



Everybody learns

Everybody counts



## About us

The Schenectady City School District serves nearly 10,000 students in grades Pre-K through 12, making us one of the largest school districts in the Capital Region.

The district has an incredibly diverse population of students who speak more than 30 different languages.

Our schools, filled with culture and richness, foster awareness and tolerance. Students not only learn to value and respect people of all races, backgrounds, and cultures, they appreciate the differences and are prepared to be citizens in a multicultural world.

Our district is committed to ensuring equity and that race, economics, and disability are not predictors of student achievement.

**Everybody counts. Everybody learns.**

**10,000** STUDENTS

**>30** LANGUAGES

## Our schools

The district is comprised of 11 elementary schools, three middle schools, one high school and an adult education center. Our district implemented a redistricting initiative in 2016–17 and re-structured to a Pre-K–grade 5 elementary, 6–8 middle and 9–12 high school grade level model. The neighborhood school that a student attends is based on residence. Each elementary school feeds directly to a middle school. As such, when families move into the district, they know where their child will attend school from elementary through high school.



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If you have any questions, concerns, would like to learn more about our schools or take a tour, please give us a call.

Let us answer  
your questions

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Graduates continue their educations at some of the most prestigious colleges and universities. Schenectady High School graduates currently attend more than 100 colleges and universities throughout the world.

**96%**

THE GRADUATION RATE OF STUDENTS WHO REMAIN IN THE DISTRICT FROM ELEMENTARY THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL IS

Students who remain in the SCSD are successful

## The path to graduation

In Schenectady, we intend for every student's path to graduation to include excellent teachers, principals, and other caring adults at all levels of education who can help them meet academic expectations, plan for their future, and feel connected to their schools. We will provide a variety of options that allow them to succeed within programs designed to spark their interest and keep them engaged. We will identify and support struggling students and make sure that everyone has an opportunity to navigate a path to graduation and beyond.



### Fourth Grade

By fourth grade, students develop an understanding of multi-digit multiplication and division as well as adding, subtracting, and comparing fractions. In ELA, they compare and contrast similar themes, topics, and patterns in stories from different cultures and integrate information from two texts on the same topic so that they can write and speak about the subject.



### Twelfth Grade

Upon graduation, students will have had the opportunity to study advanced topics in algebra, geometry, and pre-calculus. They will also study 18th, 19th, and 20th century foundational works of American literature for how they treat similar topics or themes and 18th, 19th, and 20th century foundational US historical documents for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.

### PRE-K

#### Kindergarten

In Kindergarten, our students are representing and comparing whole numbers, developing their skills with addition and subtraction, and identifying and classifying shapes. In English Language Arts, they compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in stories and identify similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic.



#### Eighth Grade

By the end of eighth grade, students will be able to use linear equations and systems of linear equations to analyze and solve a variety of problems. In ELA, they will analyze how modern works of fiction draw on themes, patterns of events, or character types and analyze how two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic.



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Schenectady City Schools will be a continually improving school district dedicated to excellence in teaching and learning, equity, engagement, and efficiency.

# VISION



## About Schenectady

Schenectady has a population of about 66,000 people. Once known as *the City that Lights and Hauls the World*, Schenectady today is poised for a new generation of growth and opportunity. Since 2004, Schenectady has undergone a renaissance. An expanded Proctors Theatre now hosts large scale Broadway shows in the heart of a reinvigorated downtown. The city has welcomed a new hotel, movie theater, restaurants, high technology companies, a YMCA, cafes and loft housing. GE has added over 1,000 jobs and major technology companies have expanded in Schenectady. The city is part of a metropolitan area with improving economic health, and a number of buildings have been renovated for new uses.

## History of the district

The Schenectady City School district was established in 1854, making it one of the oldest public school systems in the nation. Initially, the district was comprised of one school that housed 1,100 students. It was located on what is currently the campus of Union College. For more than 160 years, the district has offered excellent educational opportunities and extracurricular activities to its students.

**>160** YEARS AS A DISTRICT

## National Board Certification

SCSD has more National Board Certified Teachers than any other district in the state, with the exception of New York City.

National Board Certification is considered the gold standard in education. NBC has set rigorous standards for teachers and a national certification system that recognizes, rewards and helps retain highly qualified teachers.



## Extensive course choices and electives

Schenectady High School offers hundreds of courses, electives, and curriculum options designed to meet the needs and demands of a diverse student population. With a focus on preparing students to be ready for college and careers, Schenectady High School provides a rigorous academic program that includes plenty of support to help ensure each student's individual success. The curriculum emphasizes English Language Arts and math skills as students work toward graduation. Faculty at SHS encourage students to set their own learning targets so they can persevere on their own paths to graduation.

### International Baccalaureate Program

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Program is a rigorous pre-university course of study. The aim of the IB program is to develop internationally minded people who help to create a better world as reflective, balanced, knowledgeable learners.

### Earn college credit

Schenectady High School offers more than 30 University in the High School (UHS) courses, conducted under the auspices of Schenectady County Community College and SUNY Albany.

**>30** UNIVERSITY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL (UHS) COURSES

## Fine Arts Program

Schenectady has an award-winning fine arts program.

All students in grades Pre-K through 6 participate in instructional art and music classes taught by certified teachers. The district values the fine arts as part of the core academic program and has earned state and national recognition for its accomplishments.

**The Sayles School of Fine Arts** offers courses in art, music, theatre, and dance. It is a 42,000 square foot wing at Schenectady High School. It includes a black box theatre, dance studio, video production studio, media arts lab, piano lab, music studio, art studios, and the Miriam Butzel Gallery, which features student exhibits throughout the year.

**42,000** ft<sup>2</sup>



## Athletics

The Schenectady Patriots compete as a Class AA school in Section II of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. The SCSD believes that participation in athletics contributes to a well-rounded education, supports students' classroom success, and gives them skills and experiences that help them succeed in school and beyond.

## Student clubs

Schenectady High School offers a variety of clubs that give students opportunities to make new friends, explore new interests and get involved in service activities that benefit our community. There are more than 50 clubs to choose from, focusing on a range of subjects from anime to yoga.