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District Overview

Our Community

The Rye Neck School District, located in Southern Westchester County, lies approximately 20 miles northeast of New York City. Bordering Connecticut and the Long Island Sound, the district serves students from both the City of Rye and the Village of Mamaroneck, largely residential areas that boast of picturesque settings. The district's close proximity to a major metropolitan area allows for unique learning opportunities and an exposure to a global culture.

Our District

The Rye Neck School District is comprised of two elementary schools – one servicing grades K-2 and another for grades 3-5 – as well as a middle school and high school, which share the same campus. All four schools within the Rye Neck School District have been designated as National Schools of Excellence by the United States Department of Education.

With a total population of only 1,500 students, the Rye Neck School District is able to offer a personal education within a public school setting. The small population allows for close interaction between the students and faculty. The district strongly emphasizes a sense of opportunity and advancement to its students, and continually challenges them to reach even higher levels of personal success. The district's motto "Learn, Achieve, Lead" is supported by a strong curriculum and abundant opportunities for involvement for every child within the district, whether it is in the area of academics, athletics, the arts, extracurricular activities, or community service.

Our Program

Over the past several years, the Rye Neck School District has transformed its facilities, curriculum, and teaching methods. These changes have resulted in an education that is unrivaled by other schools in the area. Rye Neck students consistently score in the top tier on statewide standardized testing and gain admittance to the nation's top universities.

Recognizing that students possess different learning styles and abilities, the Rye Neck School District has implemented a school-wide enrichment model. This model acknowledges that *every* student possesses gifts and talents – not just a small population. Every child in Rye Neck is treated as gifted and provided with opportunities to apply what they learn in the classroom to real-life situations. Students are taught based on their individual needs – a Rye Neck education is not "one size fits all." Teachers are trained to recognize the strengths of each child and teach that student in a way that he/she will best learn.

Rye Neck is also proud to be one of the most technologically advanced districts in Westchester County. Every classroom within the district contains an interactive whiteboard, which allows for greater student participation during lessons. In addition, the district supports a fiber optic network, which connects every computer in each of the four schools.

Rye Neck's commitment to ongoing development, coupled with a passionate and caring staff, lay the foundation for a top-notch education. We are proud of the tradition we've built, and look forward to helping future generations "Learn, Achieve, Lead."

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Rye Neck School Community is to develop active, critical-thinking, creative, responsible citizens with high values, morals, and ethics. These citizens will respect, accept and appreciate others in a multicultural world and be committed to life-long academic and personal achievement in a supportive learning environment. Students will acquire a suitable educational foundation, mastery of the English language and analytical skills which will help them deal with challenges in their personal and professional lives.

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RyeNeckHighSchool

(914) 777-4800

“Classes where students get individual attention and have the ability to speak their minds, engage in discussions, and share opinions with teachers and students are spectacular.”

– High School Student
Kylie VanBuren,
Class of 2011

Serving a total population of 427 students, Rye Neck High School is accredited by the New York State Board of Regents and has 60 full-time and part-time faculty, all of whom hold advanced degrees. Rye Neck High School is an all-Regents high school, which offers students a comprehensive and challenging college preparatory program. For a small high school, Rye Neck is able to offer an abundance of state-of-the-art resources to promote critical thinking, problem solving, and systems thinking.

The small high school population allows for individualized attention to each student. According to Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and High School Principal Dr. Barbara Ferraro, “There is a great relationship and accessibility between our students, teachers, and parents. Our personalized education program allows us to draw all our students’ talent, while satisfying their needs and moving forward toward academic and personal achievement.”

The high school offers a multitude of opportunities for students to earn college credit, through 19 Advanced Placement (AP) courses and additional programs

Every year, Rye Neck High School is proud to name a significant number of Advanced Placement Scholars.

sponsored by local colleges/universities. In addition, students gain “real-world” experience before graduation through the Senior Intern Program (SIP). The SIP is a non-paid internship that provides all senior students with a link between school and the workplace, offering an authentic career experience.

Looking to develop well-rounded citizens, Rye Neck High School provides students with opportunities to gain 21st Century skills beyond the typical classroom setting. All students are required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of community service prior to graduation – a number that is most times exceeded. In addition, more than 90% of the student body extend themselves beyond the regular school day by participating in a rich array of extra and co-curricular programs. These include 35 athletic teams, award-winning Mock Trial and Academic Challenge teams, all-school award-winning musical, art and video clubs, band, chorus, and jazz ensemble, reflecting creativity, enthusiasm, and the spirit of the school population.

Rye Neck High School is not only a place where “everybody knows your name.” It is a school where students are continually challenged, encouraged, and inspired to not only realize – but to exceed – their potential.



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RyeNeckMiddleSchool

(914) 777-4700

Rye Neck Middle School, home to students in grades six through eight, sets a strong foundation for secondary education. The school, which shares a building with Rye Neck High School, is organized around an inter-disciplinary team structure that provides an environment in which each student is well known by a group of staff members.

At the middle school, students are exposed to Project Based Learning courses through the school-wide enrichment model. These courses engage student interest and mirror the type of learning and work that occurs in the “real world.” In addition, students are offered Regents level science, math, and foreign language in the eighth-grade. They also have the opportunity to become involved in the Math Olympiad and the Stanford University Enrichment Program for Gifted Youth advanced math.

Rye Neck Middle School students consistently attain high scores on New York State assessments.

Character education plays an integral role at Rye Neck Middle School and is embedded in all facets of learning. Not only does the guidance department offer a myriad of services and programs, but character education themes are woven into everyday classroom lessons. From exploring topics such as responsibility, conflict resolution, and the transition to high school, students are supported and equipped with valuable skills.

Students at Rye Neck Middle School are actively involved in an array of extra and co-curricular activities, including 19 clubs, modified and intramural sports, and music, art, and drama productions. By emphasizing the development of the whole student, Rye Neck Middle School helps students and parents through one of the most exciting phases of a student’s life.

“Most adults in our building wear many hats and are involved in every facet of middle school life. The result is a staff that is immersed in the lives of its children in an academic and social way.”

- Middle School Principal
Dr. Eric Lutinski



F.E. Bellows Elementary School

(914) 777-4600

“The most important things we have to offer students are a dedicated staff and a rich curriculum with numerous opportunities for enrichment.”

- F.E. Bellows Principal
Margaret Longabucco

Students in grades three through five attend F.E. Bellows Elementary School, a 2009 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Comprised of a dedicated and caring staff, the Bellows School supports and challenges each child, while developing and celebrating each student’s unique talent. The academic program emphasizes reading and writing across the content areas, as well as stresses problem solving and real-world connections through discovery-based science and math programs.

F.E. Bellows Elementary School is an active participant in the school-wide enrichment program. Students are encouraged to enhance their classroom learning through a variety of 21st Century Workshops, which go above and beyond the standard curriculum. Students apply to participate in the workshops, which range from “The Stock Market for Beginners” to “Composing and Recording.” The content is developed by expert facilitators to optimize the potential, strengths, and interests of motivated students.

In 2009, F.E. Bellows Elementary School was designated as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

A strong home-school partnership is emphasized at Bellows. Parents play an integral role in partnering with teachers to ensure their children are succeeding and thriving both inside and outside of school. Bellows parents are actively involved in the Rye Neck Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) to plan various activities for children, volunteers, and teachers.

In addition to these activities, Bellows students are also afforded the opportunity to participate in a number of after-school clubs, a comprehensive music program, and the Stanford University Enrichment Program for Gifted Youth Math Program. These programs are just a few examples of the many resources offered to Bellows students so that they are prepared for the rigor of the middle and high school curricula.



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Daniel Warren Elementary School

(914) 777-4200

The Daniel Warren School welcomes Rye Neck's youngest learners, serving students in kindergarten through grade two. This gateway school offers a stimulating child-centered environment with an emphasis on joyful learning. At Daniel Warren, students are continuously engaged in hands-on activities to stimulate and further their sense of discovery. The integrated curriculum offered to students includes research-based math and language arts programs, enriched classes in music and art, and special classes in physical education, library, music and computers.

Student success at Daniel Warren is built upon a safe, nurturing environment that, at the same time, challenges students to take risks. The school boasts strong student-teacher relationships, as well as a tight partnership between teachers and parents. Creativity is encouraged and rewarded at Daniel Warren, recognizing that every student possesses skills and talents that are unique.

Daniel Warren students are provided with a multitude of support services, from academic intervention programs to a variety of enrichment courses. The school is proud of its focus on cultural arts, and health and wellness, and is home to a sustainable Children's Garden and a 40-foot climbing wall.

The 21st Century Library/Media Center at Daniel Warren houses a collection of over 7,000 books, playaways, flip cameras, digital cameras, CDs, Netbooks, etc.

The school building, modeled after an English country manor, provides a "home away from home" for the district's youngest students. From an aquarium and playground to a media center and new kindergarten wing, Daniel Warren offers students an environment that is warm, welcoming, and conducive to learning and creative thinking.

"People at Daniel Warren make you feel so welcome. I feel like it is home."

- Daniel Warren
Elementary School first-
grade student



Indicators of Success

Rye Neck High School

- National Merit Commended, Semifinalists and Finalists
- Named “High Performing School” by Westchester Magazine
- Robust AP program with over 50% student participation
- National and local gold standard award-winning musical
- Home to championship athletic teams
- Perennial powerhouse in Mock Trial County Competitions

Rye Neck Middle School

- Rye Neck Middle School consistently demonstrates high assessment scores
- Students compete and participate in annual events such as the Tri-county Science and Technology Fair and Poetry Live
- 40% of eighth-grade students take high school level math and science courses
- Integrated team structure that accentuates small school size and fosters personal connections between students and staff
- Students participate in a dozen after-school clubs, 15 modified sports teams, intramural athletics, and music, art, and theater productions

Elementary Schools

- F.E. Bellows Elementary School was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- The F.E. Bellows Math Olympiad team competes nationally
- There is consistent participation by F.E. Bellows students in the Tri-county Science Expo
- Daniel Warren Elementary School was recognized by Cornell University and the YMCA for its Sustainable Garden
- Health and wellness is a top priority at Daniel Warren Elementary School
- Students at Daniel Warren are provided with a variety of enrichment and extension opportunities, including 24 after-school clubs.