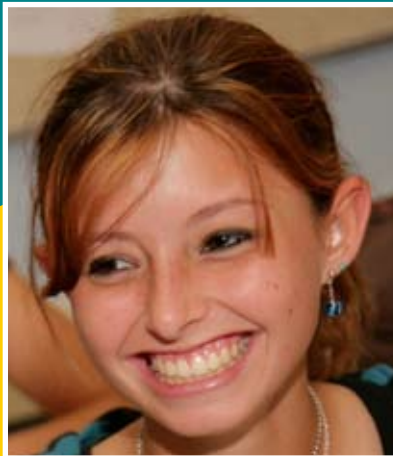


# Rochester City School District



## High School Selection APPLICATION

For Students Entering Grade 7 in School Year 2010-2011  
Apply by January 29, 2010

## ***Important Notes to Parents:***

We know that parents take seriously the job of helping their children select the high school of their choice. Use this booklet to help your child learn what each school offers. It provides descriptions of the schools to which your child may apply and the school selection application. If you do not complete the application, or if your application is not filled out completely, your child will be placed by the District in a school where space is available.

### ***Thinking of Moving?***

Many parents contemplate options outside of public education for their children as they approach secondary school age. We encourage you to look closely at the options described in this booklet and consider the Rochester City School District as your choice for your child's secondary education. Even if you are considering other options, use the application in this booklet to reserve space for your child in a Rochester city school. That way, a space will be held for your child should you decide to continue his or her education in the district.

# Rochester's High Schools...

## *Discover the Excellence*



### ***Did you know...?***

**From business to bioscience...**

**From engineering to education...**

**From communication to computers,  
and everything in between...**

**Rochester's high schools offer programs  
to suit every student's career interest!**

**Through small learning environments,  
specialized curriculum, and a career-  
oriented focus, each school provides the  
skills and preparation students need to:**

- **Graduate high school.**
- **Attend college or further career training.**
- **Enter the career field of their choice.**

**Make an informed decision about the  
schools and programs that meet your  
interests, and let Rochester's high schools  
show you the way to a successful future!**

A diverse student body, strong academics, top-notch arts and athletic programs, committed teachers and staff, partnerships with colleges and businesses, and extracurricular activities that develop tomorrow's leaders are all a part of the Rochester high school experience.

Students can choose from programs focusing on science and health, business and finance, teaching, media and communication, computers and technology, entrepreneurship, law and government, international studies, engineering, the arts, skilled trades, tourism, culinary arts, advanced studies, and many other specialty areas.

Our schools are also fortunate to have a strong commitment from partners in the community who support them in providing the best experience possible for students:

- Colleges and universities offer opportunities to visit their campuses, earn college credit, and obtain scholarships.
- Local businesses provide workplace experiences linked to school programs, giving students a head start in the careers of their choice.
- Community organizations provide a network of student support in areas from health and social services to academics and leadership development.

Each school has its own unique programs and partnerships to meet the needs of students with specific interests and goals for the future. You'll find descriptions of each school in the pages that follow.



# Application Deadline is **January 29, 2010**

Return your completed applications to your current sixth grade teacher by January 29, 2010.

If you have questions about the instructional program at a particular school, contact the school. If you have other questions, call the Parent Registration Center (690 St. Paul Street) at: **262-8241**.

## About the School Selection Process

Students currently in grade 6 are eligible to select the schools they most want to attend next year by ranking them according to preference. This ranking is done using the application in this booklet.

When you submit your completed application, it is entered into a computerized placement system that ensures all students fair and equal access to available seats.

### Here's how it works:

- The computer maintains a database of available seats in all schools.
- The computer assigns each application a number at random. (No preference is given to applications submitted early—numbers are not assigned until after the application deadline.)
- Beginning with the highest numbered application and working downward, students are placed in their first-choice schools until available seats in those schools are filled.
- Applicants with siblings attending their first-choice schools are given preference for those schools. (Please provide the sibling's name and school on the application.)
- Students not placed in their first-choice schools are placed in their second-choice schools, third-choice schools, etc. until available seats in those schools are filled.
- This process continues until all students have been placed. Through this process, every student is placed in the school as close as possible to the top of his or her list of choices.

# Schools To Which You Can Apply for 2010-2011

- If you are not placed in one of your top five choices, the District will work directly with you to find the school that best meets your needs and interests and that has seats available. In addition, you will be placed on a waiting list for your first-choice school and will be notified if a space becomes available. The waiting list is active until mid August.

## NOTE: To apply to School of the Arts, School Without Walls, World of Inquiry, or the Language Academy at Monroe:

- Complete the separate application for those schools.
- Also complete the High School Selection Application at the end of this booklet.
- Return both applications to your sixth-grade teacher by **January 29, 2010**.

If you are interested in applying to School of the Arts, please mail the completed application to SOTA in the enclosed envelope.

If you do not complete and return the application at the end of this booklet, your application to School of the Arts, School Without Walls, the Language Academy at Monroe, or World of Inquiry School will **not** be processed.

**Note:** Sibling Preference is *not used* in this separate application process.

Bioscience & Health Careers High School at Franklin	Grades 7-12
Charlotte High School	Grades 7-12
Dr. Freddie Thomas High School	Grades 7-12
East High School	Grades 7-12
Global Media Arts High School at Franklin	Grades 7-12
International Finance Career High School at Franklin	Grades 7-12
John Marshall High School	Grades 7-12
Monroe High School	Grades 7-12
Nathaniel Rochester Community School	Grades K-8
Northeast College Preparatory High School	Grades 7-12
Northwest College Preparatory High School	Grades 7-12
School of the Arts	Grades 7-12
School Without Walls	Grades 7-12
Thomas Jefferson High School	Grades 7-12
Wilson Magnet High School	Grade levels TBD*
World of Inquiry	Grade K-8 (growing to K-12)
<b>NEW</b> Arts and Technology Integrated High School	Grade 7 (growing to 7-12)

\*Currently, Wilson Magnet High School Foundation Academy serves grades 7 through 9, and Wilson Magnet High School Commencement Academy serves grades 10 through 12. The grade configuration of the two Wilson schools may be changing for next school year, and as of the printing of this booklet, the exact grade levels have yet to be determined. You will receive more information once this decision is made. Both the Foundation Academy and the Commencement Academy still remain schools of choice for district students.

**NOTE:** The four schools on the Edison Campus, 655 Colfax Street, serve students in grades 9-12 only.

# Bioscience & Health Careers High School at Franklin

950 Norton Street, 14621

(585) 324-3730

Principal: Dr. Beverley Pringle

## ***“Perfecting the Science of Learning through Inquiry”***

At Bioscience & Health Careers High School at Franklin:

- We provide an enriched, in-depth study of science both in general and as it relates to health care.
- Students are prepared for careers and/or college studies in science and health care.
- Students approach learning through inquiry and experimentation to become problem-solvers and gain an in-depth understanding of material.
- A small-school environment personalizes curriculum to student needs, connects with families, and guides students to successful graduation.
- Partnerships with area colleges allow for advanced study, college credit, and career awareness activities.
- School-to-work experiences allow students to explore career opportunities first-hand.
- Volunteer opportunities with a health care and science focus.
- Extracurricular activities include environmental science club, PRIS2M science and math program, student government, yearbook, and a full sports program.
- We serve grades 7-12.

Credits required for graduation:

New York State: 22

This school: 26.5



# Charlotte High School

4115 Lake Avenue, 14612  
(585) 663-7070  
Principal: Mr. Jeff Mikols

## ***“Make The Charlotte Connection”***

At Charlotte High School:

- The Academy of Hospitality & Tourism gives students an opportunity to explore and prepare for careers in travel, tourism, and hospitality. Practical experiences are part of the curriculum.
- The Academy of Sports Medicine & Management prepares students for careers in athletic training, physical therapy, sports medicine, and sports management. Students have practical experiences with local athletic, medical and sports organizations during senior year.
- Research-based instructional strategies help students develop skills in English Language Arts and Math.
- Hands-on experiences and small-group projects help students learn to find answers through research, investigation, and discussion.
- Computers and technology are integrated throughout curriculum.
- Accelerated academic instruction is offered for advanced students.
- Extended Day academic support is provided.
- Our Wellness Center offers counseling, social services, and after-school activities in partnership with community agencies to better serve the needs of all students.
- Extracurricular activities include art, music, Math league, Lego League and a full sports program.
- We serves grades 7-12.

Credits required for graduation:

New York State: 22  
This school: 22



# Dr. Freddie Thomas High School

625 Scio Street, 14605  
(585) 262-8850  
Principal: Ms. Sandra Jordan

***“A Community-Based School Supporting Secondary Education and Employment in Rochester and Monroe County”***

At Freddie Thomas High School:

- We use a community-based approach to education that focuses on developing and nurturing the whole learner by creating a culture of success that builds character and wisdom.
- We essentially offer our students the opportunity to experience high school and simultaneously attend college for free, exposing them to the rigors of higher education.
- Dedicated teachers and staff provide our students with guidance, motivation, knowledge, and confidence to help them successfully transition into adulthood.
- The instructional focus on preparing students for higher education and careers includes real-world work experiences with business throughout greater Rochester and Monroe County; workplace opportunities with these businesses are often available.
- Opportunities and field experience are available in four career programs: Technology & Communication, Government Employment (Civil Service), Skilled Employment, and Post-Secondary Partnerships.
- Students can participate in Career in Technical Services, and experience a full spectrum of jobs in Public Safety, Security and Transportation, including practice with an on-campus lab with call-center simulator.
- Cutting edge technology prepares students for 21st century workforce.
- Our Honors Program links with students coming out of 6th grade MAP.
- Accelerated opportunities are available for 8th grade students to earn up to 6 high school credits prior to 9th grade.
- Our student body includes children of faculty members who live in Rochester.
- Students have access to state-of-the-art technology and a modern, air-conditioned campus.
- Our growing athletic program includes varsity soccer, volleyball, tennis, cross country, track, baseball, softball, swimming, wrestling, bowling, and basketball. Freddie Thomas was the Section V championship in basketball in 2006.
- Our extracurricular activities include radio and television production/broadcasting, performing arts clubs, music, band, and step team.
- Dual credit courses (high school and Bryant & Stratton credit) are offered in grades 10-12 at no cost to students.
- Hillside Work Scholarship and Encompass Learning are available.
- 7th and 8th graders wear uniforms.
- We serve grades 7-12.



Credits required for graduation:

New York State:	22
This school:	22



# East High School

1801 East Main Street, 14609  
(585) 288-3130  
Principal: Mr. Anibal Soler

***“Academics, Arts, Athletics—We’ve Got It All”***

At East High School:

- We serve grades 7-12.
- We are in the preliminary stages of becoming a large high school with several small Learning Communities that will prepare students for college and careers after graduation. Students will choose their career pathway in 9th grade and take courses within a smaller school community for their final four years of high school. Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, the five learning communities will include:

***The Foundation Academy (7-8th Grades).*** Students within this academy gain the critical skills and support necessary to transition into a career academy of their choice. Students within this academy are also clustered around a core group of teachers, counselor and Program Administrator thus maximizing the instructional support provided to them.

***The Academy of Business Management and Finance (9-12th Grades).*** National Academy Foundation endorsed programs that offer students within this academy an opportunity to pursue a CTE sequence and the opportunity to belong to the Academy of Finance or the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism.

***The Academy of Humanities, Arts & Communication (9-12th Grades).*** This academy allows students to concentrate in Art, Music, Journalism, Mass Communications and World Languages (including American Sign Language). The focus of this academy is to allow students to study in both the arts and humanities which are recognized for their academic quality, creative output and economic impact in our community. Students will have a general understanding of the influences and effects of mass media on society, culture and politics by taking courses and exposure to field experiences within the community

***The Academy of Environmental Sciences, Information Technology & Pre-Engineering (9-12th Grades).*** National Academy Foundation endorsed programs that offer students within this academy an opportunity to pursue a CTE sequence and the opportunity to belong to the Academy of Information Technology.



***The Academy of Human, Health & Public Services (9-12th Grades).*** Within this academy student can pursue a focus on teaching and leadership through the Teaching & Learning Institute which prepares students for careers in education. Students who successfully complete the program and earn their teaching certification have an inside step.

- Students have opportunities to take advanced placement and honors classes; teachers, tutors, and peer groups give them the skills they need to succeed within any environment. East currently offers the most Advanced Placement courses within the Rochester City School District: 19 AP courses total.
- Offers classes in the AVID (Awareness via Individual Determination) Program, an in-school academic support program that prepares middle-of-the-road students for college eligibility and success.
- The Naval Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (NJROTC) is embedded within the school and allows students to study military science and become mentally and physical fit to enter the service or pursue college if they desired.
- A free-standing middle school through high school program is available for beginning, intermediate and advanced ELL students. Our program provides academic, cultural, and social and support services to the students. Students develop English skills through specialized instruction by ESOL teachers in collaboration with the rest of their educational program, either as a separate class or within a core content area classroom.
- Our non-referral based Student Support and Health Center provides health, counseling and social services by the Center for Youth and the University of Rochester.
- Extracurricular activities include a range of clubs and a comprehensive 7-12 athletic program, which includes modified, freshman, junior-varsity and varsity levels of competition in all major sports.

Credits required for graduation:

New York State:	22
This school:	22

# Global Media Arts High School at Franklin

950 Norton Street, 14621  
(585) 324-3720  
Principal: Dr. Samuel Rodriguez

***“Where Media Arts and  
Communications Technology Are the  
Focus”***



At Global Media Arts High School at Franklin:

- We provide communication education to prepare students for careers in media, broadcasting, public relations, digital technology, and print.
- We are a small high school that focuses on establishing meaningful relationships with students and guides students to a successful graduation and college exploration.
- We offer Advanced Placement courses and hands-on projects in our radio/television studio.
- We offer opportunities for students to work in teams to solve problems.
- We pair teachers with a group of 12 students to advise them during their duration at Franklin to ensure progress towards graduation.
- We plan and organize community service projects for students which offer students school credit.
- We partner with universities (e.g. RIT, Roberts, Ithaca College) and community agencies (e.g. Hillside Work Scholarship Programs, GEAR UP, Baden Street Community Center) to meet students' academic and social needs.
- We expect students to comply with a basic uniform policy.
- We serve grades 7 through 12.
- We prepare students to earn college credits through cooperative learning experiences which include internships and apprenticeships (2009-2010).
- We involve students in Project Based Learning Opportunities (2009-2010).

Credits required for graduation:

New York State: 22  
This school: 22 (includes media related courses)

# International Finance Career High School at Franklin

950 Norton Street, 14621  
(585) 324-3725  
Principal: Mr. Ali Abdulmateen

## ***“Visualize your Future”***

At International Finance Career High School at Franklin:

- We provide an in-depth study of international finance, global economics, information technology, and entrepreneurship.
- Opportunities are available for students to earn Career and Technical Education certification.
- Opportunities to earn dual credit (college and high school) at no cost while in high school.
- Classroom instruction is integrated with workplace experience.
- Virtual Enterprise (junior and senior year) offers students an opportunity to operate a simulated business in partnership with other high school students around the world through creative use of technology.
- Practical experiences are available in administration, accounting, marketing/advertising, human resources, sales, purchasing, and strategic planning.
- Co-op and youth apprenticeship programs are offered.
- Mentoring and shadowing programs are offered in business and finance.
- Our on-site Advantage Federal Credit Union is operated solely by our students.
- We offer a full sports program, modified and varsity.
- We serve grades 7-12.

Credits required for graduation:

New York State:	22
This school:	26.5



# John Marshall High School

180 Ridgeway Avenue, 14615  
(585) 458-2110  
Principal: Mr. Richard Smith



## ***“Minds in the Making”***

At John Marshall High School:

- A holistic approach challenges our students academically while working to develop strong character and responsibility traits.
- We offer four Academies that provide our students with learning experiences in areas in which they wish to pursue future careers: Law, Justice & Government, Business, Media, and Human Services. Each requires a 5-course sequence to earn an Academy Endorsement at graduation.
- Our rigorous academic program includes AP and Honors classes as well as a partnership with various diverse colleges, businesses, high schools, and community agencies. In addition, we provide opportunities for students to participate in school to work programs, internships and shadowing opportunities, and mentoring partnerships.
- We prepare students for Regents-level course work through intensive instruction in language arts, math, social studies, science, and foreign language.
- Instructional technology is integrated into all course areas.
- Opportunities are available for advanced course work, honors classes and career exploration.
- Extracurricular activities include the internationally acclaimed Urban Steel steel-drum band, mock trial courtroom, Virtual Enterprise, MAK robotics team, Rochester Teen Vibe newspaper and many more.
- Offers a full varsity sports program, cheerleading, step team, a strong intramural program and team sports program, including some modified sports for younger students.
- We have an in-house Hillside Work Scholarship Connection programming and mentors.
- We are an active member in the 10th Ward community.
- Our Student Support Center offers counseling, health and academic services in partnership with community agencies.
- Our Health Center, in partnership with ViaHealth, offers physical and mental health services with a full team of qualified practitioners.
- We offer academic performance incentives throughout the year.
- 7th and 8th graders wear uniforms.
- We serve grades 7-12.

Credits required for graduation:

New York State: 22

This school: 22

# James Monroe High School

164 Alexander Street, 14607  
(585) 232-1530  
Principal: Mrs. Vicky Ramos

## ***“A United Nations School”***

At James Monroe High School:

- We believe that strong academics, social responsibility and citizenship are core values in the development of students.
- We are a United Nations School that offers rigorous academic classes, restorative practices development and opportunities to develop social responsibility in our community and abroad.
- The three “R’s”: reading, arithmetic and writing, enrich our curricula with rigor, relevance and development of relationships.
- Our Student Scholar expectations require students to take notes, read everyday and write extensively.
- Students in grades 7 & 8 are required to wear uniforms.
- Our partnerships with local colleges and universities offer enhanced learning opportunities for our students. This includes our Ready, Set, Go to College partnership with the University of Rochester, SUNY Brockport, Nazareth and St. John Fisher.
- We participate in Dual Credit courses with Monroe Community College and Genesee Community College, allowing students to earn college credit while still in high school.
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), College Board Advanced Placement (AP) and SpringBoard ELA classes prepare students for college-level academic work.
- Our Student Support Center offers counseling, health, and academic services in partnership with community agencies.
- We offer on-site tutoring after school and Saturdays, and an on-site enrichment program in the summer.
- Our outstanding extracurricular activities include music, sports, drama, art, and a variety of clubs.
- We help secure paid internships for students in our upper grades.
- We offer enriching programs to Monroe students, including:



***The Language Academy at Monroe***, an accelerated program designed for native Spanish speakers and English-speaking students interested in developing and excelling in Spanish. Students receive accelerated instruction in math and science, learn to use instructional technology, and gain a strong conceptual basis in literacy and social studies. It is an excellent opportunity to promote language proficiency, academic achievement and cultural understanding. To apply, use the separate application that was mailed with this booklet. Note: You must also complete the High School Selection Application at the end of this booklet. For more information, call 232-1530 ext. 1003.

***Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program*** helps students in the academic middle--students with high potential but average grades--prepare for 4-year college entry. AVID classes act as an elective in the student’s daily schedule, which focuses on college preparation, writing, inquiry, and collaboration. The AVID class instructor operates as a coach and provides intensive student support including study skills, test preparation and organization skills. The 2008-09 school year is the AVID program’s inaugural year at Monroe High School.

***Bilingual Developmental Program***, a full-day program for Spanish speakers who are English Language Learners and Former English Language Learners in Grades 7 and 8. The program is designed to provide instruction in Spanish and English in the content areas and ESOL services in a pull out and co-teaching model. Students are offered the academic language development experiences needed to develop the necessary English proficiency level required to meet the guidelines for graduation and become bilingual citizens in this global society.

Credits required for graduation:  
New York State: 22  
This school: 22

# Nathaniel Rochester Community School No. 3

85 Adams Street 14608

(585) 454-3525

Kindergarten through Grade 8

Principal: Ms. Connie M. Wehner

At Nathaniel Rochester Community  
School:



- Our vision is "Destination...Excellence."
- Our mission is to Educate, Collaborate, and Prepare.
- Our motto is "You are stronger than you seem, braver than you believe and smarter than you think."
- Students are part of a positive educational, social, and emotional community where they can continually grow to be responsible and respectful.
- Our students, from ages 4 to age 15, coexist in an atmosphere of support, encouragement, and success. We have the opportunity to "grow our own" and watch them become young adults.
- All students must follow our school uniform policy.
- Our Behavior Support program, initiated school-wide, supports our core values to be respectful, responsible, and safe.
- We have a variety of community volunteers and partners, including National Organization of Black Chemists & Chemical Engineers, through which our upper-school students participate in the National Science Bowl Competition- all expenses paid! Generation 2 works directly with our grade 1, Fairport Rotary, United Downtown Presbyterian Church, RIT- AALANA Group working with our grade 7 AVID classes.
- We provide an instrumental music program that incorporates MIDI (Music Instrument Digital Interface) technology to foster skills in all areas of instrumental music. Together with the expertise of the music teacher, this provides a strong foundation for excellence in performance.
- We provide a music program to grades k-8 which incorporates introduction to instrumental music classes for grades 3-7.
- We offer mentoring for our children with staff members and Generation 2 with our first graders.
- We offer extracurricular sports for our students in grades 7-8 and intramurals for grades 5 and 6.
- All students, grades K-8, to participate in swimming throughout the school year.
- Students can engage in additional support after school in grades 1 - 8.
- We are a former America's Choice school, where best practice is employed and incorporated in every classroom.

# Northeast College Preparatory High School

940 Fernwood Park, 14609  
(585) 324-9273  
Principal: Dr. Mary Aronson

## ***“Where College Preparation is the Goal”***

At Northeast College Preparatory High School:

- We offer a rigorous liberal arts curriculum with an emphasis on Mathematics, Science, and Technology.
- We operate in partnership with the College Board to prepare students, beginning at grade 7, for entry into and success in college.
- Our goal is that all students will be accepted into college and are "college-ready," or prepared to pass college classes.
- We are proud of our small-school environment and small class sizes.
- All students are expected to take at least three Advanced Placement courses.
- We provide college campus visits and presentations by college representatives.
- A Community Service commitment is required of all students.
- Students participate in an extended school day.
- Modified and varsity sports are offered.
- All students wear uniforms.
- We have expanded to become a 7-12 school in the 2009 school year.
- A robotics program and Project Lead the Way are anticipated additions for 2010-2011.

Credits required for graduation:

New York State:	22
This school:	25.5



# Northwest College Preparatory High School

940 Fernwood Park, 14609  
(585) 324-9289  
Principal: Ms. Toyia Wilson

## ***“Preparing Students for College Success”***

At Northwest College Preparatory High School:

- Our mission is for our students to graduate prepared to become good citizens, future leaders and meaningful contributors to society.
- Our students will grow and learn in a safe and positive environment characterized by cutting-edge technology and highly skilled teachers.
- Our core values are intended to result in the growth of individuals and the community, and include:

***Exploration:*** Inspire students to step out of their comfort zone intellectually, emotionally & socially.

***Engagement:*** Stimulate students to actively participate and be completely present.

***Empowerment:*** Ensure students develop a voice through their education and advocate for their future.

***Commitment:*** Dedication to excellence by all stakeholders.

***Challenge:*** Develop a critical lens, which enables students to view the world from multiple perspectives.

***Respect:*** Value one’s self and show tolerance & empathy towards the global community.

- We offer a rigorous liberal arts curriculum with an emphasis on Mathematics, Science, and Technology.
- We operate in partnership with the College Board to prepare students, beginning at grade 7, for entry into and success in college.
- Our goal is that all students will be accepted into college and are "college-ready," or prepared to pass college classes.
- We are proud of our small-school environment and small class sizes.
- All students are expected to take at least two Advanced Placement courses and complete Law & Government sequence.
- Activities include Mock Trial team, Police Explorers, Teen Vibe newspaper.
- Modified and varsity sports are offered (varsity is connected to Franklin).
- All students are expected to wear the mandatory school uniform.
- Students participate in community service and help develop community relationships through activities to support a positive city.

Credits required for graduation:

New York State: 22

This school: 26.5 (two must be Advanced Placement)





## School of the Arts

45 Prince Street, 14607  
(585) 242-7682  
Principal: Ms. Brenda Pacheco

To apply to School of the Arts, use the separate application that was mailed with this booklet.

**Note:** You must also complete the High School Selection Application at the end of this booklet. Students must also audition. For more information, call 242-7682.

Credits required for graduation:  
New York State: 22  
This school: 25.5



## School Without Walls Foundation Academy

111 N. Clinton Avenue, 14604 (grades 7-9)  
(585) 324-3111  
Principal: Mrs. Idonia M. Owens

To apply to School Without Walls Foundation Academy, use the separate application that was mailed with this booklet.

**Note:** You must also complete the High School Selection Application at the end of this booklet. Students must also attend an interview. For more information, call 324-3111.

Credits required for graduation:  
New York State: 22  
This school: 25.5 + senior project



# Thomas Jefferson High School

1 Edgerton Park, 14608  
(585) 458-2280  
Principal: Ms. Mary Andrecolich-Diaz

## **“One School, Many Choices” A School of 3 Small Learning Communities**

At Thomas Jefferson High School:

- A major redesign has transformed Jefferson into one high school with 3 Small Learning Communities (SLC), each with its own administrator, counselor and thematic pathways. Each Small Learning Community is autonomous in nature, uses a thematic, interdisciplinary approach to curriculum, and is grounded in the commitment to approach teaching and learning based on an inquiry model. The three Small Learning Communities are:

**Merchants of Dreams: School of Artistic Expression:** designed for students in grades 7 through 12 who are interested in Dance, Drama, Creative Writing and Visual Arts.

**Merchants of Hope & Innovation: School of Entrepreneurial Studies and Applied Sciences:** designed for students in grades 7 through 12 who are interested in Entrepreneurial studies and CTE endorsed applied sciences classes such as Computers, Hospitality, Woodworking and Business. This SLC houses the Merchants of Hope Program, a partnership with the University of Rochester where the instructional focus is on developing entrepreneurial skills and taking advanced classes designed to prepare students for success at the college level. Students in this program that complete all academic requirements and are in good standing in grades 11 and 12 are eligible to take college-level courses at the University of Rochester free of charge.

**Merchants of Inspiration: School of Sports and Health Sciences/Nursing:** designed to serve students in grades 9 through 12 who are interested in a career in sports-related and/or health sciences. This SLC will provide students with the opportunity to experience all of the various facets of athletics, fitness and medical studies.

- AP and Honors courses are available for all students.
- Opportunities are available for 11th & 12th grade students to take college-level courses at Bryant & Stratton College during the school day for free.
- International students new to the United States are offered the Newcomer Program which focuses on intense English language acquisition.
- A full band and choir program is offered.
- After-school programs include a variety of special interest clubs, Robotics, Legos, tutoring programs, and award-winning athletic teams.
- AVID, Upward Bound, and Hillside Work Scholarship are utilized.
- Partnerships with St. John Fisher College and University of Rochester provide students with early scholarship programs beginning at the 7th grade.
- A Student Support Center, with services available to all students, is housed on campus.
- Co-Op is available and students may earn a Certificate of Employability during the school day.
- 9th graders are required to wear uniforms of navy shirts and khaki pants/skirts.

Credits required for graduation:

New York State: 22  
This school: 22



# Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School

Foundation Academy (Grade levels TBD\*)  
200 Genesee Street, 14611  
(585) 463-4100  
Principal: Dr. Deasure Matthew

\*Currently, Wilson Magnet High School Foundation Academy serves grades 7 through 9, and Wilson Magnet High School Commencement Academy serves grades 10 through 12. The grade configuration of the two Wilson schools may be changing for next school year, and as of the printing of this booklet, the exact grade levels have yet to be determined. You will receive more information once this decision is made. Both the Foundation Academy and the Commencement Academy still remain schools of choice for district students.



## ***“Our mission is excellence for all students in all aspects of their development”***

At Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School Foundation Academy:

- We serve as a springboard toward students’ success and achievement in secondary education.
- Our school uniforms, dress-code policy, cluster teams, and gender-based classrooms (grades 7 and 8 only) establish a respectful tone and emphasize academic fortitude among our scholars.
- Our academic program focuses on science, math, and engineering, and we offer accelerated courses in math, science, technology, and computer programming at all grades; and English and social studies honors classes at all grades.
- The foreign languages offered to our students include Spanish, French, Latin and American Sign Language.
- 8th grade honors students are accelerated a full grade level by taking all 9th grade courses and have the potential to enter high school as 10th graders.
- Extracurricular activities include Photo Club, math team, Lego League, Science Stars for Girls, Academic Bowl Team, Green Schools Club, Step team, Masterminds, band, and orchestra. A wide variety of modified, junior varsity and varsity sports are also offered.
- Our local community partners include Xerox Corporation, University of Rochester, St. John Fisher College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Monroe Community College, I.C. Shah Telecom, Inc., and others.
- PRIS2M Math & Science Program and MESH (Math, Engineering and Science Program for Hispanic students) are offered.
- 7th and 8th grade students have the opportunity to explore the IB Diploma program for priority consideration for acceptance into the program.

Credits required for graduation:

New York State:	22
This school:	25.5

# World of Inquiry School

*Recipient of Fordham University's National Change Grant*

200 University Avenue, 14605  
(585) 325-6170  
Principal: Ms. Elizabeth Mascitti-Miller

## ***"A Community of High Expectations"***

To apply to World of Inquiry School, use the separate application that was mailed with this booklet.

**Note:** You must also complete the High School Selection Application at the end of this booklet. For more information, call 325-6170.

Credits required for graduation:

New York State: 22  
This school: 22 + Senior Expedition



## **NEW for 2010-2011 School Year: Arts and Technology Integrated High School**



Location To Be Determined  
Planning to begin in early 2010

The Arts and Technology Integrated High School:

- Will begin with an initial grade 7 class in 2010-11, and will add a grade each year to serve grades 7-12, with a full enrollment of 450 students, in the 2015-16 school year.
- Has been created in partnership with Expeditionary Learning and will follow the Expeditionary Learning Schools model and principles.
- Focuses on using the arts and technology as tools for learning

Why are we starting a new Arts and Technology Integrated High School? Our purpose is:

- To increase high school graduation rates.
- To provide a personalized learning environment and project-based curriculum.
- To prepare students for college and community life.

This advanced learning environment will provide a unique approach to secondary education by creating a personalized, project-based curriculum; it will be a school where all students are known well and challenged to meet high expectations.

# High Schools At A Glance

	EARLY OR LATE START SCHOOL	GRADE LEVELS	UNIFORMS	SCHOOL BUSES OR RTS BUSES	STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN 2009-10	AVID	MORE THAN ONE FOREIGN LANGUAGE OFFERED	HONORS CLASSES FOR 7TH/8TH GRADERS	TUTORING ON-SITE AFTER SCHOOL	TUTORING ON-SITE ON SATURDAYS	SUMMER PROGRAMS ON-SITE	ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES FOR OLDER STUDENTS	MODIFIED SPORTS FOR 7TH/8TH GRADERS	ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	HEALTH/WELLNESS CENTER AT SCHOOL LOCATION	BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS	FAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS	COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS	PAID INTERNSHIPS FOR OLDER STUDENTS	COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPECTATION FOR STUDENTS
Bioscience Careers High School at Franklin	Late	7-12		RTS	460								X			X		X		X
Charlotte High School	Late	7-12		RTS	1,000	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
Dr. Freddie Thomas High School	Late	7-12	X	RTS	1,050	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
East High School	Early	7-12	Proposed for gr. 7-8	RTS	1,635	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X				X	X
Global Media Arts High School at Franklin	Late	7-12		RTS	440							X	X	X				X	X	X
International Finance High School at Franklin	Late	7-12	X	RTS	410							X	X			X		X	X	X
James Monroe High School	Early	7-12	X	RTS	1,123	X		X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
John Marshall High School	Late	7-12	X	RTS	1,250	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Nathaniel Rochester Community School	Early	K-8	X	School	630								X			X	X			
Northeast College Preparatory High School	Late	7-12	X	School	410	X		X	X			X	X	X		X		X		X
Northwest College Preparatory High School	Late	7-12	X	School	400	X		X	X			X	X	X		X	X	X		X
School of the Arts	Alternative	7-12		RTS	1,152	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
School Without Walls Foundation	Early	7-12 2 campuses		School	230	X			X		X			X		X				X
Thomas Jefferson High School	Late	7-12	X	RTS	980	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Wilson Foundation Academy	Early	7-9	X	RTS	890	X	X	X		X			X	X	X			X		
World of Inquiry School	Late	K-8	X	RTS	300			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X

## Meet the Principals

**Dr. Beverley Pringle** is a former teacher, having taught 7th and 8th grade Social Studies, Language Arts, and Economics in North Carolina before moving to Rochester. Dr. Pringle graduated from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Broadcasting and Cinema. She earned her M.S. from Fayetteville State University and her Ed.D. from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She brings 13 years of administrative experience to her current position as principal of Bioscience & Health Careers High School at Franklin, to which she was appointed in 2009.

**Mr. Jeff Mikols** comes to school administration from a background as a mathematics teacher at the secondary school level for 13 years. He holds permanent certification as a math teacher at the secondary level and as both a School Administrator and a School District Administrator. Mr. Mikols obtained his M.A. and M.S. degrees in Education from SUNY Geneseo and his School Administration Certifications from SUNY Brockport. Mr. Mikols states, "My passion is to provide students with a first-class education to prepare them to fulfill their future goals." He is proud to have been principal of Charlotte High School since January 2009.

**Ms. Sandy Jordan** is a former Health and Physical Education teacher with additional study in Special Education. She obtained her B.S. in Health and Physical Education from Lock Haven University and her Master of Education in School Administration from Edinboro University. She completed advanced study in Special Education at Brockport and Nazareth colleges. Ms. Jordan was an Assistant Principal at John Marshall High School for nine years and has been the principal of Dr. Freddie Thomas High School for six years. Her proudest moment at FTTHS was when the school won the Panasonic National School Change Award for 2009, the result of a major transformation both culturally and instructionally. "There is no staff turnover at FTTHS," she says. "Our staff is dedicated and committed to working with all of our students."

**Mr. Anibal Soler, Jr.** is certified to teach Art (K-12) and is also an Educational Technology Specialist (K-12). This is his tenth year in the RCSD and his fourth year in administration. As a teacher, Mr. Soler served the district in the Art Department at Thomas Jefferson High School and on assignment at Central Office. He holds a B.S. in Art Education from Daemen College and an M.S. Ed. in Educational Technology from Nazareth College. He also holds an M.S. in Educational Administration from St. John Fisher College. He is currently pursuing an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Rochester. Mr. Soler became principal of East High School in May of 2009.

**Samuel Rodriguez, Ph.D.**, is certified to teach students with special needs, students who are blind/partially sighted and/or visually impaired, and students in bilingual programs, and is also certified as an administrator in New York State. Dr. Rodriguez taught for over 11 years in the Buffalo Public School District. He is a proud graduate of D'Youville College with a B.S. in Bilingual Special Education and Education for the Blind/Partially Sighted and/or Visually Impaired. He holds an M.S. in Bilingual Special Education from the State College at Buffalo (Buffalo State) and earned a Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo (University at Buffalo) in Special Education. Dr. Rodriguez is proud to have been principal of Global Media Arts High School at Franklin since September 2007.

**Mr. Ali Abdulmateen** is a graduate of the RCSD, having attended Benjamin Franklin High School. He graduated from Florida A&M University with a B.S. degree, after which he worked a manager with the United Way for six years and a counselor with the New York State Department for Youth for six years. He later taught secondary Social Studies. Mr. Abdulmateen obtained an M.S. Ed from Nazareth College and an M.S. Ed and administrative certifications from SUNY Brockport. Mr. Abdulmateen states, "I'm a former student of Franklin High School, a former SBPT parent and president of the Parent Group at Wilson. All my children are graduates of the RCSD. I'm fully committed to creating a learning experience for your child that is challenging, as well as supportive." He is proud to have been the principal of the International Finance and Economic Development Career High School at Franklin since 2003.

**Mr. Rick Smith** holds a teaching certification in PreK-6 Elementary Education. He taught second, third and fifth grades before becoming a Success for All Reading Coordinator. His first administrative appointment was as an Assistant Principal. He now brings eight years of experience to his current appointment at Marshall, where he has been principal since 2008. Mr. Smith earned his undergraduate degree from St. John Fisher College in Childhood Psychology/ Elementary Education, and returned to St. John Fisher College for his Master's degree in Educational Administration. Mr. Smith is proud to be known for his can-do attitude, passion, and innovation. He believes, "If it is good for the children, then we will make it happen."

**Mrs. Vicky Ramos** is a certified foreign language teacher and teacher of English to English Language Learners as well as a certified administrator in New York State. Mrs. Ramos taught for 14 years in the RCSD prior to becoming an administrator in 1995. She attended the University of Puerto Rico and is a proud graduate of Florida State University where she earned a B.A. in

Education. She earned an M.A. in Liberal Studies and her administrative degree from SUNY Brockport. Mrs. Ramos is proud to have been principal of Monroe High School since 2007.

**Ms. Connie Wehner** taught Physical Education for 14 years before becoming an athletic director for 4 years, and then an assistant principal. She also worked for four summers at the NYSP sports camp at Monroe Community College. Ms. Wehner attended SUNY Cortland and SUNY Brockport to obtain her Bachelor of Science degree, and returned to SUNY Brockport for her Master's degree in Education and an advanced certificate in Educational Administration. Ms. Wehner is proud to have been principal of Nathaniel Rochester Community School since 2002.

**Dr. Mary Aronson** is a former Social Studies teacher who taught 7th through 12th grade Social Studies and GED preparation for nine years. She holds a B.A. from SUNY Oswego and a Master's from Nazareth College and is certified as a New York State Administrator from SUNY Brockport. Dr. Aronson earned her doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Rochester. Prior to her appointment to the Northeast College Preparatory High School in September 2009, Dr. Aronson was a central administrator for the RCSD, a House Administrator at Edison Tech, an Assistant Principal at Penfield High School, and Principal of the Bioscience & Health Careers High School at Franklin.

**Ms. Toyia Wilson** is certified to teach Biology, Chemistry, and General Science and taught these sciences for 8 years at both East and Freddie Thomas High Schools. Ms. Wilson holds a bachelor's degree from St. John Fisher College, where she majored in Biology with a minor in Education. She then obtained an M.A. in Liberal Studies from SUNY Brockport and an M.S. in Educational Administration from St. John Fisher College. Ms. Wilson has been an administrator with the RCSD for seven years and is proud to have been the founding principal of Northwest College Prep, entering its fifth year in the 2010-11 school year.

**Ms. Brenda Pacheco** is certified to teach both Social Studies (grades 7-12) and Bilingual Education. She taught Social Studies and American History for eight years, serving as a teacher mentor for three of those years. Ms. Pacheco earned her B.A. in both Education and Spanish at SUNY Brockport, and returned to SUNY Brockport for her M.A. and her administrative certifications as a Certified Administrator/ Supervisor and School District Administrator. She brought ten years of administrative experience to her appointment to School of the Arts, as both a Central Office Director and as an Assistant Principal. Ms. Pacheco is proud to have been principal of School of the Arts since 2003.

**Mrs. Idonia Owens** earned her bachelor's degree in Music from the Boston Conservatory of Music, her master's degree from the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, and her school administrator certification from SUNY Brockport. Mrs. Owens taught Music, Theater Arts, Music, Art & Literature of the Harlem Renaissance, and African American Literature at School Without Walls for 15 years. She is currently a doctoral candidate at St. John Fisher College and is proud to have been principal of School Without Walls Foundation Academy since 2005.

**Ms. Mary Andrecolich-Diaz** is a graduate of the Rochester City School District, having attended Roberto Clemente School No. 8, Interim Junior High School (now Nathaniel Rochester Community School), and Benjamin Franklin High School. She taught Physical Education and Dance for 17 years before moving into administration. Ms. Andrecolich-Diaz obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from SUNY Brockport, and returned there for her M.A. in Education and her administrative certification. For 25 years, Ms. Andrecolich-Diaz directed the National Youth Sports Challenge at Monroe Community College, a summer sports and educational program for economically disadvantaged urban youth, earning her entry into the MCC Hall of Fame. Ms. Andrecolich-Diaz is proud to be both the mother of three children and the principal of Jefferson High School since 2004.

**Dr. Deasure A. Matthew** is certified as a social studies teacher, with a B.A. in Psychology and an M.S. in Education from the University of Rochester. She earned her administrative certification at SUNY Brockport and holds an Ed.D. in Executive Leadership from St. John Fisher College. She taught middle school Social Studies, Global Studies, Participation in Government and Economics in the RCSD for nine years and was also a teacher mentor. Dr. Matthew has been on the administrative team of Wilson Magnet High School for 12 years. She coordinated the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Wilson for three years. She is particularly honored to be the leader of the team that removed the school from New York State's list of schools under registration review in only one year. Dr. Matthew is proud to have been principal of Wilson Foundation Academy since 2007.

**Ms. Elizabeth Mascitti-Miller** began her career in education by earning her bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and serving as a Special Education teacher at the Mary Cariola Children's Center for five years. She then completed graduate work at SUNY Brockport and the University of Houston, earning an M.S. from Nazareth College. She has served as a school administrator in both Houston, Texas and here in Rochester. Ms. Mascitti-Miller is proud to have served as the principal of World of Inquiry School since 2001.

# Tips For Applying to High Schools

To avoid delay in the School Selection process, please avoid the following mistakes shown in the examples below:

**Please do not use checkmarks. You must number your selections, 1-5 in the order of your preference.**

**Selecting Your School:**  
Rank these schools in order of your preference, from 1 to 5, with "1" being your first choice. You must rank five schools for your application to be processed.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bioscience & Health Careers High School at Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/> Monroe High School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charlotte High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Northeast College Preparatory High School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Freddie Thomas High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Northwest College Preparatory High School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> East High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Jefferson High School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global Media Arts High School at Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson Magnet High School
<input type="checkbox"/> International Finance Career High School at Franklin	
<input type="checkbox"/> John Marshall High School	

**Do not make only four selections. Make sure to include a FIFTH choice.**

**Selecting Your School:**  
Rank these schools in order of your preference, from 1 to 5, with "1" being your first choice. You must rank five schools for your application to be processed.

<u>1</u> Bioscience & Health Careers High School at Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/> Monroe High School
<u>2</u> Charlotte High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Northeast College Preparatory High School
<u>3</u> Dr. Freddie Thomas High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Northwest College Preparatory High School
<u>4</u> East High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Jefferson High School
<input type="checkbox"/> Global Media Arts High School at Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson Magnet High School
<input type="checkbox"/> International Finance Career High School at Franklin	
<input type="checkbox"/> John Marshall High School	

**Do not write in the name of a school that is not offered in the list. Make your selection from the 12 schools listed in the box.**

**Selecting Your School:**  
Rank these schools in order of your preference, from 1 to 5, with "1" being your first choice. You must rank five schools for your application to be processed.

<u>1</u> <i>John Doe High School</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Monroe High School
<input type="checkbox"/> Bioscience & Health Careers High School at Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/> Northeast College Preparatory High School
<input type="checkbox"/> Charlotte High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Northwest College Preparatory High School
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Freddie Thomas High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Jefferson High School
<input type="checkbox"/> East High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson Magnet High School
<input type="checkbox"/> Global Media Arts High School at Franklin	
<input type="checkbox"/> International Finance Career High School at Franklin	
<input type="checkbox"/> John Marshall High School	



## Application Guidelines

- Please print clearly and complete all required sections.
- Return the completed application to your current 6th grade teacher by **January 29, 2010**.
- If your application is incomplete or if you do not return an application, your child will be placed by the District in a school where space is available after the school selection process has ended.
- To apply to School of the Arts, School Without Walls, World of Inquiry, or the Language Academy at Monroe, you must complete both this application and the separate application(s) mailed with this booklet. If you do not, your application to School of the Arts, School Without Walls, World of Inquiry, or the Language Academy at Monroe *will not be processed*. School of the Arts applications are mailed directly to SOTA. The other applications are returned to the 6th grade teachers.

### ***Are you the parent of a Private/Parochial/Charter School Student?***

You must enclose a copy of your child's most recent report card with your application.

### ***Do you have more than one child applying for secondary school this year?***

Please complete the area in the Sibling Request box. If you want your children to be placed at the same school, you must rank your choices the same on both applications.

### ***Do you already have an older child in secondary school and want your younger child to go to the same school?***

Please complete the area in the Sibling Request box. Please mark number 1 next to the school your older child attends when ranking your choices.

### ***Does your child receive additional services, such as Special Education, Bilingual Education, or LEAP services?***

Please complete this application. We will contact you if we cannot honor your request due to unavailability.



***Please complete the application on the next page  
and return it to your current sixth-grade teacher by  
January 29, 2010.***





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