

Dear New Rochelle High School Families,

Once again, thank you for the incredible support you have offered during my initial weeks as New Rochelle High School's principal. The numerous emails I've received, and the encouraging conversations I've shared with many of you, showcase how special our community is – even amid extreme circumstances.

Together, we have endured the unforeseen closure of our campus due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ida. The outstanding way that our school community has rallied in response has been inspiring and has provided even more strength and motivation to ensure that our hard-working students receive the best possible academic experience. Furthermore, we all have persevered through the COVID-19 pandemic, which limited the in-school experience, extracurricular activities and contact with friends, teachers, and staff.

These factors fueled questions that drove New Rochelle High School's leadership to closely review how our school represents students' performance.

During remote learning, our grading system flexed to align with emerging priorities and considerations. As a result, efficiently identifying each student's class ranking became imprecise. As background, NRHS traditionally has ranked its graduating class, using grades earned during the first three years of a student's high school career. Because of the factors listed above, and our determination to create the best possible outcomes for our graduating seniors, NRHS is suspending rankings for the 2021-2022 school year. For more information detailing the rationale supporting this decision, please see our [school profile](#).

However, we know that the college-application process is underway, and we believe it is essential to recognize our students' hard work and achievement. As a result, students this year will be ranked by percentile (i.e., 5%, 10%, 15%). Furthermore, our counseling center is ready to support you and your child during the college-application process. Please reach out to the center at (914) 576-5442.

In preparation for the 2022-23 school year, the City School District of New Rochelle will convene a PreK-12 committee to amend the grading policy and submit it to the New Rochelle Board of Education for review and approval. Shortly thereafter, NRHS will launch a committee of parents, students, teachers, central office administrators, high school administrators, and our PTA to revise the current ranking procedures to align with the revised grading policy.

This committee will be composed of at least two parents, two students, at least three faculty members, the director of guidance, a high school assistant principal, the principal, a central office administrator and a Board of Education liaison. The ranking committee will provide recommendations later this school year, with ample time for implementation for the 2022-23 school year.

Once again, thank you so much for your constant support and motivation. I am incredibly honored to be New Rochelle High School's principal. This is in addition to being a proud community member, and proud parent of a New Rochelle High School junior and sixth-grader at Albert Leonard Middle School.

I always welcome the opportunity to interact with you and assist in any way. Please reach out via email at dartiles@nredlearn.org.

Thank you and thank you for your investment in our children's futures.

With gratitude and appreciation,

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