



# **Program Evaluation Co-Curricular & Advanced Studies**

for our students

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**Curriculum and Instruction**

# Co-Curricular Fine Arts Highlights

1. RQS excellent staff has helped the K-12 music program achieve the “Best Communities in Music Education” designation by the National Association of Music Merchants for two consecutive years.
2. Multiple Blue Star and Cappies nominations for RHS, including a Blue Star nomination for Outstanding Overall Production for the 2019 production of *Big River*.
3. Multiple students qualified for state and national speech & debate tournaments, including a State Champion from South High in 2022, and a National Champion from Raytown High in 2020.
4. Art students at RHS have hosted Jay-Fest each Spring, an art festival that showcases their work from the school year.
5. Secondary jazz bands have thriving programs. All district jazz band ensembles receive high ratings at their festivals and the season culminates with a “Night of Jazz” concert, featuring all secondary jazz ensembles.
6. Elementary all district choir continues to grow. This year we have 80 students involved.

# Library Media Services Highlights

1. District media specialists take pride in servicing each and every Raytown student in regards to information and skills to process their world through information literacy.
2. Media specialists work with every student, giving them the power to navigate their unique world, by curating resources which reflect diverse perspectives and connections to the world.
3. When students empowered to learn and discover, using the proper skills, they develop ways to filter all of their learning through a positive and capable lens, enhancing their overall achievement.

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# Challenge (K-6th Gifted Education)

1. 4th and 5th grade Challenge students participated in the *Battle of the Brains* competition sponsored by Burns & McDonnell and Science City. Awarded 1st Place and \$50,000 out of 6,400 K-12 students from 240 schools in 50 school districts
2. Switched from the CogAT (Cognitive Ability Test) to the NNAT (Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test) in 2021-2022 and identified 25% more students than with the original screener.
3. Created the [RQS Gifted Equity Plan](#) and implementing many of the recommendations listed in the following DESE document: [Identifying and Serving Traditionally Underrepresented Gifted Students](#)
4. Continue to review our screening and identification process to see ways of identifying more students from underserved populations including students of color and students living in poverty.
5. Review and assess the effectiveness of our middle school Challenge program to ensure we are maximizing and providing enriched learning opportunities for our middle school gifted students.

# Advanced Studies Highlights

1. RQS provides advanced course offerings beginning in middle school.
  - a. 2 middle school courses can receive high school credit during the summer: World Geography and Communications.
  - b. 4 other courses students may take their eighth grade year for high school credit: Spanish 1, English 1, Algebra 1 and Physical Science.
2. RQS has several courses in which students may receive college credit while taking the course in high school.
  - a. 30 high school courses that can be taken for dual credit (RHS and RSHS)
  - b. 6 courses within the Southland Caps (Herndon Career Center)
  - c. 30 Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses through Herndon Career Center and Summit Technology Academy.
3. Students graduating with Industry Recognized Credentials, Dual Credit, or Articulated Credit from Herndon Career Center has more than doubled in the last three years.