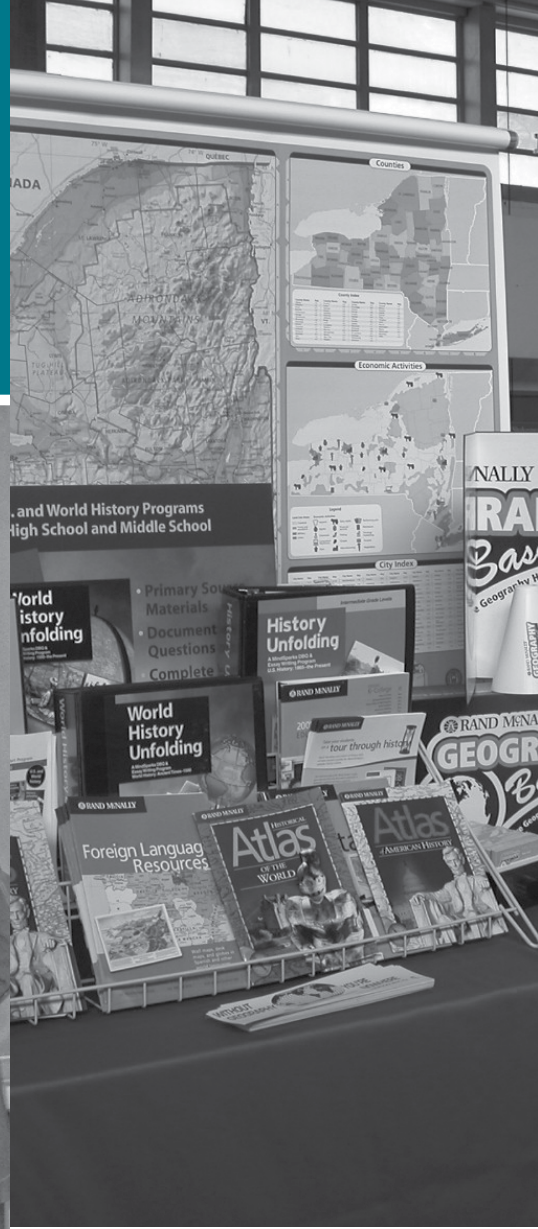
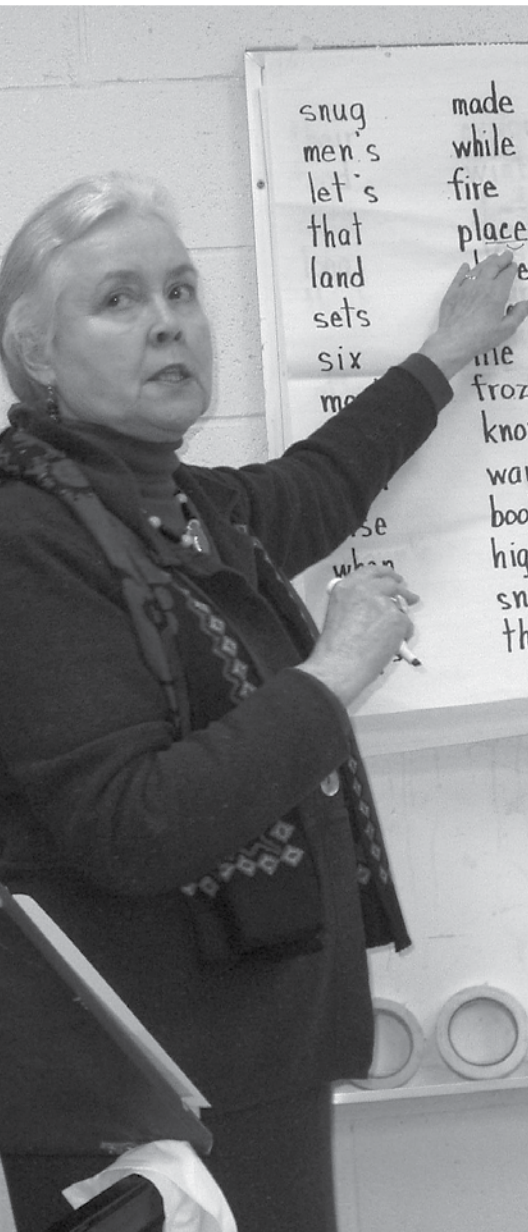




EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Non-Public School Services



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Overview

East Ramapo stands at the forefront in providing innovative and effective educational programs and services to our non-public school students, administrators, teachers and parents.

We work collaboratively with our non-public administrators and local Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to first identify and then provide needed services. East Ramapo is strongly engaged in helping to determine, plan, fund, implement, and monitor programs and services in partnership with our non-public schools.

As our non-public population grows, there is a natural expansion of existing services. Often there are new needs that arise. Through the process of effective communication and a warm and mutually respectful relationship, the East Ramapo Central School District is able to successfully and responsibly expand its realm of services to our non-public schools.



EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Important Phone Numbers

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| Superintendent's Office | 577-6011 |
| Office of Funded Programs/Non-public Support | 577-6031 |
| Office of Special Student Services | 577-6040 |
| Transportation | 577-6490 |
| Building Permits | 577-6030 |
| Registration | 577-6065 |

Federal and State Programs

The East Ramapo Central School District seeks to enhance educational support for students in our public and non-public schools by actively pursuing supplemental educational funding.

Each non-public school benefits from services aligned with specific program goals based on individual funding allocations.

Title I, Part A – provides for supplemental remedial education of at-risk or failing students in core subject areas. Schools may hire supplemental remedial staff, purchase supplies and equipment, run parenting programs, conduct staff training programs, participate in a variety of BOCES services, and other programs and activities associated with improving student achievement.

Title II, Part A – provides for professional development.

Non-public school teachers attend workshops, seminars and educational conferences related to their field of instruction. The non-public schools also hire experts to role model and observe classroom technique and provide essential feedback.

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Title II, Part D – provides for the enhancement of instructional technology in the schools. Our non-public schools utilize this program to integrate technology into the curriculum in order to improve student achievement. Non-public schools purchase computers, software, multi-media equipment, and provide appropriate training to their staff to foster greater academic progress.

Title III, Part A – provides for English as a Second Language (ESL) programs.

These are programs to support students identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP) in our non-public schools. They supplement existing resources including staff, instructional materials, and professional development.

Title IV – provides for programs that promote Safe and Drug Free Schools.

Our non-public schools use their allocations to operate any one of the numerous approved research-based programs, or for hiring qualified personnel to provide on-site counseling services to their students.

Title V- Innovative Programs –

This is the most flexible of the Title Programs, allowing for creativity of educational strategies.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program –

The East Ramapo Central School District has allocated 100 percent of our UPK resources to operate Universal Pre-Kindergarten programs in non-public schools and other non-profit Pre-K programs in the community.

Student Support Services

The East Ramapo Central School District is involved in the development, implementation and monitoring of an array of educational programs for non-public school students.

The district has established several joint committees with the non-public schools to discuss needs and concerns. Committees include the Textbook Committee, Technology/Software Committee, Title I Educational Committee, the Special Education Sub-Committee, and the Professional Development Committee.



Speech/Language Therapy –

East Ramapo Speech/Language pathologists who work in non-public schools are responsible for direct and indirect service to students with a speech, language, voice, or fluency impairment. In addition they participate on the multidisciplinary team, advise parents, and collaborate with teachers.

After School Program –

The East Ramapo Central School District offers our non-public school students in grades 1-6, who are residents of the District, an after school academic program that is culturally sensitive. The program operates four days a week and includes remedial reading and mathematics. There is no fee to attend this program.

Counseling –

The district offers individual counseling services to students in their non-public schools. This no-fee service is provided by culturally sensitive and attuned psychologists and social workers.

Nursing Services –

East Ramapo nurses support children in the non-public schools in a variety of ways. They complete mandated screenings such as height, weight, vision, hearing and scoliosis. The nurses review health records regarding immunizations. The nurses speak to staff and students on topics such as general wellness, nutrition, asthma, prevention, hand washing, and exercise.

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Summer Food Service Program

– The East Ramapo Central School District offers this no-cost program for all resident school-aged children and resident adults with disabilities at several sites in the district, one of which serves kosher food.

Summer Math Program –

This no-cost remedial program for elementary students is taught by certified and culturally sensitive teachers, and uses a variety of math games and manipulatives to make learning fun.

Summer Reading Program

– The District provides a free Summer Reading Program for non-public elementary students. Classes are conducted by certified teachers in small groups, where students can benefit from more individualized attention.

Mentor-Tutor Program –

Remedial teachers and para-professionals from the non-public community are hired by the District to provide on-site remedial instruction in reading, mathematics and ESL to identified non-public students. The purpose of the Mentor-Tutor Program is to improve student academic achievement in core subject areas.

Home Instruction –

East Ramapo provides Home Instruction to non-public school students who cannot attend school due to a serious physical or other justifiable condition. A tutor is provided in accordance with Education Law, so there is a continuance of instruction. A student is eligible if his/her absence continues for at least four weeks.

Library Services

• **Lending Library** – Our District's Book Depository operates an on-going loan program providing books and audio-visual materials to the non-public schools. Services also include the loan of technology related equipment, ESL materials, science kits, math manipulatives, and curriculum related materials.

- **Library** – Our non-public schools receive Library Book Aid through the district to enhance their school-based libraries and promote literacy in their schools.
- **Mobile Library** – The East Ramapo Central School District, in cooperation with the Finkelstein Memorial Library, provides a mobile library for children in grades 1-6. The library travels to neighborhoods throughout the District on Sundays. Anyone with a Finkelstein Library card may borrow books. New books are added annually with careful consideration given to community suggestions for topics and titles.

Student Support Services: *Special Education*



The East Ramapo Central School District provides a variety of services to classified non-public school students.

Students with disabilities receive on-site services by certified special education teachers or related service providers.

Special materials and the adaptation of standard materials are also provided for instruction of students with disabilities.

Special Education services are available to non-public school students with disabilities. These services must be recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE). They are provided on-site at the non-public schools and include:

- Consulting Teacher
- Resource Room
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Counseling
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Teacher of the Hearing Impaired
- Teacher of the Visually Impaired
- Special Transportation
- Nursing Services

Evaluations – The District provides educational and psychological evaluations of non-public school students suspected of having a disability.

Special Education Liaison –

The District has designated a school psychologist who serves as liaison to the non-public schools for Special Student Services.

The Committee on Special Education (CSE)

and the Committee on Pre-school Special Education determine appropriate placements and services for school-aged and pre-school students with disabilities. The Special Education Subcommittee meets each semester to plan and review special education programs and initiatives. The CSE holds Annual Reviews on-site at the non-public school to facilitate the attendance of parents and the non-public school staff.

Parent Primer – is offered in English and Yiddish and is distributed annually. It describes how parents can best access the special education process.

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Book Fair – An annual Book Fair for our non-public schools provides an opportunity for school administrators and teachers to meet with publishers and vendors and to review curriculum materials for the upcoming year.

Consortium Agencies – The District works collaboratively with local non-public consortium agencies to enhance student support services to our non-public schools.

Emergency Training, Procedures, Notification – East Ramapo has assisted our non-public schools in developing customized emergency plans. The District also recognizes the importance of good communication in times of an emergency,

particularly when it comes to the safety and security of students. The K-12 Alert initiative allows the District to contact all non-public school administrators to notify and instruct them on how to proceed in case of an emergency.

Educational Supplies and Equipment – The District coordinates the purchase of supplies and equipment that support effective implementation of non-public Title programs, including reading materials, math manipulatives, computers, and educational software. The non-public schools benefit substantially from the ability to purchase from New York State or local municipality low bid vendors through the District.



Fingerprinting – A fingerprint and processing service is provided for everyone employed in non-public Title programs. This criminal history background check is a vital component as the District works to ensure the safety of our non-public school students.

Grants – Whenever possible, the District incorporates the non-public schools into grants. Examples include renovations under IDEA, the Safe and Drug Free School Mentoring Program and SAVE (Schools Against Violence in Education) and Special Legislative Grants.

Mobile Instruction Units and Modular Classrooms –

In an effort to assist non-public schools with limited instructional space, the District provides Mobile Instruction Units at no cost, so that schools can adequately provide remedial instruction. The District also works with non-public schools on bidding and coordinating leasing of modular classrooms on non-public school sites.

Testing and Scoring Services – The progress of all remedial and ESL students must be monitored. To that end, the District provides testing materials and scoring services for the administration of the Terra Nova and NYSESLAT exams in the non-public schools.

Textbooks – The District purchases textbooks for non-public East Ramapo resident students in grades K-12 that are requested by their schools.

Software – Non-public schools receive educational software purchased by the District as an aid to enhance student performance.

Transportation – The East Ramapo Central School District provides universal bussing, with multiple school day start and end times. Special accommodations and bus monitors are provided for students with severe disabilities. Transportation is also provided on non-legal holidays, when the public schools are closed and non-public schools are open.

Warehousing and Delivery – East Ramapo maintains a warehouse primarily for non-public programs. A substantial amount of supplies and equipment ordered under Title Grants are received, processed, and inventoried at this warehouse. The District makes arrangements to deliver the items to each non-public school.

Technology Fair – East Ramapo coordinates an annual Technology Fair, highlighting new technologies that non-public schools may incorporate to enhance student learning.

School Support Services: *Professional Development*

The non-public schools enjoy numerous staff training workshops and programs that cover a wide range of subjects. These programs are designed in collaboration with non-public school administrators.

Throughout the school year, the Superintendent and representatives of the Office of Funded Programs and other District personnel visit the non-public schools.

These visits provide an opportunity to observe the implementation of District-funded programs and discuss concerns and needs.

Curriculum Assistance –

The East Ramapo Central School District is a pioneer in providing teachers and administrators in the non-public schools with curriculum assistance. The Office of Curriculum and Instruction meets with representatives of individual non-public schools upon request and shares vital information related to instructional practices and requirements, including the District's "Grade Level Objectives" literature for all core subject areas.

Staff Development Day –

The District has established an annual, District-wide Staff Development Day for non-public school teachers and administrators. This one-day event includes nearly 40 workshops of various topics chosen with non-public school input.

Annual Workshops – The East Ramapo Central School District provides a host of carefully selected staff training programs for non-public school teachers

during the school year on various topics including literacy, math, behavior modification, learning disabilities, differentiated instruction, and writing.

Summer Training – The District provides an intensive four-week summer literacy training program for non-public teachers. The multi-sensory Slingerland method has been widely praised by administrators, staff and parents alike for its substantial benefit to students. A number of teachers have successfully completed multiple years of training and have become "trainers" themselves. This initiative aims to have numerous "master teachers" within the non-public school community to substantially improve student literacy.

Teachers' Center – Non-public school teachers are encouraged to use the resources available through the East Ramapo Teachers' Center. This includes borrowing curriculum materials, attending professional development programs and participating in available grant opportunities.





School Support Services: *Parent/Community Services*

Parenting Program – The East Ramapo Central School District provides free parenting classes and seminars for our non-public school parents. These programs are provided at individual non-public schools and other community centers.

Non-Public School Newsletter – *Education Matters*, a newsletter for parents of non-public school students, is published monthly and is also available on the District web site. The newsletter includes information on services and programs for non-public students, parents, staff and administrators.

Web site – An entire section of the District's web site informs readers about issues related to non-public education and services provided through the District. The site address is www.eram.k12.ny.us. Once in the site click on Departments, then click on Non-public School Supporting Information.

Building Permits – East Ramapo offers our non-public schools and other not-for-profit community organizations the opportunity to lease public school facilities for myriad of activities including school plays, sports, events, religious services, and after school activities etc.

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