

## ROCKY TOP MIDDLE SCHOOL



### 2018-2019 SCHOOL STATISTICS

Designated in 2019

Re-Designated in

Community Size - Suburban

School Enrollment - 1138

Grade Levels - 6,7,8

School Calendar - Traditional

Free & Reduced Lunch - 11.3%

English Learners - 7.9%

Students with Disabilities - 8.3%

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### 2018-2019 School Demographics

- **African American - 1.8%**
- **Asian - 5.6%**
- **Caucasian - 68.7%**
- **Filipino - 0%**
- **Hispanic - 19.5%**
- **Native American - 0.3%**
- **Pacific Islander - 0%**
- **Other - 0%**
- **Two or More - 4.1%**

### School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

#### Academic Excellence

- At Rocky Top Middle School, Professional Learning Teams collaborate to design cutting edge instruction in a 21st-century environment that includes 1:1 instructional technology.

- Professional Learning Teams use intricate data analysis to respond to the unique needs of all students as individuals through a rigorous curriculum.

- Students create real-world representations of learning for, and receive feedback from, authentic audiences across curricular areas.

- Students experience a whole child approach to education which ensures their social-emotional

needs are addressed as part of daily instruction.

-All instructional, professional and performance goals are rooted in the mission and vision, making them a foundational part of the daily experience of students and staff.

-Teachers enjoy professional choice regarding the targeted, job-embedded professional development designed to support their individual growth and challenges to ultimately meet student need.

## **Developmental Responsiveness**

- Rocky Top understands that students' basic needs must be met in order to perform, and has responded with a daily focus on physical wellness and mental health through a social-emotional learning curriculum.

- Rocky Top champions student agency by offering a wide variety of extracurricular opportunities and uses a multi-tiered system of support to ensure appropriate developmental interventions are in place for every student.

- Rocky Top instills the value of philanthropy through our yearly student-driven fundraiser to meet the needs of families throughout our entire community.

- Student leadership is supported, and self-advocacy is encouraged, through a variety of extra-curricular forums that promote community action.

- Rocky Top develops alliances with families, district partners and outside agencies to ensure that every student's unique needs are met.

## **Social Equity**

- Rocky Top leans upon the expertise of content area specialists as well as staff uniquely trained to address special populations so that every student has the opportunity for a world-class learning experience during every class period.

- Rocky Top offers a wide array of elective programming to activate the diverse intelligences, promote engagement and address the unique interests of our students.

- We celebrate every student through a monthly breakfast ceremony recognizing students for exhibiting the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens, Scholarly Habits and co-curricular honors.

- Student leadership groups such as the Gay Straight Alliance, Social Justice Club and Student Council advocate to and are supported by staff and administration to better our community.

-All students have online access to daily classwork at school or at home and have multiple opportunities for weekly support outside the classroom.

## **Organizational Support**

- Our Instructional Leadership Team is comprised of change agents promoting growth mindset and student centered decision-making throughout our staff.

- Multiple levels of leadership are created throughout our organization to increase decision making quality and efficacy and to create a sense of collective responsibility.

- Rocky Top is intentional in the scheduling of collaboration toward excellence in: school safety, faculty well being, academic excellence and responsiveness to emerging school trends.

- Rocky Top creates structures for reflection wherein staff hold themselves accountable for honing their craft and meeting the needs of all students.

- The mission and vision of the school drive every facet of our work from improvement planning to instructional goal setting and from the development of student assessments to curricular choices.

-The school communicates broadly and regularly through social media, weekly newsletters, phone and text messages to promote family involvement.