



Rossville Record

Rossville Consolidated School District Publication

July 2022

Our Website Address: www.rcsd.k12.in.us

Elementary School:
(765) 379-2119

Middle/Senior High School:
(765) 379-2551

Superintendent's Office:
(765) 379-2990

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration is done through the parents' PowerSchool account and opens on July 8, 2022. Please contact the Technology Department if you need assistance 379-2990 Ext. 308, or dshadbolt@rcsd.k12.in.us.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION GRADES 6-12

Mrs. Dunn will be meeting with new students in grades 6-12 and their parents on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, or Thursday, July 21, 2022, by appointment.

Please contact Mrs. Dunn at sdunn@rcsd.k12.in.us or call 765-379-2551 Ext. 304.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

(Available if computer access is needed)

Wednesday, July 20, 2022
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 21, 2021
Noon to 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Sixth grade orientation is Wednesday, August 3, 2022, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

REGISTRATION IMPORTANCE

The information obtained in registration allows us to create bus routes and balance course offerings. Your child may not be routed on a bus if not registered. Please call the school if your student(s) will not be attending Rossville Schools for the upcoming school year.

Time For A New School Year

Dr. Jim Hanna - Superintendent

The start of a new school year brings with it many new experiences, a variety of opportunities, a rekindling of old friendships, and the birth of new relationships. Students will begin their journey of the 2022-2023 school year on August 5, 2022. Prior to the first student day, our staff will have spent numerous hours getting ready for their return. The building has been cleaned, decorations have been hung in classrooms, teachers have reviewed curriculum, schedules prepared, and computers updated. The first few days will be a time to get into a new routine. The bedtime schedule and early morning routine will likely change at home in preparation for an exciting new year.

We recognize there is a wide variety of emotions the first day, from both parents and students. We know there are likely to be smiles from students seeing their friends as they return, some anxiety as students enter a new classroom, and even some tears. Rest assured that we want the best for your child. This newsletter is our first step to help everyone get off to a good start for the school year.

Registration information, drop-off and pick-up procedures, and school safety information are included in this newsletter. It is extremely important that you register your student. Registering your child for the new school year allows us ample time to develop school bus routes and update our student management system. Students must be registered in order to be routed on a school bus.

Whether you have an incoming kindergartener, a senior, or a grade in between, we are excited to welcome them to Rossville Schools.



Eleanor Richey will be entering the 2nd grade this fall. Eleanor seen here using her school Chromebook. Rossville Schools provide every student with a device to use both during the school day and for eLearning/Virtual Instruction.

It's a Rossville Thing

Mr. Chad Dennison, Elementary Principal

Rossville Elementary School staff is looking forward to an outstanding 2022-2023 school year. The 2021-2022 school year is now in our rearview mirror, and while we accomplished much, we are ready to get back and be #ALLIN for students!

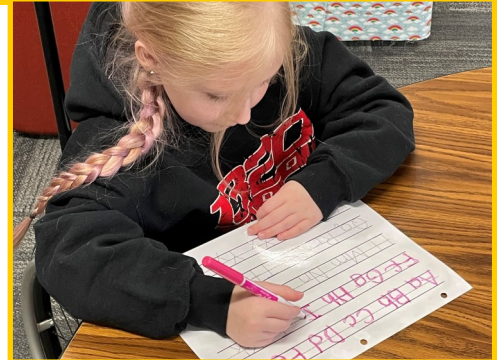
What can you expect from the upcoming school year? Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) certification, continued focus on social-emotional needs, academics and relationships.

Rossville Elementary has officially started the process to be the first elementary STEM certified school within Clinton County! Our partner in the process will be Equitable Education Solutions. Their resources will help us navigate this rigorous quest. A leadership team of staff will work alongside the entire elementary to ensure each step is successfully taken to become STEM certified. The process will last the entire school year, and we anticipate our application to be finalized by October 2023. What will this mean for students and parents? Students will be immersed in excellent STEM units of study utilizing the Create2Think curriculum model. These fun, engaging lessons will be implemented in grades K-5 with the goal of covering a wide range of topics and subject areas. Other schools who have used this curriculum have found it to be very rewarding! Parents can expect more information along with a parent survey that will be sent out in either August or September.

Social-emotional needs of students and staff will continue to be one of our main focuses. Staff will take part in more training on suicide prevention. A leadership team consisting of elementary staff, middle/senior high school staff, support staff, and a Board member will work together to develop policies and action plans for our faculty and students. We are committed to being the best we can for our little Hornets! Rossville Elementary will continue providing students with daily academics to meet state standards and the needs of our students. Our commitment is unwavering to providing our students our best! Staff will receive various professional development opportunities to sharpen their teaching tools throughout the school year. Our goal is to always be learning alongside our students and meeting their needs.

Lastly, we will continue to focus on building relationships with our students. We strongly believe relationships matter, and we understand our students need to know we love them and are here for them every day.

August 5th will be here before we know it. Our hope is you and our little Hornets enjoy the rest of your summer break. Be safe and have FUN! See ya soon!



Emma Lucas works on a 1st grade assignment this past school year. Emma has mastered the first grade and is awaiting the start of school on August 5, 2022. We are excited to have Emma and all other students return.

RCSD Vision Statement

Rossville Schools: Achieve, Learn, Lead, and Inspire

Asbestos Notification

In accordance with the US EPA's AHERA Standard (ref: 40 CFR 763.80), all information concerning asbestos-containing materials in the schools of the Rossville Consolidated School District is available for review and copying by students, staff, and guardians during normal business hours.

If you wish to review the inspection report or management plan, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 1 Robert Egly Drive, Rossville, Indiana 46065 or (765) 379-2990.



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School Safety - Everyone's Responsibility

Rossville Schools have taken an all-hazards approach to school safety. We prepare for the major events like an active shooter, fire, or tornado and focus on the little things. The best resource to keeping students safe is the student. We encourage students with a safety concern to report it, no matter how small it may seem. If you see something, say something. This section will review some practices Rossville Schools have implemented to help improve the safety of all students.

Two of the most notable safety measures to the school's security program in recent years were the additions to the school facility and the development of our own district's police department. The hidden factors are the changes implemented in practices as a school community that greatly impact the district's preparation for any hazard or emergency situation.

The building's security has been strengthened by providing a secured entrance for all visitors during the school day and connecting the agriculture classroom to the building. Students in the morning will be dropped off as they have been in the past. Elementary students will utilize the crosswalk, go up the stairs and enter E2. Entrances will not open until 7:45 a.m. The district does have morning care available for elementary students for a fee if needed. Middle/senior high school students will enter at E6 from 7:45 a.m. until 8:10 a.m. All students arriving after 8:10 a.m. will need to enter at E5, go to the appropriate office, and receive a pass to class. Parents and patrons will need to enter at E5 at all times during the school day.

A SafeVisitor background check will be required for visitors to our schools during the school day. These checks are required for anyone, including family members of students. Examples of activities in the schools where visitors will need to complete a SafeVisitor check prior to entering the administrative offices:

- ♦ Lunch Guests
 - ♦ Classroom Visitors
 - ♦ Teacher Visitors
 - ♦ Case Conferences beyond the Administrative Area
- Examples of activities that may not require a SafeVisitor check may include:
- ♦ Special Events
 - ♦ School Programs (e.g.: Awards Day)
 - ♦ Community Events (e.g.: Blood Drive)
 - ♦ Visiting school administrative offices
 - ♦ Dropping off items at the school



Tristan Skiles steps off the school bus driven by Stacy Miller. Rossville buses logged over 107,000 miles safely transporting students this past school year. Rossville takes great effort to ensure your child(ren)'s safety from the time they step on the bus in the morning until they depart in the evening. Students are asked to scan their ID cards when they board the bus and follow the directions of the driver.

- ♦ Picking up sick or injured students
 - ♦ Case Conferences within Administrative Area
- RCSD is the only corporation in the county with its own Police Department. Joe Mink, "Officer Joe," is in the halls interacting with students and being proactive in maintaining a safe learning environment. Officer Joe's role is to be a positive force by building relationships with students. He interacts with students in the cafeteria, in the halls, or just with casual chatter in passing. His duties are many, but he has been very proactive in helping the district combat the ongoing problem of stop arm violators. He often follows the buses before and after school to help protect student riders. We are thankful for his daily presence as the district works to keep the school safe.
- Remember school safety is everyone's responsibility. If you see something, say something. Let's all have a safe school year.

eLearning/Virtual Instruction, School Delays, & School Cancellations

The Rossville Consolidated School District Board of Education recognized the need to provide alternative means by which students could achieve classroom goals during lost instructional days due to inclement weather or other events. These days may be utilized this school year in situations that are practical and conform to restrictions imposed by the Indiana Legislature. Please refer to the district's website for the specific policy concerning eLearning/Virtual Instruction procedures. Understand the use of eLearning/Virtual Instruction days will be made dependent upon the situation. Cancelled instructional days in which eLearning/Virtual Instruction are not utilized will be made-up.

eLearning/Virtual Instruction days will be announced by the superintendent, and it is the expectation that all students will participate in eLearning/Virtual Instruction days by showing satisfactory completion of eLearning day assignments or participating in Virtual Instruction activities. Teachers will be using Canvas, to facilitate eLearning/Virtual Instruction. Teachers will be available through electronic communication to answer questions and guide the students' learning. Teachers will strive to cover vital curricular areas through the eLearning/Virtual Instruction day process.

Cancellations, delays, and eLearning/Virtual Instruction days will be announced in a variety of ways. Students and parents can sign up with the school to receive telephone notifications through School Messenger. Additionally, cancellations, delays, and eLearning days will also be communicated through the following media outlets:

RADIO: K-105, B 102.9, WASK 98.7, 93.5 WKHY, ESPN 1450 WILO-FM 99.7 & 1570 AM, WWKI-FM 100.5, Shine 99, WBAA-FM 101.3 & AM 920

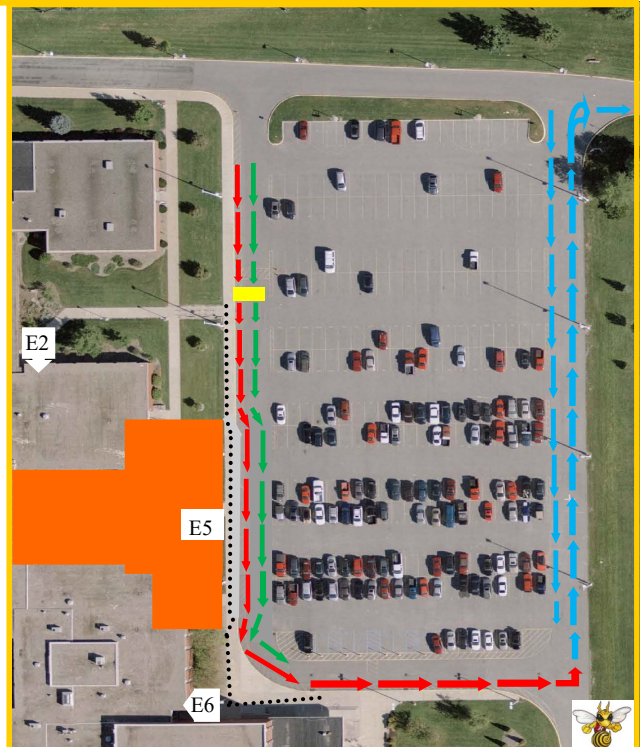
TV: WTTV-TV 4, WISH-TV 8, WLFI-TV 18, WRTV-TV6, WTHR-TV 13, INDY-TV 23, & WXIN-TV 59



Cayden Davis (Front) and Maverick Freeman (Back) are ready to go sledding.

Student Drop-off Procedure

The orange box indicates the administration/public entrance at E5. The red arrows designate the drive path for parents dropping off next to the curb. The black dots indicate a walking path to be used for students. Students being dropped off will be unloaded at the sidewalk designated by the black dots. Please pull up to the curb **beyond** the designated crosswalk (yellow box) as far south as possible. Crossing guards will be available to ensure the safety of children to exit on the sidewalk. Please continue south and follow the flow of traffic to exit the lot. Students/Parents traveling through the parking lot will travel in the area designated by the green arrows. After dropping off students, never cut through the parking lot to exit. Elementary students will enter at E2. Middle/Senior High School students will enter at E6. Parents needing to come into the building are asked to secure a parking space and enter E5 to obtain entrance to the appropriate office. Students arriving after 8:10 a.m. will go through the office at E5. Note: The west side of the parking lot is one-way only. The east side of the parking lot is two-way traffic as indicated by the blue arrows.



We R Rossville

Mr. Terry Thompson, Middle/Senior High School Principal

Rossville is an excellent school system that focuses on academics, agriculture, the arts, and athletics while providing a safe, secure, and healthy environment.

We offer multiple accelerated academic courses as we focus on preparation of those wishing to attend two and four year post-secondary institutions while encouraging and providing opportunities for those wishing to pursue career and technology pathway experiences.

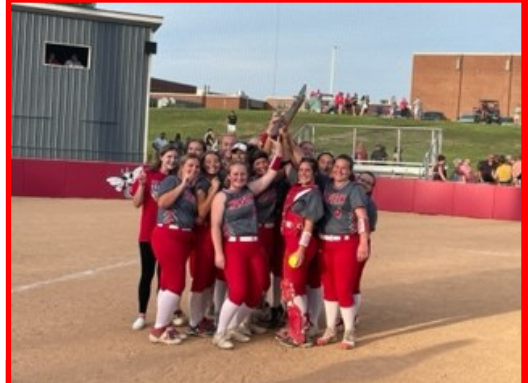
The class of 2022 graduated sixty-five percent (65%) of the class with a 3.0 grade point average (GPA). Forty percent (40%) had a 3.5 and ten percent (10%) earned a 4.0 or better GPA.

After intentionally focusing on improving our ILEARN scores with intentional professional development, we are excited to share that every English, math and science classroom and grade level raised their scores with the 7th grade increasing their pass rates threefold.

RMHS is one of 682 high schools in Indiana which includes 555 public high schools and 127 private schools where academics is highly focused. We are very proud of our traditions and rich academic curriculum.

Come join us as we teach Indiana academic standards in a safe environment while offering multiple opportunities for students to connect outside of the classroom in the arts, agriculture, clubs, activities, and athletics.

There is something for everyone at Rossville Middle/Senior High School.



The 2022 Rossville Girls Softball Team celebrate the school's first ever IHSAA Regional Championship. Congratulations Ladies!



e-Funds for Schools

Parents who want to make paying for lunches and textbooks easier can do so by using e-Funds for Schools. This electronic payment service gives parents the option of paying without writing a check or giving their children cash. Payment is made using your checking account, debit card, or credit card for a small fee. Parents may view student cafeteria purchases and deposits through e-Funds for Schools. To use e-Funds for Schools online payment system, go to the FAMILIES tab on the school's website and select e-Funds. The credit card companies do charge a fee for using e-Funds to both the school corporation and the parent. Parents can avoid the fee by paying by check or cash to the school corporation.

School Bus Assignments and Ridership

School bus safety is no accident and the district takes extreme care to ensure safe transport of students. Students utilizing school transportation shall be assigned to a morning and/or an afternoon route. **Students must be assigned to the bus in order to ride.** RCSD will allow students to travel to one alternative site but cannot accommodate students riding to or from school on a different bus that has not been assigned. If a student does not ride a bus for five consecutive days, the student will be removed from the route. Students may be returned to the route as long as a two day notice is provided. The district cannot accommodate students desiring to travel to other students' homes or after school events on a different bus that has not been assigned.

Students will receive an identification card for school bus transport. The students will scan this card as they get on the bus or when they depart the bus. This will give the district an immediate roster of the students on the bus. An accurate roster is critical in an emergency situation. We appreciate your understanding in assisting with the safe transport of all students.

School Breakfast & Lunch Program

Rossville Schools are pleased to offer a breakfast and lunch program that meets federal guidelines. Our cafeteria staff is challenged to meet those federal guidelines while at the same time trying to find foods students want to eat. We continue to try new food items and encourage students to do the same.

The cafeteria program is a self-sustaining operation that is supported by individual lunch prices and Federal Programs. Therefore, it is necessary for lunch accounts to have a positive balance. If an account goes negative, an automated call will be made to notify the parent of the account deficiency. Parents will have 24 hours after receiving the automated phone notification to bring the account balance to a positive amount.

Students are not allowed to use the à la carte line once an account goes negative. Unfortunately, once an account becomes excessively negative, we must turn it over for collection. This action will likely result in additional charges including attorney fees, collection fees, and court costs. Sometimes the fees and cost exceed the original charges. The parent is responsible for the child's lunch account. If there are financial issues, we encourage the parent to contact the school cafeteria manager at 765-379-2990, extension 319. Additionally, we encourage parents to complete the Free and Reduced Price School Meals application if they believe they may qualify.

Students may make additional purchases or make an à la carte purchase. Please note, if your student buys an extra entrée on the main serving line this is considered à la carte. Please make sure to send extra funds for these additional purchases.



Connor Uerkwitz is enjoying his school lunch.

The Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals (HAFRPSM) will be available after July 1 online at www.rcsd.k12.in.us or available at the school office.

These applications also cover textbook assistance.

Visitor Sign In Procedure Implemented for a Safer School

Rossville Schools utilizes SafeVisitor Solutions to provide visitor management services. For our schools, the software is used to screen all school visitors, including parents, volunteers, vendors, and any other visitor with access to student areas during school hours.

Upon entering the administrative area (E5), visitors will need to scan a government issued ID at the computer kiosk. SafeVisitor will run the visitor's information against a national sex offender registry and any exclusion list the school possesses. Approved visitors will be issued a badge for access into the school. Upon receiving a visitor's badge, patrons will gain access to either the elementary or middle/senior high school administrative area for assistance.

This system will not only provide an easier way to manage visitors, but more importantly, it will provide a safer and more secure environment for all of the students in Rossville Schools.

Textbook Rental & Fees

Kindergarten = \$ 127 Grade 1 = \$ 130 Grade 2 = \$ 119

Grade 3 = \$ 123 Grade 4 = \$ 127 Grade 5 = \$ 130

Textbook fees for Grades 6-12 are dependent upon courses taken.

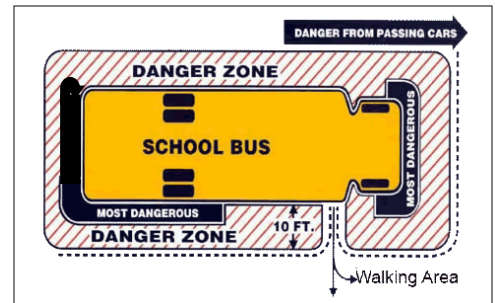


School Bus Safety Is Everyone's Responsibility

Joe "Officer Joe" Mink - Chief of Police

Students from around the State of Indiana and nationally will be headed back to school soon. According to the National Safety Council, some 25 million students nationwide begin and end their school day by riding a school bus. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration notes that students are 70 times more likely to get to school safely when taking a school bus instead of traveling by car. However, tragic accidents do happen. Rossville Schools continue to make efforts to ensure your child(ren)'s safe transport to and from school.

The most dangerous area of concern during a student's ride on the bus, is the loading and unloading of the school bus. The "danger zone" as illustrated, are areas that have limited visibility for the school bus driver or the danger associated with the traveling public.



The National Highway Safety Administration offer these safety tips for children riding the bus:

- Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- When the bus approaches, stand at least five giant steps (10 feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street.
- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says it's okay before stepping onto the bus.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk along the side of the road to a point at least five giant steps (10 feet) ahead of the bus before you cross. Be sure that the bus driver can see you, and you can see the driver.
- Use the handrails to avoid falls. Be careful that clothing and book bag straps don't get caught in the handrails or doors when exiting the bus.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- Walk at least five giant steps away from the side of the bus.
- If you drop something near the bus, tell the driver. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see you.

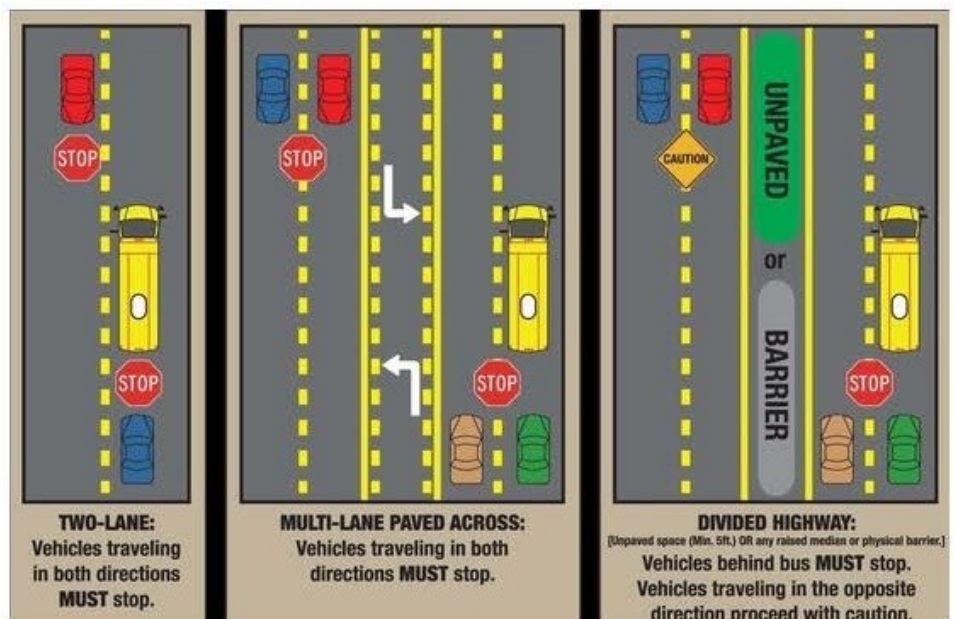
Steps are taken daily to aid in the safe transport of children. Our police department follows buses regularly, buses are equipped with two stop arms to signal drivers, flashing red lights, and wig-wag headlights. Our buses also have stop arm cameras. The camera footage can be used as evidence for individuals passing our school buses. Finally, we have drivers that are trained and truly care about the children they transport.

The Indiana State Police have developed this graphic to make sure everyone understands when it is necessary to stop for a school bus. Further information can be found on the Indiana Department of Transportation website:

www.in.gov/indot/3657.htm

**Drivers Beware -
Children are Everywhere!**

All Rossville School buses have stop-arm cameras. Passing a school bus with the stop-arm extended is dangerous and illegal. Please stop for school buses.



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Breakfast & Lunch Meal Cost

Rossville Schools offer breakfast and lunch programs each day school is in session. Breakfast is not offered on days school is delayed.

Breakfast \$ 1.50

Elem. Lunch \$ 2.50

M.S./H.S. Lunch\$ 2.70

Adult Breakfast..... \$ 2.50

Adult Lunch..... \$ 4.60

Rossville Schools also has an à la carte line for middle/senior high school students. À la carte items are individually priced.



ROSSVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Students at Rossville Schools experience rich academic opportunities in a trusting community environment and develop a positive, self-reliant mindset.

School Hours

Elementary
8:05 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.

Middle/Senior High School
8:10 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

Rossville Consolidated School District 2022-2023 Calendar

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| ● August 2 | -PD/Teacher Work Day
{No Students} | ● Dec. 19-Dec. 30 | - Winter Break |
| ● August 3 | - Staff Orientation
{Open House 6 -7 p.m.} | ● Jan. 2 | - Staff Prof. Development
{No Students} |
| ● August 4 | - Staff Prof. Development | ● Jan. 3 | - First Day of 2nd Semester |
| ● August 5 | - First Student Day | ● Feb. 20 | - President's Day {No School} |
| ● Sept. 5 | - Labor Day | ● March 24-31 | - Spring Break |
| ● Sept. 12-23 | - Parent/Teacher Conferences | ● April 14 | - Possible Make-up Day |
| ● Oct. 17-21 | - Fall Break | ● May 23 | - Last Student Day* |
| ● Nov. 23-25 | - Thanksgiving Break | ● May 24 | - Teacher Work Day* |
| ● Dec. 16 | - End of First Semester | ● June 4 | - Graduation at 2:00 p.m. |

***Additional make-up days may be added to the end of the school calendar, if needed.**

It is the policy of the Rossville Consolidated School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or handicapping condition, including limited English proficiency, in its educational programs or employment policies as required by state and federal laws.