

Sustaining Excellence...



A Guide to Roxboro Community School



Accolades

Named A+ NG School by North Carolina Department of Public Instruction 2015, and exceeded growth, 2017

School of Excellence 2011-2012

Class of 2016 Morehead Cain Scholar

Acceptances at Duke, Columbia, US Naval Academy

Volleyball team runner-up in 2017 state tournament

National Beta Club School of Merit

Faculty received Bright Ideas Grants 2016, 2017

Three Person County Education Foundation Grants 2017

The History of Roxboro Community School

Starting a school from scratch was no easy task. Plans for constructing a public charter school began in 2005, in a Board member's basement. The founding Board members laid the groundwork for a true community school, where parent involvement would be key, students would perform community service as a requirement for graduation, and the faculty and staff would provide a small, nurturing environment for students.

The founders felt so strongly about offering an alternative to traditional public schools that they were willing to put their financial futures on the line and guarantee a loan to renovate the historic Roxboro Cotton Mill, (circa 1899) which was placed on the National Register of Historic Buildings in 2009.



Our Building

RCS is located in a historic former cotton mill building, built in 1899. Space was added in the 1960s. When it became a charter school in 2006, the old mill was completely renovated – in five stages over 10 years. This work resulted in beautiful classrooms; a library that serves as a timeline of historic events; two dining halls; and guidance and office spaces. The final phase of construction in 2015 resulted in additional space to support students' passions and interests in art, theatre, film, dance, physical fitness and sports. The building is well-equipped to prepare RCS graduates to be competitive for scholarships and admissions into top colleges. The auditorium and multipurpose rooms also allow the community additional space for cultural events, athletic competitions, and tournaments. These events promote tourism and economic development by bringing visitors to the county. The Board of Directors today is carrying on the initial vision of a true community school, and continues to model goal-setting, and actions that are demanded of RCS students. The building, now a beacon of the future, is listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings.



Our Academics

Students at RCS register for six courses each year. We operate on a traditional six period day. The students may choose two electives, including a two-year sequence in foreign languages, as well as fine arts and technology.

Students may also elect to take two courses in a core area, with approval. Course types are College Preparatory, Honors, or Advanced Placement.

Advanced Placement courses are designed to give students the opportunity to pursue college-level studies while still in high school and to receive course credit and placement upon entering a university.

An Advanced Placement course is challenging, stimulating and, compared to other high school courses, takes more time and requires more homework. It also goes into greater depth and gives greater opportunity for individual progress and accomplishment. Students in AP courses are required to take the AP exam at the end of the school year.

Roxboro Community School's Virtual School allows students to access courses not offered on campus. Students must have administrative approval to take a NCVPS course.

NCVPS provides high quality online courses and instruction that allow local public schools to enhance and expand the academic programs they can provide their students.

RCS Communications, Technology Departments

Roxboro Community School's technology and communications are unique in that students play a huge role in the operations of both. Classes in journalism and mass communication keep parents, students, faculty and the community abreast of school news and events. The classes produce middle and high school yearbooks, morning announcements, a school newspaper, daily communications to parents, and promotional material. The technology team keeps student and faculty computers working, and makes sure the network and wifi are in good working order.



The background of the page features a large, light gray watermark of the Roxboro Community School logo. The logo is a shield-shaped crest. At the top, a banner reads "EST 2006". The shield is divided into four quadrants by a red cross. The top-left quadrant is red, the top-right is gray, the bottom-left is red, and the bottom-right is gray. In the center of the shield is a white silhouette of a bulldog's head facing left. Below the shield, a curved banner contains the text "Roxboro Community School" in a serif font.

Bulldogs Care Days

Roxboro Community School includes four community service days in its schedule each year. This initiative allows students and teachers to design and implement programs that will benefit the Person County community, and gives RCS students an opportunity to join together service and learning.

Each of the four days is focused on a certain theme: health, literacy, environment and hunger. High school Principal Darkarai Bryant said, "Our students are gaining valuable insight into the value of giving back to their community through this series of service learning projects. The response from the community in favor of our Bulldogs Care program has been positive. I am proud of our kids and our staff for their efforts in making this a great initiative."

Advanced Placement Academy

With the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year, Roxboro Community School welcomed the fourth cohort of Advanced Placement Academy students. The AP Academy is open to rising ninth grade students currently enrolled at RCS, including new students accepted through the open enrollment process. The AP Academy combines rigorous advanced placement courses, foreign language instruction, opportunities to study abroad, and community service.



Athletics

Roxboro Community School Bulldogs are competitive in basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, golf, cross country, tennis, and volleyball. Both the volleyball and girls' basketball teams have gone to state championship playoffs for the past couple of years. Both were conference champions in 2017-2018.





Arts

RCS offers a vibrant arts program, including classes in visual arts, technical theater, drama, band, jazz band, dance, creative writing, drafting, and communications. Extracurricular arts activities include Glee Club, Junior Journalism Club, Art Club, and Cooking Club.

Our Staff

Teachers and support staff make RCS the special place it is, and they are much appreciated. In February 2018, ten RCS teachers were recognized for excellence in teaching based on 2017 test scores. Administrators presented certificates to high school teachers Ashley Bailey, (biology)

Chari Denny (math I) and Stacey Whitlow (English II) for exceeding growth. Jason Bell, Kristin Davis, Russell Fryczynski, Christy King, and Kathy Oakley were recognized for Excellence in Advanced Placement teaching. High school math teacher Jennifer Overmann and middle school math teacher Heather Lewis received certificates for excellence in EVAAS (Education Value-Added Assessment System) scores. Managing Executive Director Dave Ebert said, "I am so proud of these teachers for their dedication and outstanding work with the students here at RCS."



Core Values

Roxboro Community School is committed to a culture of respect which includes fair treatment, honesty, openness, and integrity.

Roxboro Community School will maintain high expectations for all students and believe that all students can learn at high levels.

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