

# Rock Lake Middle School (RLMS)

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# A Word From Our Principal

RLMS is a premier middle school in all of Central Florida, providing a high level of education for all students. This school report outlines the key characteristics of our school from both an academic and non-academic perspective. I hope it helps you understand what makes Rock Lake unique. Please reach out to us if you have any questions about our school.

Martin Dunlop

## What Makes Us Special

- RLMS has a great school culture that we have worked hard to cultivate. We pride ourselves on building solid and positive relationships with our stakeholders.
- RLMS has excellent relationships with local leaders and the business community. This allows us to team up with local leaders to provide students real world experiences.
- RLMS has incredible instructors who have a proven track record of student success. As a result, RLMS continually ranks in the top third in performance among SCPS middle schools.

## **Advanced Academics**

**23%** of Rock Lake students have participated in high school math courses for credit.

Rock Lake offers the following high school courses for high school credit: Spanish 1, Algebra 1, Algebra 1 Honors, Geometry Honors, Environmental Science Honors

#### Technology and the Future

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All middle school students are provided opportunities to earn either a digital tool or industry certification through the completion of the following courses:

- **iJourney:** Students discover educational pathways offered in SCPS and develop a personalized career plan.
- **iChallenge:** This coding and game-based course prepares students to take AP Computer Science Principles in high school. (Semester or year-long options vary by school)
- **iConnect:** Students discover new possibilities and learn about technology applications and communication techniques.

#### **Student Achievement**

- All students in 8th grade at Rock Lake Middle School have an opportunity to take the PSAT 8/9 at no cost.
- Last year, Rock Lake 8th graders had an average score of 896 out of 1440, higher than the Florida average of 810.



2021-2022 Data

Rock Lake Middle School earned an A grade from the Florida DOE in 2022.

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#### Data sourced from student and parent surveys conducted by SCPS. Powered by <u>www.datanautix.com</u>. Last updated 1/11/23.

- RLMS is number 1 for SCPS middle schools for Math student achievement.
- RLMS is in the top three of SCPS middle schools earning Industry Certifications.
- RLMS is in the top three of SCPS middle schools for ELA student achievement.
- BETA Club earned RLMS the National Beta School of Merit and National Beta School of Distinction awards.
- Helping Hands Club creates opportunities for students to volunteer and build relationships in our community.
- Academic homerooms provide students additional support to strengthen skills.

and Program Access

# School Health and Safety

The health, safety and security of staff and students is our top priority. We follow CDC COVID mitigation strategies and work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure a sanitized and safe environment for your child's learning. Our School Resource Officer is V. Futch with the SCSO.



The SpeakOut program provides three 24-hour monitored services that allows students, parents, or community members to anonymously report concerns. www.speakouthotline.org

# 67% of student respondents would recommend RLMS

Here's what students and parents say they like about Rock Lake:

" The teachers and administrators have a great handle on the school. It is friendly and inclusive. "	" I feel safe and administration provides good supervision. " 8th Grade Student
Parent " The teachers really care about the students. " Parent	" I like the people, and the class options. Teachers keep everything organized and teach well. " 7th Grade Student
" The size is wonderful. Communication from Administration is great. " Parent	" Clean school and classrooms. Good people and a lot of after school activities. " 7th Grade Student
" The staff and teachers are great. Questions and concerns are always welcome. " Parent	" I like that we have great teachers and great electives to choose from. " 6th Grade Student





82% of parent respondents would recommend RLMS

For additional pathways see Student Assignment

Lyman: 46%

Lake Brantley: 36%

Lake Mary: 14%