Our Community

The East Irondequoit Central School District serves a community of approximately 30,000 residents in the eastern portion of the Town of Irondequoit, north of the City of Rochester.

Irondequoit is a waterfront town with mature, tree-lined neighborhoods set against a backdrop of natural scenic beauty, with wooded hills and valleys, acres of parkland and miles of water views.

The town is bordered on the east side by Irondequoit Bay, on the north by Lake Ontario and Durand-Eastman Park and on the west by the Genesee River. Seneca Park can be found on the west side of the town, which contains the Seneca Park Zoo. The Genesee River Harbor and Charlotte Beach, on the west side of the harbor, offer waterfront parks and restaurants for visitors.

Due to Irondequoit's unique geographical setting and interesting history, the town includes many beautiful residential neighborhoods featuring homes which encompass many architectural styles from many different eras.

No matter what residents or visitors would like to do in their free time, chances are they will be able to take advantage of the many resources available to them in Irondequoit. From walks or bike rides along the town's miles of trails, to golf, to water sports of all kinds, the possibilities are virtually limitless.

Irondequoit offers a full spectrum of professional services, shopping, and cultural offerings. The town is minutes away from downtown Rochester, with easy access to expressways, county highways and the NYS Thruway.

Area cultural offerings include:

- George Eastman House and Eastman Theatre
- Strong Museum and the Memorial Art Gallery
- Strasenburgh Planetarium
- Rochester Museum and Science Center
- Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra

The area is also home to many institutions of higher learning, including the University of Rochester, The Eastman School of Music, Rochester Institute of Technology, St. John Fisher College, Nazareth College, S.U.N.Y. Brockport, S.U.N.Y. Geneseo and Monroe Community College.

Generational Project

Completion of the Generational Project in 2012 means that the facilities in East Irondequoit schools will be among the best in Monroe County. The project, which was approved by district voters in 2008, impacted all six EICSD schools and accomplished a number of objectives including increasing instructional space, enhancing security, reducing costs by improving efficiency and providing state of the art athletic venues.

The project also included the implementation of a district operated bus fleet. By running its own buses instead of contracting with an outside company the district has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars. East Irondequoit has also begun providing busing to other school districts for various purposes including field trips and extracurricular activities. This has resulted in an outside revenue source for the district.

The project was completed with no impact on the local tax rate.

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East Irondequoit

Central School District

BUILDING A FUTURE...

ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

Eastridge High School
is a top high school in America
as selected by the Washington Post.

Eastridge been recognized as a School of Opportunity.

EICSD has been accepted into the
League of Innovative Schools.

Eastridge High School has been
recognized by Newsweek
through their
"Beating the Odds" Award.

Our Schools – *East Irondequoit serves more than 3,000 students in our six schools. Visit our website: www.eastiron.org for more information about our schools.*

Eastridge High School/ Ninth Grade Academy Grades 9-12

East Irondequoit Middle School Grades 6-8

Laurelton-Pardee Intermediate School Grades 3-5

Durand-Eastman Intermediate School Grades 3-5

Ivan Green Primary School Grades K-2

Helendale Road Primary School Grades K-2

- Eastridge High School offers a full range of academic and career-oriented courses, including the rigorous International Baccalaureate Programme and the Ninth Grade Academy, a 'school within a school,' based in its own wing. The academy provides special attention and support for ninth graders.
- East Irondequoit Middle School, opened in 2003, was built to respond to enrollment growth and to address the instructional, social and emotional needs of middle level students.
- Durand-Eastman and Ivan Green schools serve students in the northern portion of the school district.
- Laurelton-Pardee and Helendale Road schools serve students in the southern area of the school district.
- The district also sponsors a preschool for 4-year olds with and without special needs, as a joint project with Monroe No. 1 BOCES.

Our Programs and Record of Progress

East Irondequoit provides a broad range of challenging, rigorous programs, to help students achieve at the highest levels, and to provide opportunities that will enable all students to develop their talents and pursue individual interests.

Our goal is to prepare students to succeed throughout their school years and after graduation, not only academically but by being model citizens as well.

Education in East Irondequoit Today

Education in East Irondequoit is a continuum that builds from pre-kindergarten programs to college level learning. Our goal is to help students establish a firm foundation of knowledge and skills in early years and to provide increasingly challenging courses as they move into our intermediate, middle and high schools.

To help our younger students, preschool to grade 5:

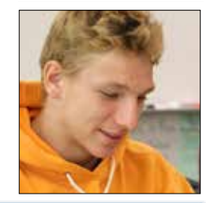
- ***Durand-Eastman and Laurelton-Pardee Intermediate Schools are now official world schools with the International Baccalaureate Organization, and are continuing the implementation of their Primary Years Programme,*** to increase the rigor of instruction in grades 3-5 and help prepare students for high school IB courses. The program includes foreign language.
- ***Helendale Road and Ivan Green Primary Schools are official world schools for the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program.*** The IB-PYP is a school-wide program that is similar to the PYP Program at our intermediate schools, and promotes a love of learning through developing all aspects of a child. The IB PYP is designed for students 3-12 years of age.
- ***We increased participation in preschool programs and reduced class sizes*** in first grade and in second grade through new state aid and federal Title I funds.
- ***A full-day kindergarten program***, begun in 2008-09 at the recommendation of a community study committee, helps our youngest students strengthen their skills.
- ***Elementary teachers use a technique called 'Writers' Workshop'*** to help build students' fluency in writing through continuous repeated exposure to the writing process. Used daily, the Writers' Workshop focuses on specific writing strategies and provides time for independent writing, to help students become confident and effective writers.
- ***Teachers use 'Primary and Intermediate Units of Study,' research-based lessons*** that provide structured teaching techniques for the many different forms of writing that students encounter, link reading and writing instruction and offer guidelines for classroom learning environments.

Secondary level advanced learning opportunities:

We have provided new programs and challenges for students at the middle and high school level. We have high student interest in these more demanding offerings:

- ***The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, in its eighth year at Eastridge, is a rigorous, comprehensive, two-year pre-university course of studies for highly-motivated students.***

  Interest in the IB programme is high, both for students enrolled full-time in the IB Diploma Programme and among students who choose to take IB courses in their individual areas of interest.

  Graduates of the IB Program have gone on to attend prestigious schools that include Princeton, Georgetown, Cornell, Brown, Northeastern and New York University.

  The number of students who enrolled in the IB Programme rose from 170 in 2010-11 to 245 in 2015-16.
- ***Eastridge offers a full range of Advanced Placement (AP) courses*** that expose students to college-level learning. In the 2015-16 school year, 258 students were enrolled in AP level classes.
- ***Project Lead the Way, a college level pre-engineering program offered at Eastridge,*** has drawn 196 student registrations in 2015-16. Students can earn up to 15 college credits.
- ***Eastridge offers a wide range of Monroe Community College dual credit courses*** that allow students to earn college credit in their high school classrooms.
- ***East Irondequoit Middle School offers 'Gateway to Technology'*** to complement offerings at Eastridge, including Project Lead the Way.
- ***Eighth graders have the option to take high school courses*** that include Living Environment, Earth Science, Algebra, and Studio in Art, at the middle school.
- ***The Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program*** is offered at grades six through eleven, preparing students to tackle rigorous coursework. A special AVID class teaches students organizational, study and critical thinking skills to prepare them for success in post-secondary education. The middle school is the only AVID demonstration school in New York State. The middle school has been formally recognized as an AVID schoolwide Site of Distinction.
- ***Alternative education programs*** at Eastridge have been expanded to provide a more flexible schedule and other opportunities to help ninth and tenth grade students, who may not be successful in the traditional classroom setting, improve their achievement.
- ***Peer-led transition programs at the Middle School and Eastridge*** are in place to help students in grades 6 and 9 adjust more smoothly to their new schools.
- ***State-of-the-art, computer-based instructional technology*** is used in our classrooms, computer labs and libraries as a tool and a resource for teachers and students.
- ***More than 170 students participate in the Eastridge Performing Arts Program,*** which offers students professional level experiences in drama, voice, dance and other disciplines. The middle school offers a Rochester Broadway Theatre League elective for eighth graders.
- Musical programs include the Lancer Marching Band, select, jazz and symphonic bands; elementary concert bands; musicals and chorus and vocal opportunities, including 'show choir,' which combines dance and voice. Music instruction begins in kindergarten. EICSD has been recognized as a "Best Community for Music Education" in 2015.
- We offer students a rich program of extracurricular activities, which begin in the elementary years and range from academics to athletics to drama and music.
- Physical education and after school interscholastic sports programs begin at the modified level in the middle school to help students develop lifelong habits of fitness and an appreciation for recreational and interscholastic sports.
- The graduation rate at Eastridge High School has been 90% or above for the past eight years. In the 2014-15 school year, the graduation rate was 94%, and 178 students went on to college.