

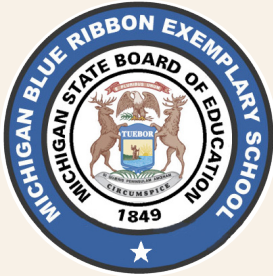
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Rockford Public Schools

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RPS NEWS ALERTS

For up-to-date information regarding Rockford Public Schools delays and/or closings, events and safety alerts, send a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our district’s short code number, **67587**.

Opt out any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.

A MESSAGE FROM DR. MATTHEWS

My father graduated from Fairland High School in Fairland, Oklahoma. Not many have heard of Fairland High School. And for good reason.

My father’s graduating class had 14 students.

Even though it was a small town and a small high school, my father was very proud of his school.

It provided him a sense of community and it prepared him for the next step in his life. Every summer when I was young, we would visit Fairland and he would proudly show me around the high school. And, as a young boy, I loved that school.

What that community did for my father, Rockford does for its students. The school district provides both community and opportunity.

But building a community and providing opportunities require resources of time, effort, and money.

We don’t often talk about the money it takes to run school districts. We instead focus on our children and our students because we want them to feel part of something bigger than themselves and we recognize that our children are worth the cost. But the truth is, high quality schools that create that community and offer a wide variety of opportunities in outstanding facilities take money to make it all work.

This November, our Rockford voters will have the opportunity to go to the polls to vote on a key piece of our district’s financial balance sheet. In order for our balance sheet to remain healthy, our district is asking voters to renew our current bond millage rate.

Renewing the bond millage rate at 7 mills will allow our district to continue maintaining and improving our facilities, our technology, and our buses. This relieves the district of having to support these projects through our general fund.



Dr. Steve Matthews

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The state of Michigan supports the basic education of our students. It provides a per pupil foundation for each student in the district. 80% of the funding that we get from the state goes to people – teachers, bus drivers, custodians, administrative assistants, paraprofessionals, and administrators. That leaves 20% for supplies – gas for the buses, utilities for the buildings, paper for the copiers, and so on.

The state of Michigan does not allow school districts to raise revenue for the general fund.

What the state of Michigan does allow is for school districts to raise money for facilities. In Rockford, we have a strong record of supporting our facilities, technology, and buses through millages. That support has allowed us to ensure that the general fund remains focused on supporting our people and our millages support our buildings, technology, and buses.

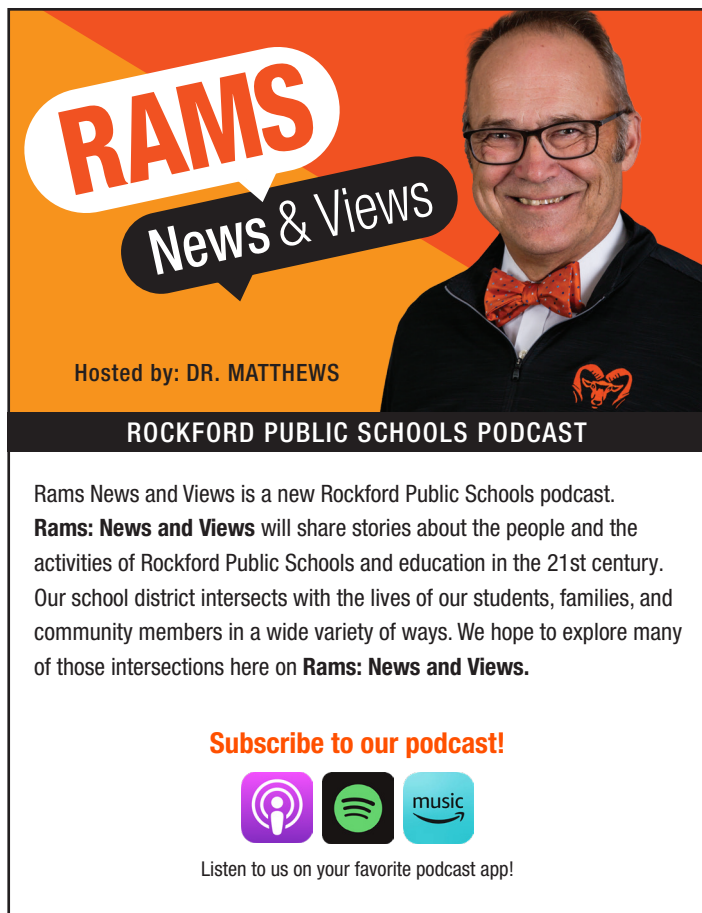
In 2018, the millage rate was 8.5 mills. In 2019 that was reduced to 7 mills. We are now asking for support to continue that millage rate at 7 mills. In doing so we will generate \$230 million dollars over the next ten years to support a wide variety of projects in our district. Those projects include:

- Air conditioning for all remaining buildings
 - Primarily the 6 elementary buildings and our early childhood center
- Gyms for the four elementary buildings that do not have a separate gym
- Electronic door locks for all interior classroom doors
- Renovating and updating the high school performing arts center
- Building career and technical education facilities, in collaboration with our community
- Building an indoor turf facility
- Adding a new, larger video production studio and a new graphic arts classroom
- Adding a Ram Store retail space run by our students

More information is available on our district website at rockfordschools.org.

The renewal of this bond will continue a strong tradition here in Rockford and do what Fairland, Oklahoma did for my father: build a community and create opportunities.

Dr. Steve Matthews,
Superintendent



The graphic features a man with glasses and a bow tie, identified as Dr. Matthews, against an orange background. A speech bubble contains the text 'RAMS News & Views'. Below the photo, it says 'Hosted by: DR. MATTHEWS' and 'ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PODCAST'. A paragraph describes the podcast's purpose: 'Rams News and Views is a new Rockford Public Schools podcast. Rams: News and Views will share stories about the people and the activities of Rockford Public Schools and education in the 21st century. Our school district intersects with the lives of our students, families, and community members in a wide variety of ways. We hope to explore many of those intersections here on Rams: News and Views.' Below this, it says 'Subscribe to our podcast!' and shows icons for podcast apps (Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music). At the bottom, it says 'Listen to us on your favorite podcast app!'.

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News & Views

Hosted by: DR. MATTHEWS

ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PODCAST

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The graphic has an orange background with white and black text. It reads: 'SENIOR CITIZENS 60 years of age or older'. Below this, it says 'We offer a Lifetime Golden Age Pass which entitles you to admission to school sponsored sporting events.' At the bottom, it says 'Call our Community Services Office at 616.863.6322 for more information.'

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The mission of the Rockford Public Schools District is to provide the teaching and learning environments which will ensure, with the support of the students, parents and community, that all students, upon graduation, will have the academic and social skills and strategies to be successful, lifelong learners.

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SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS

The decision to close or delay school can be a tricky one. As a Michigan resident, you know how fickle our weather is. Just as weather systems can appear without warning, there are times when weather systems predicted to appear do not. Please keep in mind that a forecast is a prediction. Even skilled meteorologists will agree that not all watches, warnings, and advisories materialize as predicted.

School personnel carefully monitor weather forecasts and road conditions. The Rockford Public Schools district spans approximately 97 square miles. Therefore, weather and road conditions can be significantly different within our school district. Ultimately, the decision to close or delay school is made by the Superintendent of Schools, with every effort to make a decision by 5:30am.

In summary, weather is unpredictable and district staff does their best to make reasonable and practical decisions with the safety of students as their top priority. In addition, please keep in mind that weather conditions can rapidly improve or decline from the time a decision is made in the early hours of the morning to the time school is scheduled to start. If at any time you feel it is unsafe to send your child(ren) to school due to the weather or road conditions, you are encouraged to exercise your right to keep them home with an excused absence.

EARLY DISMISSALS

Once students are in school, it is only in extreme cases the district would dismiss early due to weather, mainly due to the fact that many of our younger students could potentially go home to an empty house. However, in the rare case of an early dismissal, this will be posted on TV and the district website, and parents will be notified via the district's automated School Messenger system and/or the school phone tree.

Occasionally when road conditions deteriorate during the day, a decision is made to dismiss students up to one-half hour early to allow buses additional travel time so students arrive home at their regularly scheduled time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school principal or the Superintendent's Office at 616.863.6557. To receive free text information about School Closings or Delays, just send a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.

Morning closings and delays are posted on the district website and local TV/radio stations, with several stations offering notification options such as text or email alerts



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ATHLETICS

WWW.ROCKFORDATHLETICS.ORG

There is a new website for all
Rockford Rams Athletics Information!

TEAM SCHEDULES can be found on its home page.

ALL-SPORT PASSES AND TICKETS

All-Sport passes and single-game tickets are now sold digitally.

Head to **www.rockfordathletics.org**
and navigate to the OTHER INFO link on the left.
There you will find information to TICKETING and how
to purchase online.

All admissions are \$5.00 (DK-Adult)

Family Pass \$225

Allows up to 5 family members.
Any additional spectators will need to purchase
individual tickets.

Adult Pass \$85 | Student Pass \$25

All-Sport passes are good for HOME events only.
Excludes Ice Hockey, regular season/tournaments/invites,
and MHSA tournaments.

ATHLETE REGISTRATION

All student athletes must have a valid physical
(dated April 15, 2025 or later) on file and have athletic
registration completed.

Registration forms can be found at rockfordathletics.org under
Final Forms (left hand side).



EDGERTON TRAILS ELEMENTARY NEWS

Edgerton Trails Welcomes Inaugural Outdoor Education Class

The start of the 25-26 school year brought with it the first class of Outdoor Learners. 25 4th graders, with Jodi Noakes as their classroom teacher, are taking their learning outside. The campus of Edgerton Trails Elementary has 26 acres of land that includes two ponds, a dock, pavilion, maple grove, hammock garden, fire pit, and walking trails. Students are learning the curriculum with hands-on activities in nature. The Outdoor Education Program is a two year (4th and 5th grade) program open to RPS students. This inaugural group will move to 5th grade for the 26/27 school year and a new group of 4th graders will join the program.

Students are already enjoying connecting with nature and learning valuable environmental lessons in this inspiring outdoor classroom.





ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Funding proposals on the November 4, 2025 ballot

KENT ISD ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE



The proposed millage rate is 0.9, the same millage rate voters approved in 2017.



If approved, this proposal generates approximately \$35.6 million-\$357 per student. That is approximately \$2,688,778 for Rockford Public Schools annually.



Since 2017, the taxpayer-approved enhancement millage has been used by Rockford Public Schools to: expand STEAM opportunities for grades K-5, increase counseling support, and reduce elementary class sizes.

RPS BOND PROPOSAL



This proposal would authorize the district to sell \$230 million dollars of bonds to finance capital projects in the district. The approval of the ballot measure would keep the current millage rate at 7 mills – a zero mill increase over the current debt millage.



Voter-approved bond funds can be spent on projects that are generally described in the proposal, such as new construction, additions, remodeling, site improvements, athletic facilities, playgrounds, buses, instructional technology, furnishings, equipment, and other capital needs.



This bond proposal furthers Ram XII, the district's strategic plan, focusing on the pillars: Building for the Future and Advancing Excellence.

HOW THESE DIFFERENT FUNDS ARE USED:

Regional enhancement millage: provides funding directly to our general fund that pays for day-to-day operations and educational programming, staff and supplies.

Bonds: provide funding for construction and acquisition of capital projects.



VOTE! TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

<https://www.rockfordschools.org/our-district/rps-bond-proposal-2025/>

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2025 RPS BOND PROPOSAL

*The 2025 RPS bond proposal furthers RAMS XII, our strategic plan, and focuses on the pillars:
Building for the Future and Advancing Excellence.*

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why a bond proposal now?

- In 2019, voters approved a bond proposal for the construction of Edgerton Trails Elementary, created extended learning areas at our elementary schools, and addressed many aging building systems and sites. We have a large school district, with over 14 school buildings, which all have various building ages. Across those schools, many infrastructure systems have outlived their expected useful lives, and the District plans to replace them on a rolling basis.
- There are opportunities to fund facilities to enhance educational programming – early childhood education program expansion, Career Technical Education (CTE), to name a few.
- When the Board of Education recognized the opportunity to make improvements to the schools that would require an estimated zero mill net increase over the 2025 levy, the District sought input from the community to prioritize potential projects, further meeting the goals of RAMS XII, our Strategic Plan, and continue executing the facilities master plan for improving the facilities over the next several years.

By voting in November, we can start projects in the summer of 2026. Waiting until May 2026 would cause us to miss the summer 2026 construction season. The first series would be focused on air conditioning and elementary school gyms.

Wasn't elementary air conditioning already part of the 2019 proposal?

No. The 2019 proposal identified "mechanical" upgrades. Those upgrades have been and are being completed. They include the boiler at the high school and the boiler at Valley View.

Didn't the 2019 proposal identify playground replacement would happen?

Funding for the playground surfacing was included in the 2019 Proposal. Playground equipment is included in the 2025 Bond Proposal. We intend to use proceeds from both the 2019 Proposal and the 2025 Bond Proposal to replace the playground equipment with surfacing at the same time.

Can't the district use general funds to support building upgrades?

Legally, the answer is yes, but the reality is that Michigan school funding does not provide the financial resources needed for the general fund to pay for building upgrades. At Rockford Public Schools, currently 80% of the general fund goes to fund wages and benefits and 20% of the general fund goes towards the rest of the everyday operations (supplies, utilities, fuel for buses, etc). A school district's operating revenues are limited to the state established foundation allowance. Using general fund resources towards capital projects reduces the resources to compensate teachers and support classrooms.

Can't we expand the sinking fund?

Sinking funds are voter-approved millages that generate revenue over time. While districts can legally use sinking funds for construction and technology, sinking funds are not generally used to fund large projects because sinking fund revenues are generated over time and do not generate the amount of revenue needed. The sinking fund in Rockford is currently .4662 mills and it generates just over one million dollars a year. Voters would need to approve an increase in the sinking fund millage in order to expand the sinking fund. Expanding the sinking fund to the 3 mills legal limit would generate approximately \$6-9 million dollars a year.. While sinking funds can be part of the construction and upkeep (or repair) of school district buildings, the RPS sinking fund does not generate the revenue needed for big projects. For example, our elementary air conditioning project is estimated to cost between \$35-\$40 million dollars. If the district were to ask and voters were to approve a 3 mill sinking fund, at an estimated \$6-9 million dollars generated per year, it would take 4-5 years to generate the funds needed to complete the air conditioning project. No revenue would be available for other needed projects or repairs since all revenue would be saved for the large project. Since the sinking fund was approved by voters in 2019, the sinking fund has paid for the following projects:

- 2021 East Rockford Middle paving
- 2021 East Rockford Middle flooring
- 2024 East Rockford Middle elevator repair
- 2024 Valley View paving
- 2024 Roguewood asbestos abatement.

What is the plan for the bond proceeds?

What is the plan for the bond proceeds? The \$230M is planned to be spent on the priorities that have been identified in our pillars: Building the Future and Advancing Excellence. We anticipate the \$230M bond will be issued in three series as follows:

- 2026: \$40,000,000
- 2028: \$110,000,000
- 2032: \$80,000,000

The first series is smaller because there will be an overlap with the third series of bonds authorized in 2019.



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5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

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8615 9 MILE RD NE, ROCKFORD

DK – 5TH GRADE FAMILIES



5th Grade Leaders Kick Off Safety Program

Roguewood Elementary School is proud to shine the spotlight on our 5th grade leaders who are stepping up to make our school a safer, kinder, and more welcoming place. Through the launch of our Safety Program, which combines Safety Patrol with Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), students are demonstrating leadership while building a stronger school community.

Safety Patrol Meets PBIS

The Safety Patrol program focuses on the physical safety of our school – helping guide students during arrival, dismissal, and daily transitions. PBIS, on the other hand, centers on creating a positive and equitable environment by encouraging respect, responsibility, and readiness to learn. When these two initiatives come together, Roguewood benefits from both safe spaces and a supportive culture.

Student Leaders in Action

Our 5th grade leaders, led by Tori Fowler, have embraced their new responsibilities with pride. Each role contributes to a safer, more positive learning environment while also teaching important lessons about responsibility, teamwork, and service. We have positions that range from Morning Bus Helpers, Morning Parent Drop Off Helpers, Bus Buddies, Playground Clean Up, Hallway Sweepers, Morning Door Greeters, Library Assistants, Kindergarten Lunch Helpers and Bus Buddies, Cheerleaders, Hall Monitors, Recycling Crew, Bus Line Leaders, and other important roles in keeping our school safe.

Growing Leaders, Building R.A.M.S. Pride

This program isn't just about creating a school where students are **Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, and Safe (R.A.M.S.)** – it's also about empowering our 5th graders to lead. By taking on meaningful responsibilities, they are learning and refining leadership skills of their own. These opportunities prepare them not only to be strong role models within Roguewood, but also confident leaders in middle school and beyond.





ROCKFORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Invest in Rockford Schools

This Fall, join REF in enriching education for all Rockford students. Your support funds programs that nurture students and give teachers the resources to innovate. Sponsor or attend an event below to support education in Rockford schools.



STOCK THE SHELVES

OCTOBER 23, 2025
EPILOGUE BOOKS

REF is teaming up with Epilogue Books to raise funds for books in Rockford classrooms and libraries. Show your Ram Pride and help us fill school shelves with books!



RAM STATUE

DEADLINE MAY 15, 2026

Celebrate your Ram Pride for generations to come by inscribing your name on a plaque on the Ram Statue at the Carlson-Munger Stadium.



STEAM NIGHT

NOVEMBER 11, 2025
EAST ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Be part of Rockford's biggest STEAM celebration! This free, hands-on event fuels student creativity and learning.

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CANNONSBURG ELEMENTARY NEWS

Cannonburg Elementary Students Love Mileage Club

The Cannonburg Cubs love Mileage Club! In fall and spring, the club encourages students to walk, jog, or run during lunch recess. This simple activity has big benefits:

- **Healthy Habits:** Kids build stamina and discover that exercise can be fun.
- **Focus for Learning:** Movement helps students return to class with more energy and attention.
- **Goal Setting:** Each lap earns recognition, teaching perseverance and celebrating progress.
- **Community Spirit:** Students cheer for one another, creating a sense of teamwork and belonging.

Over the course of the year, some of our students also run 30+ miles as part of the Cotter Club. Principal Cotter, who also has a passion for running, then holds a celebration fun run at Townsend Park with ice cream and the Cannon Township Fire Department water hose! These opportunities are made possible by our community partners and parent volunteers who help track laps, cheer students on, and celebrate milestones. Their support keeps our kids moving toward healthy futures!



CANNONSBURG ELEMENTARY NEWS



Sensory Room Benefits Elementary Students

At school, every child's brain is working hard to take in information, focus, and learn. For some students, their bodies and minds need an extra step before they are ready to succeed in the classroom. That's where a sensory room makes a big difference, and the new space at Cannonsburg Elementary is helping students!

A sensory room is a calm, supportive space designed with tools, textures, lights, and movement options that help children regulate their emotions and energy. This isn't just for students with specific needs – every child can benefit from moments of sensory support. What makes a sensory room so valuable is the proactive approach it offers. Instead of waiting until a student is overwhelmed, distracted, or upset, teachers and staff can guide students into the sensory room before challenges arise. This gives them a chance to refocus, reset, and prepare their bodies and minds for learning.

Compare this with a reactive approach, which only steps in after a child is already struggling – whether through behaviors, frustration, or shutdowns. Reactive support helps, but it usually takes longer for a student to return to learning. Proactive support through the sensory room equips children with tools and experiences that help prevent those difficulties in the first place.

The result? Students spend more time engaged, classrooms are calmer, and children learn valuable self-regulation strategies that benefit them well beyond school. By investing in proactive resources like a sensory room, we're not just responding to student needs – we're preparing every child for a stronger, more successful learning journey.

Well Minded Matters

OUR FALL EDITION of Well Minded Matters will spotlight the many dedicated helpers in our school district, including social workers, counselors, and mental health liaisons. These professionals provide essential support to our students, helping them navigate personal, social, and academic challenges. By addressing the whole child, they contribute directly to our children's well-being and academic success. This edition will highlight their impact, share their stories, and explain why their roles are indispensable to our district's mission.

To read this fall edition simply scan the QR code!



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2025 - 2026

SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST

25: First Student Day
29: Labor Day Weekend (no school)

SEPTEMBER

1: Labor Day Weekend (no school)
10: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
24: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)

OCTOBER

15: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
29: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)

NOVEMBER

12: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
26, 27, 28: Thanksgiving Break (no school)

DECEMBER

10: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
WINTER RECESS: December 22–January 2 (no school)

JANUARY

5: School Resumes
19: No School (Staff Personal Development)

FEBRUARY

4: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
13, 16: Mid-Winter Break (no school)
25: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)

MARCH

11: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
25: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)

APRIL

SPRING BREAK: April 2–April 10 (no school)
13: School Resumes
22: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)

MAY

6: Early Release, 12:30 (Gr 6-12), 1:30 (Gr DK-5)
22, 25: Memorial Day Weekend (no school)

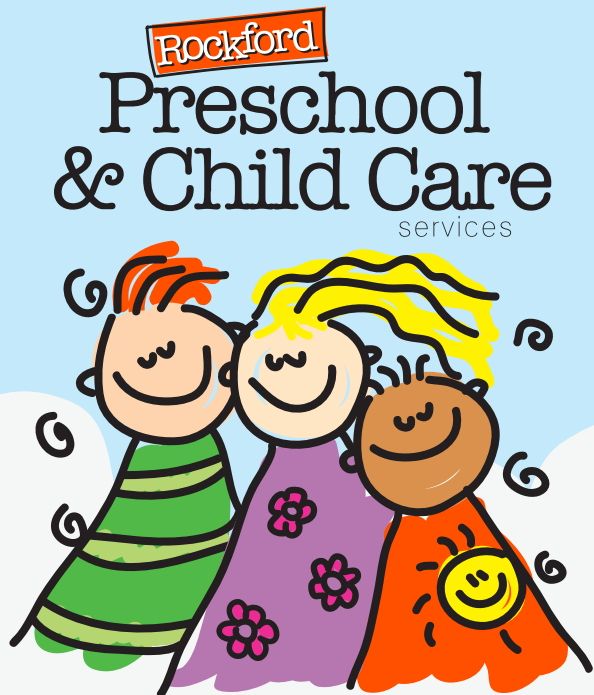
JUNE

4, 5: Half Days, 10:55 (Gr 6-12), 11:55 (Gr DK-5)
5: Last Day of School (Half Day)
8-12: Reserved for make-up days



EARLY RELEASE DAYS

September 10, 24	February 4, 25
October 15, 29	March 11, 25
November 12	April 22
December 10	May 6

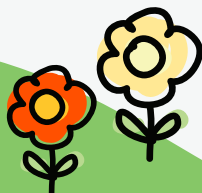


**There Are Many Different
Preschool Opportunities
Offered Through
Rockford Preschool &
Child Care Services.**

SPANISH PRESCHOOL

**Rockford Community Services,
350 N. Main Street**

A great first introduction to Spanish! In this program, preschoolers will be introduced to the Spanish language while using math, sensory, vocabulary, science and practical living materials. Spanish culture will also be explored through music, art, literature and movement.



Preschool Openings for 2025-26

There are still openings in the following programs:

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESCHOOL

- 3 year old T/TH from 8:15–10:15am, 10:30am–12:30pm
Program costs: \$900 per year.
- 4 year old M-TH from 8:45–11:15am, 11:45am–2:15pm
Program costs: \$1900 per year.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT LAB PRESCHOOL

- 3 year old T/TH from 12:30–3:00pm
- 4 year old M/W/F from 9:00–11:30am
Program costs: \$1150-\$1700 per year.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESCHOOL

Rockford Community Services, 350 N. Main Street

This program helps children learn to work and play together in an enjoyable group setting that utilizes a developmentally appropriate curriculum. Our teachers make it a priority to make learning fun while providing plenty of individual attention and encouragement. Children are offered a variety of activities and experiences emphasizing a focus on environmental topics.

*To enroll in our Community Education Preschool,
call our office at 616.863.6560*



**Child Care office 616.863.6560
visit our website at www.rockfordschools.org**

Child Care and Preschool for Young Rams and School Age

CHILD DEVELOPMENT LAB PRESCHOOL

Rockford High School, 4100 Kroes

This unique program, located at Rockford High School, teaches preschoolers to become successful learners through cooperative experiences, problem solving and play while simultaneously training high school students to become potential educators.

To enroll in our Child Development Lab Preschool program, call our office at 616.863.6560

FULL DAY PRESCHOOL

Parkside, 156 Lewis Street

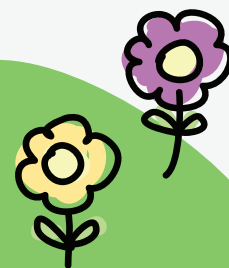
Our full day preschool is open year-round from 7:00am to 6:00pm. This is an ideal program for working parents who want the assurance that their child will be engaged in a variety of learning experiences in a planned preschool program, as well as rest and outdoor play.



MONTESSORI

Rockford Community Services, 350 N. Main Street

This program introduces children to practical living skills, sensory education, language, math, science and cultural activities, art, music and movement. A mix of ages is a key premise of the Montessori philosophy with 3-4 year olds attending together.



For more information about any of our programs, call the Child Care office at 616.863.6560 or visit our website at www.rockfordschools.org

SCHOOL AGE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Enroll now for before and after school care! BAC is offered at each elementary school from 7:00am until the start of school, after school until 6:00pm, and BAC is also offered on some school vacation days. Enrollment packets can be found online at www.rockfordschools.org, or call our office for more information at 616.863.6560.

Registration Rate: \$40 per student

Morning BAC - \$10 per day Afternoon BAC - \$15 per day

Registrations will be considered based on availability.



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For more information call 616.863.6322 or email jhiscock@rockfordschools.org