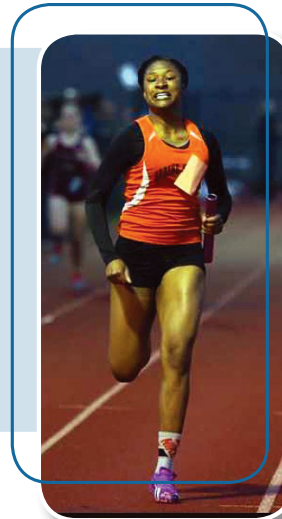
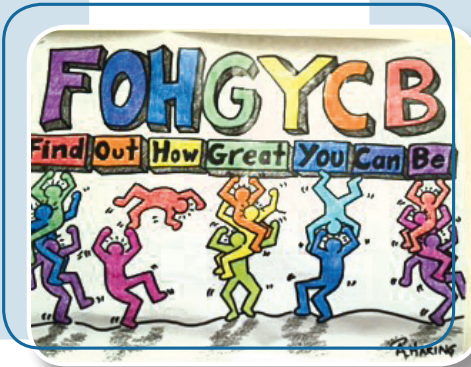




# East Ramapo

2016-2017 Calendar of Events



A unified community educating the whole child:

- Healthy
- Safe
- Supported
- Engaged
- Challenged



Superintendent’s Message

**Mission Statement:** *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.*

Being appointed to serve as the Superintendent of the East Ramapo Central School District is a privilege. I am delighted to work with you and for you during the 2016-17 school year and beyond! Together, we will revitalize the East Ramapo Central School District and ensure that each child in this community receives a sound education.

In 2015-16, as a district, we embraced the tenets of educating the whole child by focusing on healthy lifestyles, safe learning environments, challenging and engaging teaching and learning, and district-wide support services. Our professional learning communities came together to guide the improvement process of the District, school and community by accessing the expertise of our students, teachers, administrators and stakeholders.

Great things are ahead for the 2016-2017 school year. With support of our Board of Education and our community for the budget, we will have additional classes of full-day Kindergarten and increased art and music in our elementary schools. A new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math) program will be housed at Kakiat Elementary School, and as we re-frame the district to a K-12 mindset, we will implement an academic improvement process committed to a thriving culture of learning in all our schools.

As we continue to educate the whole child to be healthy, safe, supported, engaged and challenged, there is still more to accomplish. Together, with support from our local leaders and parents, East Ramapo will become the best learning community that it can be for years to come.

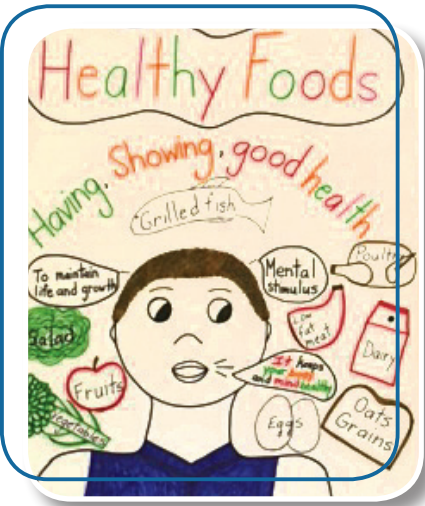
Dr. Deborah L. Wortham, *Superintendent of Schools*

September 2016

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# Healthy, Safe, Supported, Engaged, Challenged

Schools and communities committed to educating the whole child create an environment that promotes the learning and practice of healthy lifestyles. This includes healthy menus at school, regular recess, physical and health education, school counseling, and intramural programs.\*

\*<http://www.wholechildeducation.org/about>

East Ramapo has partnered with the Rockland County Department of Health in the “Creating Healthy Schools and Communities Grant.” The goal of the five year grant is to establish school policies, practices, and environments that increase opportunities for physical activity and promote healthy nutrition for all students grades K-12. School Wellness Committees will work at each school throughout the year on projects to boost physical activity and make healthy food options available in school. Check out our healthy school lunch menus, and look for our snow day activity challenges on-line if bad weather closes school this year!

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*School and communities committed to educating the whole child connect students with caring adults throughout a student’s school career through a variety of positive relationships.\**

Volunteering is a very special way to contribute to the East Ramapo community, and especially to our children, who are our future. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, or community member, the children of East Ramapo need you for a variety of volunteering opportunities. Ask your school’s principal about volunteer and mentoring opportunities.

The PTA Council and PTA units at each school also offer wonderful opportunities for involvement and sponsorship. While continuing their commitment to advocacy for children and families; funding is also provided for hundreds of activities for the District’s students. PTA Council and School PTA meetings are listed throughout the calendar, or you can contact your school for dates and times.

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*Schools and communities committed to educating the whole child engage students in the learning process and provide opportunities that connect them to the community. Students who are engaged and connected to their schools demonstrate increased academic achievement, attendance rates, and participation in activities.\**

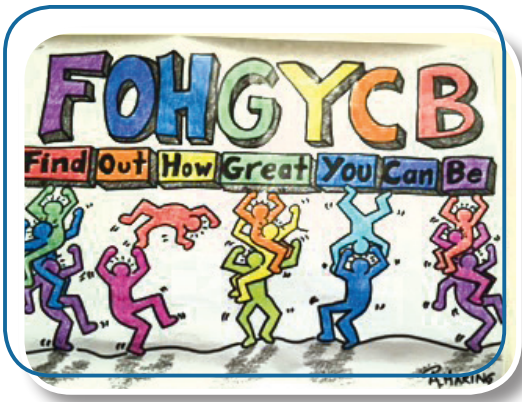
East Ramapo students have many opportunities to participate in engaging and challenging activities, both throughout the school day and after school. Students learn and perform in chorus, concert band, marching band, and orchestra. There are clubs and teams at the schools including Science Olympiad, Forensics and Debate, Model UN, Student Government, school newspapers and literary magazines, computers, dance, and many more. Honor societies in English, Social Studies, Science, Math and foreign languages enable students to polish their skills and broaden their horizons in specific areas. Check with your school to see what activities are available for your child.

# January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa ends	2 ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH Winter Recess (12/26 - 1/2) ⇄	3 Schools Reopen	4 SVHS G.O. Alumni Night 7:00 pm	5	6 RHS ACE Holiday Dance	7
8	9 Teachers' Center Policy Board Meeting 4:15 pm	10 Board of Education Meeting CRMS "No Name Calling" Day Margetts Parent Breakfast/ DTSDE	11	12 Grandview Movie Night 5:30 pm	13 Summit Park Chuck E. Cheese STEAM @ Kakiat STEAM Expo	14
	STAR Assessment Week - Cycle 3: Mid-Year (1/9 - 1/13) ⇄					
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Schools Closed RHS MLK Celebration	17	18 Elmwood PTA Meeting- Movie Night Hempstead Science Night & PTA Meeting PoMS PTA Breakfast 8:30 am	19 SVHS PTSA Meeting 7:00 pm Fleetwood PTA Meeting 6:45 pm RHS/SVHS Financial Aid Night @ RHS RHS PTSA Meeting Summit Park Dessert with the Principal/Literacy Workshop/PTA Meeting	20 Fleetwood Breakfast with the Principal STEAM @ Kakiat Theatreworks Fleetwood Winter Fundraiser Starts (1/20 - 2/13)	21 RHS SAT Exams SVHS SAT Exams
		STAR Review Dates - Cycle 3 (1/17 - 1/23) ⇄				
22	23 CRMS PTA Meeting 7:00 pm	24 Board of Education Meeting	25 Elmwood Coffee with the Principal	26	27 Eldorado PTA Meeting	28 Chinese New Year
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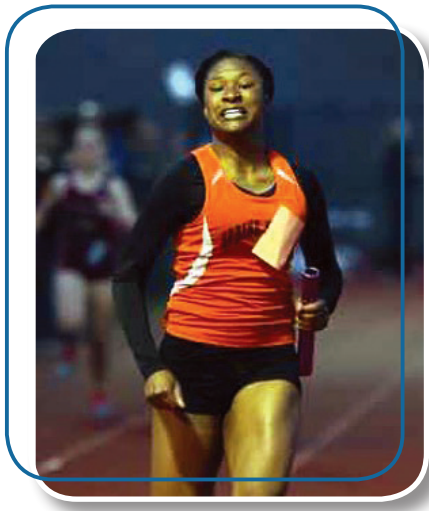
*Districts and communities committed to educating the whole child work together to prepare young people for success in higher education, employment, and civic life by providing meaningful learning experiences and opportunities to demonstrate achievement.\**

Our integrated learning communities and whole child reform process will allow students to become proficient on national and state assessments, higher education entry requirements, and workplace employment expectations. All teachers and administrators will be highly supported in their determination to foster an effective learning environment while articulating academic excellence. Whether it is student achievement, or parent/community involvement, we know that together, we will facilitate growth and development.

February 2017

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*Schools and communities committed to educating the whole child create an environment that promotes the learning and practice of healthy lifestyles. This includes healthy menus at school, regular recess, physical and health education, school counseling, and intramural programs.\**

East Ramapo offers a full range of interscholastic sports for students beginning in middle school. Teams are fielded in Varsity and JV Football, Varsity and JV Boys Soccer, Varsity and JV Girls Soccer, Girls and Boys Varsity Tennis, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Fall and Winter Cheerleading, Girls Swimming, Girls Varsity and JV Volleyball, Girls Varsity and JV Basketball, Boys Varsity, JV and Freshman Basketball, Boys Varsity and JV Wrestling, Boys and Girls Indoor Track, Varsity and JV Baseball, Varsity and JV Softball, Boys and Girls Spring Track, Middle School Football, Middle School Boys and Girls Soccer, Middle School Girls and Boys Basketball, Modified Wrestling, Middle School Baseball, Middle School Softball, Middle School Girls and Boys Track.

## March 2017

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<div>NATIONAL ART &amp; MUSIC STUDENT MONTH</div> <div>WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH</div>			1 <div>CRMS celebrates College Month and Women's History</div>	2 <div>Summit Park ENL Literacy Workshop</div>	3 <div>SVHS AIDS Awareness Day</div>	4 <div>Family Resource Center District Wide Crayons to College</div>																																																																																				
5	6 <div>Eldorado PTA Meeting 7:00 pm</div> <div>PoMS FRC Fundraiser Begins (3/6 - 3/23)</div>	7 <div>Margetts Literacy Night</div>	8 <div>Elmwood Coffee w/ Principal</div>	9 <div>Hempstead PTA Chuck E. Cheese Night</div>	10 <div>Superintendent's Conference day</div> <div>No school for all students</div>	11 <div>Purim</div> <div>SVHS SAT Exam</div> <div>RHS SAT Exam</div>																																																																																				
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Healthy, **Safe**, Supported, Engaged, Challenged

*Schools and communities committed to educating the whole child work together to ensure the physical, social, emotional, and academic safety and security of students and adults.\**

The Dignity for All Students Act guides the District in providing a safe learning environment for all students. 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.

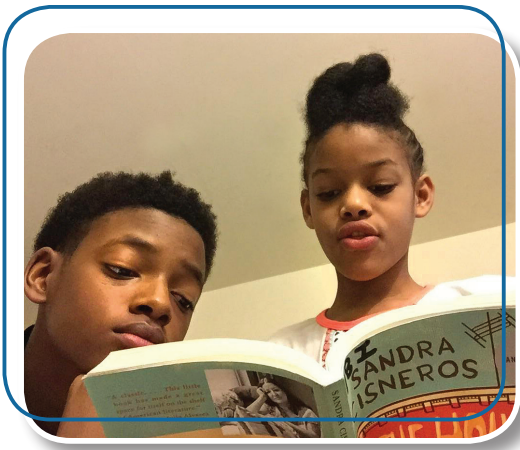
Instruction is provided in civility, citizenship, and character education by expanding the concepts of tolerance, respect for others and dignity to include: an awareness and sensitivity in the relations of people, including but not limited to, different races, weights, national origins, ethnic groups, religions, religious practices, mental or physical abilities, sexual orientations, gender identity, and sexes.

In compliance with the law, at least one staff member at every school is 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, and is appointed as the Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for their school. All instances of discrimination or bullying should be reported to the DAC.

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>March 2017</div> <div><div>S</div><div>M</div><div>T</div><div>W</div><div>T</div><div>F</div><div>S</div></div> <div>12345678910111213141516171819202122232425262728293031</div> <div>May 2017</div> <div><div>S</div><div>M</div><div>T</div><div>W</div><div>T</div><div>F</div><div>S</div></div> <div>12345678910111213141516171819202122232425262728293031</div>						<div>1</div> <div>SVHS Thespians Musical 7:00 pm</div>
<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Board of Education Meeting</div> <div>Margetts Family Math Night</div>	<div>5</div> <div>RHS Honor Society Induction</div> <div>CRMS Pink Shirt Day</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Elmwood Spring Playgroup FRC</div> <div>CRMS Health and Wellness Fair 6:00 pm</div> <div>Summit Park Sports Night</div> <div>SEPTSA Books and Badges III Ramapo High School 6:00 pm</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Fleetwood Chuck E. Cheese Night</div> <div>Elmwood Spring Dance/Health Fair</div> <div>Eldorado Math Night &amp; PTA Meeting</div> <div>Grandview Spring Pictures (BNL)</div> <div>Hempstead Breakfast with the Principal</div>	<div>8</div> <div>SVHS ACT Exams</div> <div>RHS ACT Exams</div>
	<div>Grades 3-8 ELA Make-Up Exams (4/3 – 4/5) ⇄</div>					
<div>9</div> <div>Palm Sunday</div> <div>SVHS ACT Exams</div>	<div>10*</div> <div>Passover begins at sundown</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12*</div>	<div>13*</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Good Friday</div>	<div>15</div>
	<div>Spring Recess (4/10 - 4/14) ⇄</div>					
<div>16</div> <div>Easter</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Hempstead Spring Pictures</div> <div>Margetts Parent Breakfast/ Math</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Board of Education Meeting</div> <div>PoMS PTA Breakfast 8:30 am</div> <div>SVHS National Honor Society 7:00 pm</div> <div>Elmwood PTA Meeting</div> <div>RHS National Honor Induction</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Staff Development Day Early Dismissal for All Students</div> <div>8th into 9th Grade</div> <div>RHS Orientation</div> <div>RHS PTSA Meeting</div> <div>Elmwood Spring Playgroup FRC</div>	<div>21</div> <div>RHS ACE Dinner</div> <div>Summit Park PTA Spring Dance</div> <div>CRMS celebrates Earth Day</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Earth Day</div> <div>Hempstead PTA Tag Sale</div>
	<div>NYSESLAT Speaking Exams (4/17 - 5/18) ⇄</div>					
<div>23/30</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Teachers' Center Policy Board Meeting 4:15 pm</div> <div>CRMS PTA Meeting 7:00 pm</div>	<div>25</div> <div>SVHS 8th to 9th Orientation</div> <div>ECC Math Night</div> <div>SVHS Senior Talent Show</div> <div>Fleetwood Picture Day</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Administrative Professionals Day</div> <div>PoMS PBIS Variety Show</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Elmwood-Spring Playgroup FRC</div> <div>Fleetwood PTA Meeting 6:45 pm</div> <div>SVHS ENL Parent Night 7:00 pm</div> <div>SVHS PTSA Meeting 7:00 pm</div> <div>RHS Dance Concert 7:00 pm</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Fleetwood Breakfast with the Principal</div> <div>ECC Chuck E. Cheese</div> <div>RHS Dance Concert 7:00 pm</div> <div>Fleetwood Courtyard Clean-up</div>	<div>29</div>
	<div>NYSESLAT Speaking Exams (4/17 - 5/19) ⇄</div>					

Student Days - The calendar allows for 3 emergency closing days. Asterisked (\*) days may be required to meet the State mandated 180 student days. If schools are closed for more than the allotted student emergency closing days, then asterisked (\*) days may be required as "School Days". Students and staff are advised NOT to make plans on these dates.



Healthy, Safe, **Supported**, Engaged, Challenged

*School and communities committed to educating the whole child connect students with caring adults throughout a student’s school career through a variety of positive relationships.\**

Our Family Resource Coordinators offer support to students and families throughout the year. They provide free information and referral services for: Childcare, Employment, Tutoring, Donations, Counseling, Health Insurance, Education/ESL, Food Pantries, Childcare Subsidies, Camp Big Brother Big Sister, Extra-curricular activities, and continuing education. During the year, the Family Resource Centers sponsor great family events such as the Halloween party, Holiday Feast, and a Spring Soccer Fair. Contact your school's Family Resource Coordinator to find out more!

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Eldorado PTA Meeting 7:00 pm	2 <b>Board of Education Meeting</b> Fleetwood Teacher Appreciation Lunch  Grades 3-8 Mathematics (5/2 - 5/4) ⇄	3 Summit Park Staff Appreciation Day SVHS LOTE Honor Society 7:00 pm	4 STEAM @ Kakiat Staff Appreciation Day Elmwood Spring Playgroup FRC	5 ECC Staff Appreciation Day RHS Variety Show The American College Preparatory Academy at Lime Kiln Teacher Appreciation Lunch Eldorado Staff Appreciation Day Grandview Teacher Appreciation Summit Park Staff Appreciation Luncheon Hempstead Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	6 SVHS SAT Exams RHS SAT Exams
	NYSESLAT Speaking Exams (4/17 - 5/5) ⇄ SVHS & Ramapo HS AP Exams (5/1 - 5/19) ⇄					
7 SVHS SAT Exams	8	9 SVHS 8th & 9th Grade Orientation Summit Park PTA Meeting Margetts First Grade Orientation PoMS Spring Concert  Summit Park Mother's Day Boutique (5/9 -5/10) ⇄	10 Elmwood PTA Meeting	11 Grandview Health Fair Fleetwood PTA Meeting 6:45 pm CRMS Incoming 6th grade Orientation 7:00 pm SVHS Sci/Math Honor Society 7:00 pm	12 Fleetwood Fun & Game Night RHS Fashion Show Hempstead Bingo Night & PTA Meeting	13 Family Resource Center District Wide Health & Wellness Soccer Fair
	Grades 3-8 Mathematics (5/8 - 5/10) ⇄ SVHS & Ramapo HS AP Exams (5/1 - 5/19) ⇄ NYSESLAT: Listening, Reading, Writing (5/8 - 5/19) ⇄		STEAM @ Kakiat Mother's Day Boutique (5/8 - 5/12) ⇄			
14 Mother's Day	15 RHS Underclassmen Awards CRMS Spring Concert & Art Show 7:00 pm Teachers' Center Policy Board Meeting 4:15 pm	16 <b>Budget Vote and Board Election</b> <b>Board of Education Meeting</b>	17 PoMS PTA Breakfast 8:30 am RHS Spring Concert	18 Summit Park Volunteers Luncheon STEAM @ Kakiat Science Fair SVHS Spring Concert 7:00 pm RHS PTSA Meeting PoMS NJHS Society Induction 7:00 pm	19 Fleetwood Breakfast with the Principal	20
	Eldorado Spring Book Fair (5/15 - 5/19) ⇄ SVHS & Ramapo HS AP Exams (5/1 - 5/19) ⇄ NYSESLAT: Listening, Reading, Writing (5/8 - 5/19) ⇄	Summit Park PTA Book Fair BOGO (5/15 - 5/19) ⇄	RHS Late AP Exams (5/17 - 5/19) ⇄			
21	22 Elmwood Coffee with the Principal PoMS 8th Grade End of Year Trip	23 Eldorado 3rd Grade Orientation PoMS 7th Grade End of Year Trip Eldorado Ice Cream Social & Awards Ceremony SVHS Eng/Soc Stud Honor Society 7:00 pm	24 Margetts Field Day East Ramapo Elementary Concert  Grade 4 & 8 Science Performance (5/24 - 6/5) ⇄	25 <b>Early Dismissal for All Students</b> SVHS Senior Prom RHS Senior Prom PoMS 8th Grade Dance American Jewish Heritage Celebration	26 <b>Superintendent's Conference Day</b> <b>No School for all students</b>	27 Ramadan begins
28	29 Memorial Day Schools Closed	30 Shavout begins at Sundown	31 Shavuot			April 2017 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 23/30 24 25 26 27 28 29 June 2017 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
		STAR Review Dates Cycle 5 (5/30 – 6/5) ⇄ Grade 4 & 8 Science Performance (5/24 - 6/5) ⇄				

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# Healthy, Safe, Supported, Engaged, Challenged

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

As a community, we have embraced the tenets of educating the whole child. With the collaboration of staff, parents and community members, we have developed our Strategic Plan to support our instructional mission and vision and guide our professional practices. We have built strong partnerships with the community. These efforts of our unified community are creating a learning environment that provides a safe, healthy, supportive, engaging and challenging educational experience for all our students.

## June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Shavuot  Grandview Field Day/BBQ  East Ramapo Cultural Arts Award	2  SVHS Dance Concert  Summit Park 3rd Grade Pizza/Disco Party  Elmwood 3rd Grade Orientation	3  SVHS SAT Exams  RHS SAT Exams
				STAR Review Dates Cycle 5 (5/30 – 6/5) ⇄		
				Incoming Kindergarten Screening (6/1 - 6/7) ⇄		
			Grade 4 & 8 Science Performance (5/24 - 6/5) ⇄			
4	5  Teachers' Center Policy Board Meeting 4:15 pm  STAR Review Dates Cycle 5 (5/30 – 6/5)  Incoming Kindergarten Screening (6/1 - 6/7) ⇄  Grade 4 & 8 Science Written Exams	6  Board of Education Meeting  RHS SAC Leadership Dinner  CRMS 8th Grade Picnic  PoMS PBIS Awards Night	7  STEAM @ Kakiat/Summit Park 3rd Grade Orientation	8  CRMS National Junior Honor Society Induction 7:00 pm  Summit Park PTA PARP 7:00 pm  SVHS Thespian Dinner 7:00 pm  CRMS World Cup  Grandview Field Day/BBQ Rain Date  World Cup Soccer	9  SVHS Senior Breakfast  ECC Field Day  Elmwood-International Day  CRMS Multicultural Production  Grandview Family BBQ 6:00 pm  Summit Park PTA Field Day/BBQ	10  SVHS ACT Exams  RHS ACT Exams
11	12  Summit Park 3rd Grade Year Book Signing/Ice Cream Party	13  ECC Moving Up  RHS Senior Breakfast  RHS Senior Awards  SVHS Awards Night 7:00 pm  Summit Park Father's Day Boutique (6/13 - 6/14) ⇄	14  Flag Day	15  ECC Moving Up  The American College Preparatory Academy at Lime Kiln Road Trip USA  Grandview 3rd Grade T-Shirt Signing	16  Elmwood BBQ/Carnival  Grandview Awards Ceremony  Summit Park Stepping Up Ceremony  Eldorado 6th Grade Dance  Grandview Family BBQ Rain Date 5:00 pm	17
	Hempstead Spirit Week (6/12 - 6/16) ⇄	STEAM @ Kakiat Father's Day Boutique (6/12 - 6/16) ⇄				
18  Father's Day	19  Summit Park 3rd Grade Trip	20  Board of Education Meeting  Margetts 3rd Grade Moving Up  Grandview 3rd Grade Moving Up Ceremony	21  First Day of Summer  Margetts 3rd Grade DJ Party  Elmwood 6th Grade Moving Up  Eldorado CRMS Rehearsal	22  The American College Preparatory Academy at Lime Kiln Moving Up Ceremony  Eldorado 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony  Hempstead Moving Up Ceremony	23  Last Day of School for All Students Early Dismissal  PoMS Promotional Exercises @ RCC 9:15 am  CRMS Promotional Exercises @ RCC 11:15 am  SVHS Graduation Rehearsal  RHS Graduation Rehearsal	24
	Regents Exams (6/14 - 6/22) ⇄					
25  Ramadan ends  Eid al Fitr  SVHS Graduation 12 noon at RCC  RHS Graduation 3:00 p.m. at RCC	26  Staff Development Day	27  Staff Development Day	28  Staff Development Day	29	30	May 2017 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 2017 S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23/30 24/31 25 26 27 28 29

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July 2017

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August 2017

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East Ramapo Central School District

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

105 South Madison Ave, Spring Valley, NY 10977

**Dr. Deborah L. Wortham**  
Superintendent of Schools .....6011

**Angeline Mentor**  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent..... 6011

**Valter Paci**  
Asst. Superintendent for Finance.....6266

**Nateasha McVea**  
Asst. Superintendent for Instruction (K-8).....6022

**Directors of Elementary Education**  
Ellen Andriello (K-2)  
Ogechi Iwuoha (3-8)

**Daniel Shanahan**  
Interim Assistant Superintendent for Funded  
Programs and School Improvement.....6031

**Tamar Walker**  
Interim Asst. Superintendent for  
Special Education.....6195

**Holly Zuber-Banks**  
Interim Asst. Superintendent for  
Professional Development .....6179

**Sandra Owens**  
Asst. to the Superintendent  
for Transportation .....6490

**Azhar Ahmad**  
Director of Management Information Services .....6084

**Howard Hyman**  
Interim Asst. Director of School Facilities.....6480

**Mary Sculnick**  
Director of Personnel .....6094

**Michael Smith**  
Director of Fine and Performing Arts .....6380

DEPARTMENTS

**Accounting:**  
Pat Beltramo .....6359

**Athletics:**  
William Pilla .....6032

**Attendance:**  
Martine Cadet-Britton .....6055

**Book Depository:**  
Marsha Epstein.....6146

**Building Use Permits:**  
Howard Hyman .....6480

**Case Management: Non-public School and  
Out of District Placements**  
Dr. Elizabeth Cohen .....6598

**Central Registration:** .....6065

**Curriculum and Instruction:** .....6022

**Clinical Services:**  
(Psychology, OT, PT, Speech)  
Dr. Dovid Berkowitz .....6048

**District Clerk:**  
Cathy Russell.....6015

**Employment Insurance:**  
Linda Dapolito .....6008

**Every Person Influences Children (EPIC):**  
Phyllis Eig ..... 352-9105

**English as a New Language (ENL):**  
Melissa Barrow .....6493

**Family Resource Centers:**  
JoAnn Silas .....6371

**Food Services:**  
Dawn McGinn.....6580

**Free/Reduced Meals:**  
Carmela Cernaro .....6582

**Health Services:**  
Christine Healy, Coordinator .....6049

**Homeless Grants:**  
Dr. Elizabeth Cohen .....6371

**Home Schooling:**  
Martine Cadet-Britton .....6055

**InfoPhone:**  
(24 Hour Message Service).....6565

**NonPublic Evaluation:**  
Barbara Lerner .....6057  
Lynn Weinglas .....6047

**Personnel:**  
Jessica Theodore – Certificated .....6094  
Dianne Psaros – Civil Service .....6092

**Purchasing:**  
Louise Marin.....6070

**Secondary Education:** .....6179  
Asst. Superintendent for Instruction .....Vacancy  
Director of Secondary Education .....Vacancy

**Security:**  
Tom Carton, School Resource Officer .....6136

**Special Education:**  
Jeanine Parnell, Instructional Supervisor .....6356

**Committee on PreSchool Special Ed:**  
Ilene Balavram .....6078  
Phyllis Levy .....6253  
Elyse Fields.....6374

**Universal Pre-Kindergarten**  
Dr. Daniel Shanahan .....6031

# Our Schools

**Ramapo High School** (9-12)  
400 Viola Road, Spring Valley, NY  
7:38 am – 1:56 pm / 577-6400  
**Sherrill Murray-Lazarus**, Principal  
**Steven Forman**, Asst. Principal  
**Augustina West**, Asst. Principal  
**Michael Phillips**, Asst. Principal

**Spring Valley High School** (9-12)  
361 Route 59, Spring Valley, NY  
7:38 am – 1:56 pm / 577-6500  
**Karen Pinel**, Principal  
**Paul Finkelstein**, Asst. Principal  
**Francine Petersel**, Asst. Principal  
**Dionne Olamijiu**, Asst. Principal

**Chestnut Ridge Middle School** (7-8)  
892 Route 45, Chestnut Ridge, NY  
9:14 am – 3:40 pm / 577-6300  
**Maria Vergez**, Principal  
**Laura Ann Dobson**, Asst. Principal  
**Madeline Paneto**, Asst. Principal

**Pomona Middle School** (7-8)  
101 Pomona Road, Suffern, NY  
9:14 am – 3:40 pm / 577-6200  
**Christine Alfonso**, Principal  
**Maria Petrella**, Interim Asst. Principal  
**Angela Alexander**, Asst. Principal

**Hempstead Primary School** (K-4)  
80 Brick Church Road, Spring Valley, NY  
8:35 am – 3:10 pm / 577-6270  
**Hazel Ortiz**, Principal

**Grandview Primary School** (K-3)  
151 Grandview Ave, Monsey, NY  
8:05 am – 2:40 pm / 577-6260  
**Patricia Smith**, Principal

**American College Preparatory Academy at Lime Kiln** (4-6)  
35 Lime Kiln Road, Suffern, NY  
8:05 am – 2:40 pm / 577-6280  
**Lori J. Grant**, Principal

**Summit Park Primary School** (K-3)  
925 Route 45, New City, NY  
8:05 am – 2:40 pm / 577-6290  
**Kim A. Hewlett**, Principal

**“STEAM” at Kakiat** (4-7)  
465 Viola Road, Spring Valley, NY  
8:05 am – 2:40 pm / 577-6100  
**Jennifer Wilmoth**, Principal

**Fleetwood Primary School** (K-3)  
22 Fleetwood Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, NY  
8:05 am – 2:40 pm / 577-6170  
**Carolyn Partridge**, Principal

**Eldorado Intermediate School** (4-6)  
5 Eldorado Drive, Chestnut Ridge, NY  
8:05 am – 2:40 pm / 577-6150  
**Astrid Johnson**, Principal

**Margetts Primary School** (1-3)  
25 Margetts Road, Chestnut Ridge, NY  
8:35 am – 3:10 pm / 577-6190  
**Barbara Grieco**, Principal

**Elmwood Intermediate School** (4-6)  
43 Robert Pitt Drive, Monsey, NY  
8:35 am – 3:10 pm / 577-6160  
**Dr. Nancy Kavanagh**, Principal

**Early Childhood Center/ECC (K) at Kakiat School**  
465 Viola Road, Spring Valley, NY  
577-6585  
A.M. K: 8:05 - 10:40 am  
P.M. K: 12:05 - 2:40 pm  
**Jacqueline Polanco**, Principal

# 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 be 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](mailto:BoardofEducation@ercsd.org), or call the District Clerk at 577-6015.

### 2016-17 Board of Education

Yehuda Weissmandl, President  
Harry Grossman, Vice-President  
Joe Chajmovicz  
Bernard L. Charles, Jr.  
Sabrina Charles-Pierre  
Pierre C. Germain  
Moshe Hopstein  
Jacob Lefkowitz  
Yonah Rothman

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 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.

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. Qualifications for voters are prescribed by New York State law.

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 and are not registered for school district elections, but have voted in general elections, you must file a change of address with the Board of Elections to be eligible to vote in a general election.

Residents may come to the District Clerk’s office at 105 South Madison Ave, Spring Valley, NY, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on any business day up to five days prior to the school district vote to register in person

The 2017 School Budget Vote and Election will be held on May 16, 2017.

Detailed information on registration, absentee ballots, and running for the school board are available on the District Clerk’s page on the District website: [www.ercsd.org](http://www.ercsd.org).

# Emergency Closing Information

**General Information:** On those days when weather or some other condition requires a change in the regular school day, such information will be posted on the school district web page: [www.ercsd.org](http://www.ercsd.org), and broadcast over:

<b>WRCR</b> (1700 AM)	<b>WFAS</b> (103.9 FM)
<b>WFAS</b> (1230 AM)	<b>WHUD</b> (100.7 FM)
<b>WSPK</b> (104.7 FM)	
<b>News 12</b> (Hudson Valley)	<b>News 7 ABC</b>
<b>WNBC TV</b>	<b>Fox 5 / WNYW</b>
<b>Fios 1</b>	

**Journal News website:** [www.lohud.com](http://www.lohud.com)

The information will also be available on ([www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com)), through **K12Alerts**, and through **Infophone at 577-6565**.

**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.**

**If a delayed opening has been announced,** please continue to listen to your radio station, call Infophone, or monitor [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com) about the possibility of school being closed. (If the opening of school is to be delayed, then all A.M. kindergarten will be cancelled.)

**When district schools are closed,** all regularly scheduled sports events and co-curricular activities are also cancelled, unless otherwise announced. When school is open for the day, all of the above activities will take place, unless otherwise announced.

**When School Is In Session...** If school is already in session and grades 1-12 are to be sent home early because of poor weather conditions, that decision will be made by 11:15 a.m. If afternoon kindergarten or PreKindergarten classes are to be cancelled, that decision will be made by 10:30 a.m. Any decision to close early will be aired on Infophone and given to WRCR and WHUD as soon as the decision is made. It will also be posted on [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com).

**Important note for Parents of K-Club youngsters:** When school is to be closed early, youngsters in the K-Club will not be bused home. As soon as parents hear about an early closing, they must call 577-6378 and inform K-Club officials as to who will be picking up their child. Parents must make arrangements to have their children picked up from K-Club by 1:00 p.m. When school remains open until normal closing time, even during inclement weather, K-Club will also remain open until normal closing time.

**Parents/Guardians...** If you're the parent/guardian of an elementary school student, you are urged to have a current emergency telephone number 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.

## 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, handicapping condition, 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 Holly Zuber-Banks - Student Programs Compliance Officer; Mary Sculnick - Employment Compliance Officer, Compliance Officer for the Disabled. These officials are located in the Administration Building, 105 South Madison Avenue, Spring Valley, New York, 10977, and may be contacted at 577-6000 for any further information.

# Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

## Notification of Rights Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

FERPA is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of student records. The law gives parents, guardians and students over 18 years of age (referred to in the law as "eligible students") the following rights:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school district receives a request for access. Parents, guardians or eligible students should submit to the building principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents, guardians or eligible students may ask the district to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading by writing the principal, clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed, and specifying why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school district decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent, guardian or eligible student, the district will notify the parent, guardian or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent, guardian or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to

school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his professional responsibility. Upon request, the school district discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school district to comply with the requirements of FERPA

**The Office that administers FERPA is:**  
Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
600 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20202-4605

## Directory Information

In addition to the rights outlined above, FERPA also gives the school district the option of designating certain categories of student information as "directory information." Directory information is limited to a student's name, date and place of birth, participation in school activities or sports, weight and height if a member of an athletic team, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and most recent school attended

The purpose of directory information is to allow the school district to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Some examples would be a playbill showing your student's role in a drama production; annual yearbook; honor roll or other recognition lists; graduation programs; sports activity sheets such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released and may be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks.

You may object to the release of any or all of this directory information. If we do not receive a written objection, we will be authorized to release this information without your consent.

## Disclosure to Military Recruiters

Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind, the school district must disclose to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning, upon request, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of high school students.

The District must also notify parents of their right, and the right of their child, to request that the District not release such information without prior written parental consent. Parents wishing to exercise their option to withhold their consent to the release of the above information to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning must sign and return a notification to the building principal by October 1 of the current school year.



# Family Resource Centers, Parent/Teacher Association & Communication

## 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 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. For a direct link to the Written Complaint Procedures, go to [www.ercsd.org/titleonecomplaint](http://www.ercsd.org/titleonecomplaint).

## FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

The mission of the East Ramapo Central School District Family Resource Center is to work with others to build nurturing communities where children are cherished and families are supported. Family Resource Centers provide families with support and educational programs. We connect families to each other, 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 for the following locations are:

**Ramapo HS:** 577-6400

**Spring Valley HS:** 577-6500

**Chestnut Ridge MS:** 577-6300

**Pomona MS:** 577-6200

**Fleetwood / Eldorado:** 577-6170 / 577-6150

**Grandview / Lime Kiln:** 577-6260 / 577-6280

**Hempstead / ECC:** 577-6270 / 577-6585

**Margetts / Elmwood:** 577-6190 / 577-6160

**Summit Park / Kakiat:** 577-6290 / 577-6100

## 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 the elementary, middle, junior high, and senior high schools.

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

### What is the PTA Council?

The Council is the organizing PTA 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.

## PTA COUNCIL

Council President: Taya Vilmar

## 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](http://www.ercsd.org)

Important information such as announcements, Board of Education agendas and minutes, election information, lunch menus, handbooks and much more are found on the website. Documents and notices of upcoming events are posted frequently, and are also archived.

***The website is the first place to look for information on the school district.***

## K-12 ALERTS

K-12 Alerts is an automated telephone, e-mail and text messaging service that the District uses to keep parents, community members and staff rapidly informed about emergency situations and important announcements. K-12 Alerts will be sent to announce weather related or other school closings, and to notify parents of sex-offenders.

Parents and Guardians who are interested in receiving notifications via home or work e-mail and/or text messaging to their cell phone, **must register by filling out a simple enrollment form on the East Ramapo Central School District website.**

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.

Telephone messages will only be sent to the home phone numbers that are on file with your child’s school. The schools will not be collecting email or cell phone text messaging information.

Please do not hesitate to contact your school if you have questions regarding this new service.

## 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.

# 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 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 thirty (30) 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](http://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;
- 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.

- Pay 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.

# Special Education/Pupil 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 Office of Special Student Services specially designs instruction, services and programs to help meet the unique needs of students with disabilities.

**The district provides a full range of special education services including:**

- Speech and audiology
- Psychological services
- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Consultant teacher services
- Resource room services to provide supplemental instruction
- Transitional support services
- Integrated class services
- Day treatment
- Residential services
- Home or hospital instruction

**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 preschool-age pupil with a disability on an annual basis.

The IEPs include information about the unique learning needs of each student, such as learning rate, levels of social and physical development and the students’ management needs. The document also includes annual goals and short-term objectives in academic, social and other areas for the student’s

school year. The IEP will serve as a curriculum plan of action and a source of evaluation for the student’s progress during an entire school year.

Related services can be recommended as part of a total special education program or as a component of a general education program. If these programs are not able to provide the appropriate support for a student, then placements can be recommended for out-of-district programs, which may include classes in neighboring school districts, Board Of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) programs, State approved day school classes, or State approved residential programs. Placements are reviewed annually, and appropriate recommendations are made for each student.

The CSE comprises the following members: a general education teacher (if the student is, or may be, participating in the general education environment), at least one special education teacher, a representative of the School District knowledgeable about the general curriculum and availability of resources, a staff member who can interpret the instructional implications of the evaluation results, a parent, and a school psychologist, speech teacher, occupational therapist, or physical therapist as deemed necessary.

Procedures for the CSE review are thoroughly explained to parents by any one of the following administrative and staff members: building psychologist, case manager, building principal, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education, Special Education Instructional Supervisors, and/or guidance counselors at the secondary level.

**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 preschool-er with a disability in order to receive services.

Parents who have concerns about their preschool child’s development should contact the CPSE Chairpersons, Phyllis Levy, Ilene Balavram, and Elyse Fields at 577-6078.

A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the specific procedures to follow and to assist with the completion of paperwork. The parents have the right to select, from an approved list, the evaluator of their child. Following the evaluation, a Committee on Preschool Special Education meeting will occur and a recommendation will be made as to whether the child qualifies as a preschool student with a disability.

If services are warranted, the CPSE will make the recommendation at that meeting. The parents have the right, at any time during the process, in writing, to withdraw their request.

Once in a program, the child will be reviewed annually. When requested, the child could be referred to the District’s CSE to be considered for classification and eligibility for services upon entry into kindergarten.

**Case Management**

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.

To contact Dr. Elizabeth Cohen in the Case Management Office, please call 845-577-6590.

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/parentsguide.pdf>

**Parent’s Guide to Special Education (Spanish)**  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/SpanishParentGuide.pdf>

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

<b>Suspicion of a possible disability</b>	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.)	<i>Contact your child’s teacher or School Principal</i>
<b>Referral</b>	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 <b>or</b> The Committee on Special Education 105 S. Madison Ave. Spring Valley, NY 10977	<i>Contact your child’s School Principal or Assistant Superintendent for Special Education</i>
<b>Evaluations</b>	The evaluations performed for your child 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  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.	<i>Contact Assistant Superintendent for Special Education</i>
<b>Individual Education Program (IEP)</b>	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.  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.	<i>Contact your child’s School Principal or Assistant Superintendent for Special Education</i>
<b>Due Process Rights</b>	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.	<i>Contact Assistant Superintendent for Special Education</i>
<b>Transition Planning</b>	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.	<i>Your child’s Special Education Administrator, school counselor or Transition Coordinator, Rick Healy</i>



# Efficacy Principles

Smart is not something you are. Smart is something you get 😊

😊 Thoughts determine actions.

Think You Can. Work Hard. Get Smart. 😊

😊 The Learning Zone is where you get smart.

In everything you do, “Find Out How Good You Can Be” (FOHGYCB) 😊

😊 Feedback tells you where your Learning Zone is and how hard you have to work.

The Step-by-Step Method is a way of working hard to get better. 😊

😊 Use Feedback! Think You Can! Keep Moving Out!

Overcome Internal and External obstacles. 😊

😊 Listen to your Strong Side and make it powerful.

– Adapted from the Efficacy Institute

# Theory of Action

## Educating the Whole Child



## Learning Outcomes



# Graduation Requirements

REQUIRED SUBJECTS	REGENTS DIPLOMA	ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA
English Language Arts	4 Credits (includes one semester of Speech)	4 Credits (includes one semester of Speech)
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 and/or Music	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>1</sup> English, Global History & Geography, Mathematics, Science and United States History & Government

<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.

### 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

### 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.