

The EDUCATION TO INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION

OUR ROADMAP TO BECOMING THE WORLD'S BEST

Rock Ridge Vision

- *An educational environment designed to inspire passion and joy for everyone
- *Collaborative educational experiences with immediate real-world applications
- *Meaningful integration of community professionals into the daily education of students
- *Adaptable learning spaces that will continually meet the needs of an ever-changing world



MISSION:

THOUGHTS? "Our mission is to create an engaging and adaptable learning environment where students develop a passion for learning through collaboration, real-world applications, and meaningful connections with community professionals. By fostering innovation and adaptability, we prepare students to thrive in an ever-changing world."

Vision= The destination "Where you are going."

Mission= The journey "How you're getting there."

This document is a living document that will be updated as new learning and ideas become available.
 All elements interconnect and it should not be assumed that the first domain is more valuable than another.
 To best understand each element, read from left (exploring) to right (extending) to gain understanding of indicators of best practices

Community Education

Initial Rollout Fall 2023

To Improve the overall quality of the programs offered by the Rock Ridge Community Education department by extending the range and number of programs offered.

1. To establish a self-sustaining, high quality before and after School Aged Child Care program at each elementary school site in the School District.
2. To provide positive enrichment activities to promote life skills and to supplement academic achievement of the Rock Ridge students.
3. To enhance relationships and increase community involvement and build on the resources available to families in the Rock Ridge School District.
4. To explore the possibility of running a daycare in the district

Philosophy:

Rock Ridge is committed to serving the community by providing sustainable enrichment activities.

Rock Ridge is committed to enhancing the quality of life and educational opportunities on the Iron Range through programing and enrichment activities.

Rock Ridge is committed to providing programs based on engagement, enrichment, community, family, choice, voice, collaboration and communication.

Resources:

- <https://mn-mcea.org/>
- <https://rrps.org/community/community-education-sports/>
- <https://rrps.org/community/community-education/>

EXPLORING	EMERGING	SUSTAINING	EXTENDING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explore/study how we can build a sustainable School Age Child Care program. ● Studying how we can provide classes/activities to meet student and adult needs. ● Investigate the design of a new flier/booklet/pamphlet and ways to generate advertising revenue. ● Investigate interest for school-run day care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coordinator is hired to run school age child care and planning continues and planning continues. School age child care is operational at Laurentian, Parkview, and North Star. ● The range and number of classes/activities offered is growing to meet student and adult needs. ● Implementing the design of a new flier/booklet/pamphlet and are generating advertising revenue ● Investigate cost, facilities, staffing, location, for school-run day care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The school district is effectively running school age child care at Laurentian Elementary and Parkview Elementary and North Star Elementary. ● The range and number of classes/activities offered is sufficient to meet student and adult needs. ● The design of a new flier/booklet/pamphlet exists and we are generating significant advertising revenue. ● Report to school board on feasibility of school-run day care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The school district is a model for running school age child care in the State of Minnesota. ● The range and number of classes/activities offered is a model in the State of Minnesota.. ● The design of a new flier/booklet/pamphlet wins awards and the generation of advertising revenue is a model for the State of Minnesota. ● School board makes decision on feasibility of school-run day care

Lagging indicators

The number of students and adults in the classes/activities and the number of classes/activities offered. 78 classes 534 participants starting as of 5-1-23-present, Cooking classes -24, painting-15, Seminars-56, Trip-4, (Youth Sports) 12 levels 4 Sports 338 participants Starting June 1 2023-Present, Currently offering registration for 19 Adult classes and 7 youth continuing education classes.

Currently 41 youth Arts/crafts/steam classes scheduled, 2 Adult sports seasons scheduled.

As of Feb.11 2025 Youth Craft/enrichment classes 63, Adult Sports 2 leagues 14 teams, Aquatics 154 (big spring numbers coming) Youth Sports 512 participants (summer numbers not included) Ninja Program 68 to date, Adult Enrichment 240. To date we have offered 63 Enrichment/Craft classes, 31 youth sports opportunities, 39 aquatics classes and programs, and 2 adult sports leagues. This year alone we have offered 135 classes/programs and served over 1100 participants to date. These numbers do not include the holiday craft fair that was at the NS in November

Current flier/booklet/pamphlet exists and advertising dollars are counted. We have a current flier Fall 2023, working on a booklet for spring/summer. Have not started advertising.

First course catalog was published, distributed and advertising in the amount of 2450.00 was sold.

Number of children attending school age child care at Laurentian, Parkview, and North Star. Registration closed for Parkview/North Star because we are at max capacity,

We currently have 58 kids registered and about 30-43 kids averaging daily. Before school Care has 10 kids registered.

Laurentian has 31 kids registered and about 20-25 kids average daily. 10 kids registered for before care as well.

Before and after school care is being offered for all 3 elementary school buildings. We are servicing on average 60 kids per day between the 3 locations, over 900 students to date.

Feasibility report for school-run day care is complete. Not yet explored. After initial exploration we do not have the space for a day care service, between that and the licensing and regulations associated with that type of program, and our current need to balance our preschool program, it would not be prudent to start a day care facility at this time. Recommend this indicator not move forward, right now.

Leading Indicators

Students/families are eager to continue and are effectively utilizing school age child care offered by the district. Parkview is at capacity and has a waiting list. The other has good numbers higher than previous year. School age child care is operating at near capacity Currently we have 60 total kids and can probably operate effectively up to 70 total kids.. North Star has the lowest numbers due to the age of the students at that school, in the past those students have gone to Parkview. Hosting the smaller program at North Star has allowed us to service more families at Parkview where the need is greater.

Class/activity evaluations are positive and students/parents are eager to continue participation. We are currently developing class evaluations hopefully by this winter's classes. Class evaluations have been developed and are distributed to participants after class completion. Initial responses to all classes have been favorable! Average score was 4.5 out of a 1-5 point scale

New flier/booklet/pamphlet is created on-schedule and released on-time for students and parents to sign up. Fall flier was distributed on time and is still being distributed, utilizing the monthly newsletter and facebook events. 2025

Spring/Summer catalog has been a great success! It was distributed district wide the first week of February. Development of the 25-26 Fall/Winter catalog has begun as well with a projected distribution date of September 2025

Social Media for community education will in Facebook and be effective and easy to use for community members. Facebook site is generating activity. Example: We put event on Facebook and had three registrations within three days.

The flier/booklet/pamphlet is compared to other districts' and the best ideas are taken for our use. We are actively working on and comparing other district's brochures such as Dultuh, Hibbing, Bemidji, Brainerd. The newly developed catalog is aesthetically pleasing and user friendly. It is as nice or nicer than the other district's catalogs, based on side by side comparisons.

Local businesses are eager to advertise in the flier/booklet/pamphlet. We have not started asking for advertising, we are trying to work with our DECA group and business classes. Initial advertising was about half of what we had wanted (goal was \$5,000 and we achieved \$2400 in our first year) but since the catalog has been published there has been an increase in interest from local businesses.

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