



# Highlighting



## Rome City Schools

Quality Academics, Athletics, and Arts



- **GEORGIA'S HIGHEST SAT SCORE:** With an average SAT score of 1621, Rome City Schools was recognized as having the highest system SAT average score in the state, making us the NUMBER ONE system in Georgia! Our students exceeded the state average by 149 points and the national average by 110 points. In three of the last five years, Rome City Schools has been in the top five systems in Georgia on the SAT.
- **NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS:** East Central Elementary School was named a 2008 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Main Elementary was named a 2006 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.
- **PLATINUM AWARD:** East Central Elementary was one of only eighteen elementary schools in Georgia to receive the coveted Platinum Award by the Georgia Department of Education for greatest gains in student achievement in 2006.
- **SILVER AWARD:** Rome Middle School won the prestigious Silver Award for academic achievement from the Georgia Department of Education in 2007 and 2008.
- **BRONZE AWARD:** Rome High School was named a 2008 National Bronze Award Winner by the *U.S. News and World Report* for being "One of The Best High Schools in America."
- **OUTSTANDING TEACHERS:** Sixty-six percent of our teachers and administrators have advanced degrees. Twelve teachers have earned National Board Certification.
- **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS:** Rome High students are annually offered millions of dollars in scholarships to some of the nation's most prestigious colleges and universities.
- **SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE:** East Central Elementary, Elm Street Elementary, West End Elementary, Rome Middle School, and Rome High School have all been named Georgia Schools of Excellence.
- **HIGHLY ACCREDITED:** All ten schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and *Accredited with Quality* by the Georgia Accrediting Commission.
- **NO EXCUSES SCHOOLS:** Anna K. Davie Elementary School was one of forty-four schools named a 2009 "No Excuses" school by the Georgia Public Policy Foundation. In 2008, the "No Excuses" award was given to Anna K. Davie Elementary, Elm Street Elementary, North Heights Elementary, and Southeast Elementary.
- **ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM:** Rome High School regularly offers twelve to sixteen advanced placement courses. On average, seventy-nine percent of our students score high enough on the AP exams to earn college credit.
- **ADVANCED PLACEMENT SEMINARS:** In conjunction with the Georgia Institute of Technology and Berry College, Rome High AP students may participate in joint studies at those colleges with their professors.
- **ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS:** Seventeen students were named AP Scholars in 2008 for Exceptional Achievement on AP Exams.
- **ACADEMIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Rome High School students won four state championships in the National History Day Competition for 2007-2008. These students earned the right to compete for a national championship.
- **NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM.**
- **SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION:** Every elementary school in Rome City was named a Distinguished Title I School.
- **GIFTED EDUCATION:** Approximately ten percent of our students in grades one through twelve are served in our outstanding Program for the Gifted.
- **FOREIGN LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITIES:** Beginning in middle school, Rome City offers three foreign languages for credit. French, German, and Spanish are available from the introductory level to the advanced placement level.
- **YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM:** Over 400 of Rome's finest rising fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students are selected each summer to participate in a system-funded academic summer camp housed at four of our local colleges.
- **ATHLETIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Rome High School students have won fifteen total state championships.
- **ATHLETIC PROGRAMS:** Rome High School fields thirty teams in sixteen different sports. Rome Middle School fields nineteen teams in eleven different sports.
- **FANTASTIC FINE ARTS PROGRAM:** The "Sound of the Seven Hills" marching band consistently receives superior ratings at band festivals. With approximately 200 members, the band is recognized as one of the premier programs in the southeastern United States. The concert band and choral programs consistently receive superior ratings at concert festivals. Each program annually has students selected for the All-State Program.
- **STATE LITERARY COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP:** The Boys' Quartet team from Rome High School won the state championship in 2008.