

# Rockford High School Profile 2026-2027

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- **Athletics:** Jen Domalgalski and Nick Davis, Athletic Directors

## Community:

Located ten miles northeast of Grand Rapids, Rockford is a vibrant suburban community known for its distinct character and popular downtown shopping district. Spanning 100 square miles and serving a population of approximately 42,000, the area benefits from a diverse local economy supported by robust employers with local, national, and international operations. The Rockford school district provides a comprehensive educational experience through a structure that includes a high school (comprising a 10-12 building and a Freshman Center), one alternative high school, two middle schools, eight elementary schools, and six different pre-school options.

## School:

Rockford High School (RHS) is a four-year school serving approximately 2,300 students in grades 9-12 with a professional teaching staff of approximately 125. It has earned the prestigious district accreditation through AdvancED. Rockford High School has earned the Blue Ribbon Exemplary School of Excellence Award from the Michigan Department of Education. Rockford High School was recognized by Newsweek as one of the top high schools in the United States, by the Washington Post as one of the Most Challenging High Schools in the United States and earned recognition as one of the best high schools by US News & World Report for the last two years. The school year consists of three trimesters, each twelve weeks in length. The school day has five 71-minute class periods, with each class being worth 0.5 credit per trimester. Bi-weekly, there is a 30 minute intervention period. Daily attendance averages 94%, and more than 97% of RHS 9th graders graduate high school within four years.

Rockford High School fosters excellence in extracurricular activities with 85 Michigan state athletic team championships and numerous individual championships, 18 awards as the Michigan high school TV station of the year, 9 world championships in Odyssey of the Mind, and six state marching band championships.

## Curriculum:

RHS offers a comprehensive academic curriculum which includes a regional tech center; internships and co-op work study for seniors; honors classes in English, math, and science; Advanced Placement in

history, English, math, science, German, Spanish, government, psychology, art, and computer science; and extensive technology classes. Online courses are offered locally and at the Kent Intermediate School District (KISD). The KISD also has broad technical and academic offerings and a school for the county's students to take core courses in a high-tech, collaborative environment.

A district point of pride is the Spanish Immersion program, which began with the classes of 2018 and 2019 and has since provided students with continuous immersion opportunities throughout their K-12 education. Students at RHS may also dual enroll in courses at local colleges or enroll concurrently in on-site classes with Ferris State University (FSU) and Grand Valley State University (GVSU). In fact, over 350 students participate in these early college opportunities annually.

### **Grading Scale and Class Rank:**

|                |                             |          |                            |          |
|----------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| A = 4.0        | A- = 3.7                    | B+ = 3.3 | B = 3.0                    | B- = 2.7 |
| C+ = 2.3       | C = 2.0                     | C- = 1.7 | D+ = 1.3                   | D = 1.0  |
| D- = 0.7       | E = 0.0 with credit by exam |          | F = 0.0 with no credit     |          |
| I = Incomplete | CR = Credit not in GPA      |          | NC = No Credit not in GPA. |          |

Weighted grades for Honors and AP courses are used for GPA and class rank (A = 5.0, B = 4.0, etc.). Class rank is calculated at the end of each trimester beginning with the end of the first trimester of junior year. All grades for all classes for all students are used in calculating rank.

### **Graduation Requirements:**

RHS graduation requirements align with Michigan Merit Curriculum legislation and go beyond with additional local requirements. RHS offers all students a guaranteed diploma: if any RHS graduate is determined by an employer to be less than proficient in reading, mathematics, or locating information, RHS will provide the graduate with instruction free of charge to bring him/her to a proficient level.

**Credits required for graduation: 27.5**

**Courses and other requirements for graduation:**

- English: 4.0 credits
- Mathematics: 4.0 credits including Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and math in 12th grade
- Science: 3.0 credits including Earth Science, Biology, and Chemistry or Physics
- Social Studies: 3.0 credits including World Studies, American Studies, Economics, US Government
- Communications: 0.5 credit
- Health: 0.5 credit
- Physical Education: 1.0 credit
- World Languages: 2.0 credits in the same language
- Visual/Performing/Applied arts: 1.0 credit
- WIN testing: basic skills proficiency

## **Class of 2026 Information:** 558 Graduates

- ~64% plan to attend a 4-year College
- ~16% a 2-year College
- ~1% Military Enlistment
- ~7% Trade/Tech School
- ~3% Full-Time Employment
- ~6% Other plans or undecided

## **Testing Information:**

WIN:

RHS graduates must prove basic proficiency on the WIN test. This is a requirement for the RHS Guaranteed Diploma.

SAT:

Average score for the class of 2026 from April 25/26 school year: 1082 ( 545 ERW and 537 MATH)

## **ADVANCED PLACEMENT:**

1,352 exams taken by 987 students in 2026

5s: 298 - 22%

4s: 344 - 25%

3s: 494 - 37%

2s: 173 - 13%

1s: 43 - 3%

## **ROCKFORD HIGH SCHOOL & FRESHMAN CENTER COURSE OFFERINGS 2026-2027** Complete course descriptions are available online.

### **ART**

Drawing  
Painting  
Ceramics 1,2  
Metalsmithing & jewelry 1,2  
Textile/fiber arts  
Advanced 2d and 3d art  
Art leaders  
AP Studio Art

### **BUSINESS**

Accounting  
Business technology 1, 2  
Financial management  
Business & personal finance

New product & promotion  
Entrepreneurship  
Sports entertainment marketing  
Business management  
Graphic design 1, 2, 3  
Graphic design leaders  
TV studio 1, 2, 3  
AP business and personal finance  
AP Computer Science Principles  
AP Computer Science A  
Intro to programming  
3d video game development  
Art of game design  
Advanced game development  
Cooperative training

Senior internship

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Communications

## **THEATER**

Advanced theatre

## **CONSUMER ECONOMICS**

Personal living skills

Foods

Advanced foods

Fashion design 1, 2

Parenting psychology

Health and wellness

Independent living

## **ENGLISH**

Pre-AP English 9

Books and blogs

Dramatic literature

English and esports

Writing for the print media 1, 2

Mythology

Introduction to playwriting

Yearbook

Creative writing

Technical writing

Senior composition

Shakespeare

Contemporary literature

Psychology through literature

Sports literature

Media literacy

Multicultural literature

AP Seminar

AP English language & composition

AP English literature & composition

## **MATHEMATICS**

Algebra 1

Geometry

Geometry/flipped

Geometry in Construction

Honors Geometry

Algebra 2 Essentials

Algebra 2

Algebra 2/flipped

Honors Algebra 2

Introduction to Trigonometry

Statistical reasoning in sports

Statistics

Pre-Calculus

Honors Pre-Calculus

AP statistics

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

## **MUSIC**

Choir 9th

Treble chorus

Chorale

Chamber singers

Advanced treble ensemble

Advanced music theory

Advanced musicianship

Music appreciation

Concert band

Symphonic band

Wind ensemble

Orchestra

Symphonic strings

Chamber strings

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Physical education 9

Strength and conditioning 9

Health education

Stress management

Sports and fitness activities

Aerobics

Kickboxing

Outdoor fitness and activities

Female weight lifting

Weight training

Advanced strength & conditioning

Yoga and mindfulness

Phys ed leaders

Endurance fitness

Aquatics

## **SCIENCE**

Earth Science

Honors Earth Science

Biology

Honors Biology

Environment

Astronomy

Chemistry

Honors Chemistry

Physics

Basics of Forensic Science

Robotics  
Physiology 1, 2, 3  
Honors Physiology 1, 2, 3  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics 1  
AP Physics C

Teen leadership  
Design and innovation  
College and career prep  
CLEP test prep

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

World studies  
National & global issues  
Michigan history  
American studies  
Economics  
World conflicts Korea-Vietnam  
World conflicts World War II  
Sociology  
World cultures  
History of world religions  
General psychology  
US government  
AP macroeconomics  
AP US government & politics  
AP Psychology  
AP US history

## **TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION**

Product design & fabrication  
Interior design  
World of structural engineering technology  
World of energy & transportation technology  
World of CAD technology  
World of manufacturing  
Engineering technology  
World of woodworking technology 1&2  
Applied architectural CAD 1 & 2  
Applied engineering CAD 1 & 2  
Applied energy & transportation technology  
Tech Ed Leaders

## **WORLD LANGUAGES**

French 1, 2, 3, 4  
Advanced topics in French  
German 1, 2, 3, AP  
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, AP & Immersion  
World cultures  
Chinese 1, 2, 3, 4

## **OTHER**

LINKS  
Student council leaders  
Peer mentoring and leadership

Updated ADA-Compliant 9/9/26