



EDUCATION IN

**where educational excellence is more
than a goal ... it's the standard.**

ROANE COUNTY

welcome

The **Roane County School System** is committed to creating opportunities for all students to do their best, setting high expectations for both students and employees, encouraging open communication and cooperation, and using tax dollars efficiently. Our teachers, administrators, and support staff work together to see that educational success is possible for every child who comes through our doors.

You are encouraged to ask questions, gather information, and, perhaps most importantly, visit our schools. You will see first hand what educational excellence is all about.

Services are coordinated from the school system's central office, located at 105 Bluff Road in Kingston, TN 37763. The telephone number is **(865) 376-5592**. **www.roaneschools.com**

curriculum

Elementary students study mathematics, science, language arts, social studies, health fitness and music.

Middle schools follow the same basic curriculum as the elementary schools, with the addition of some elective courses. Middle schools use a departmentalized style of teaching similar to the high schools.

High schools provide complete programs with a variety of options to meet the diverse educational interests and needs of older students. Currently, high schools operate on a dual emphasis curriculum, which offers the traditional college preparatory track and the technical preparatory track. Beginning with the 2009–2010 school year, high schools will offer one track based on new state guidelines with

increased math and science requirements to better prepare students for the future.

The dropout rate in grades 9–12 for 2006–2007 was 13.2% and the state dropout rate was 9.6%. The graduate percentage for Roane County was 773% compared to 81.8% for the state.



Other programs enhance the basic curriculum offered to our students. Drug prevention programs, art, technology, band, organized athletics, gifted

education, honors courses, school-to-work transition programs, and comprehensive guidance programs assist our elementary, middle, and high school students in achieving an education that exceeds state standards.

enrolling

Registration takes place at the student's appropriate school. In order to register, students need to provide proof of birth, social security number, immunization records, and undergo a complete physical by a health provider. Immunization records can be obtained by calling the **Roane County Health Department** at (865) 354-1220.



The school where the student is enrolling will be responsible for obtaining permanent education records from the school previously attended.

To be eligible to enroll in kindergarten, a child must be five years old on or before September 30 of the current year. First graders must be six years old on or before September 30 of the current year.

school hours

School hours vary at each school due to the scheduling of bus routes. Generally, the schools operate from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Kindergarten programs also operate from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

transportation

Bus service is provided to all students from the most accessible bus stop on the bus route in their residential area. Information about bus routes is available through the transportation department of the **Roane County School System**, supervised by Tim Goss. 865-717-5459

food service

Nutritious breakfasts and lunches are available daily for all students. Applications for free or reduced price meals are available throughout the school year.

school age child care

Roane County Schools currently operates a **Before and After School Program (BASP)** in seven of the eight elementary schools.

The **BASP** provides a safe environment and quality enrichment classes for children during the periods before and after school at a cost equal to or below that of private care agencies. A summer program is also offered at four sites.

student/teacher ratio

Under Tennessee's **Better Education Program (BEP)**, reducing student/teacher ratio is a top priority. In the past several years, Roane County has made significant progress in meeting **BEP** standards, continually striving for the lowest possible number of students per classroom.

BEP CLASS SIZE STANDARDS (approximates)

Grade Level	Average	Maximum
K-3	20	25
4-6	25	30
7-12	30	35

Roane County Student Enrollment	7,282
Roane County Professional Personnel	488

dress code

The **Roane County School Board** believes that in keeping with the educational purposes of public education, students, school employees and volunteers are expected to dress and groom themselves as individuals with a sense of responsibility. It is expected that students, employees and volunteers, while exercising the right to dress and groom themselves in an individual way, will also show through their appearance a high degree of respect for the standards of decency, cleanliness and style accepted by the school system. A detailed policy may be obtained from **Roane County Schools**.

technology

Currently there exists in Roane County a high level of the use of technology in the classrooms. Many schools have invested in additional computers, presentation systems, and other technology to enhance the learning experiences of their students. Through the use of networked labs, students are exposed to multimedia projects and a new way of viewing the world. Technology-enhanced classrooms in every school demonstrate the feasibility of technology as a teaching tool.

facilities

Roane County Schools operates eighteen (which includes an alternative center at Midtown Education Center) facilities for students living in the communities of Harriman, Kingston, Midway, Oliver Springs, Rockwood, and in the rural sections of the county regions.

In keeping with the neighborhood school concept, attendance areas/districts are established for each school. Students attend the school designated for the area in which they reside.

All Roane County schools are accredited by the **Southern Association of Colleges and School (SACS)**.

roane county schools

- ▲ **Bowers Elementary School**
120 Breazeale Street
Harriman, TN 37748
(865) 882-1185

- ▲ **Cherokee Middle School**
200 Paint Rock Ferry Road
Kingston, TN 37763
(865) 376-9281

- ▲ **Dyllis Elementary School**
510 Dyllis Road
Harriman, TN 37748
(865) 435-2298

- ▲ **Harriman Middle School**
1025 Cumberland Street
Harriman, TN 37748
(865) 882-1727

- ▲ **Kingston Elementary School**
2000 Kingston Highway
Kingston, TN 37763
(865) 376-5252

- ▲ **Midtown Elementary School**
2830 Roane State Highway
Harriman, TN 37748
(865) 882-1228

- ▲ **Midway Elementary School**
130 Laurel Bluff Road
Kingston, TN 37763
(865) 376-2341
- ▲ **Midway Middle School**
104 Dogtown Road
Ten Mile, TN 37880
(865) 717-5464
- ▲ **Oliver Springs Elementary School**
317 Roane Street
Oliver Springs, TN 37840
(865) 435-0011
- ▲ **Ridge View Elementary School**
625 Pumphouse Road
Rockwood, TN 37854
(865) 354-2111
- ▲ **Rockwood Middle School**
434 W. Rockwood Street
Rockwood, TN 37854
(865) 354-0931
- ▲ **Walnut Hill Elementary School**
215 Maple Street
Harriman, TN 37748
(865) 882-2571
- ▲ **Harriman High School**
920 North Roane Street
Harriman, TN 37748
(865) 882-1821
- ▲ **Midway High School**
530 Loudon Highway
Kingston, TN 37763
(865) 376-5645
- ▲ **Oliver Springs High School**
419 Kingston Avenue
Oliver Springs, TN 37840
(865) 435-7216

▲ **Roane County High School**

540 W. Cumberland Street
Kingston, TN 37763
(865) 376-6534

▲ **Rockwood High School**

512 W. Rockwood Street
Rockwood, TN 37854
(865) 354-0882

▲ **Midtown Education Center**

3096 Roane State Highway
Harriman, TN 37748
(865) 882-0242

head start center

▲ **Mid-East Community Action Agency**

Central Office
141 Oddfellows Cemetery Road
PO Box 43
Rockwood, TN 37854
(865) 354-0450

private schools

▲ **Mt. Pisgah Christian Academy**

107 Old Hen Valley Road
Oliver Springs, TN 37840
(865) 435-4831

▲ **Calvary Baptist School**

PO Box 844
Kingston, TN 37763
(865) 376-9785

▲ **Camelot Schools**

183 Fiddlers Lane
Kingston, TN 37763
(865) 376-2296

▲ **His Servants Academy**

228 Delozier Lane
Rockwood, TN 37854
(865) 354-8066

homeschooling

Homeschool Support Group Leaders

Chuck and Connie Dinkins

Rockwood, TN 37854

(865) 354-9700

special education

Roane County Schools offers special education services to students with physical disabilities, emotional problems, learning disorders and speech, hearing and visual impairments.

Services are also provided for hospitalized and homebound students.

Roane County Schools operates a yearly screening program to identify and assist pre-school children at high risk of having a disability requiring future special education services that focus on language, social and cognitive learning skills.

Students who are academically gifted and talented are served in accordance with individual education plans in every school in the

Roane County School system.

career/technical education

A Technical College pathway course of study is available to all high school students in Roane County. Credit can be earned while in any of the high school career/technical courses through the **Credit Transfer (articulation) Program**. The career/technical program offers a planned course of study in fourteen classes in all five high schools. Additionally, the career/technical program offers an advanced technology curriculum in the 7th and 8th grades along with career awareness opportunities for 8th graders.

A comprehensive **School-To-Work Transitions Program** is available to high school students through job shadowing, internships and cooperative opportunities throughout the school year. The department promotes cooperative teaching between academic and vocational teachers.

As a major course of study or as interest courses, the career/technical department offers educational opportunities in agriculture, marketing, business/office education, health sciences, graphic arts, consumer science, residential construction, machine technology, automotive technology, and information infrastructure (computer/networking). Math for Technology I and II, Applied Communications/English, Principles of Technology I & II, and Biology for Technology are offered at all high schools which meet both the academic college pathway and technical college pathway requirements for graduation.

business/community involvement

School issues and needs remain a top priority in our county. The business sector has been a key player, influencing and aiding our education programs, both at the system level and the school level. There is an awareness by community leaders of the necessity of schools, businesses, and industries cooperating in educational programs, resulting in the establishment of the **Partners in Education Program**. This relationship has facilitated the growth of stronger school programs and a stronger awareness of community interests.

The schools in Roane County have benefited from this partnership which has produced programs such as:

Adopt-A-School: An extensive program from which our schools receive financial support and volunteers



Education Edge: A program that provides opportunities for students and teachers to experience first hand awareness of the work force in Roane County.

Civic and Community Groups: Organizations that raise money, award scholarships and sponsor special programs for our schools.

junior achievement

To educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics and be workforce ready.

Founded locally in 1969, Junior Achievement of East Tennessee serves students by providing a series of twenty-five sequential economic education programs spanning kindergarten through high school. In East Tennessee, our program area includes twelve counties: Anderson, Blount, Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Roane, Scott, Sevier and Union. During the 2003–2004 school year, 11,252 students in 522 classes benefited from the twenty-five Junior Achievement programs. In the 2003–2004 school year, Roane County had three schools and 540 students participate in JA economic programming. The 2008–2009 school year promises to be an even better year for impacting more students in Roane County due to the grassroots support of several fundraising events. JA has a good track record in Roane County and business professionals are taking notice.

Volunteers, trained by our professional staff, take our engaging, hands-on programs into the classroom and introduce children to the concepts of community, citizenship, and workforce readiness, a critical concern for business and industry in today's world.

Volunteers participating in Junior Achievement are typically business professionals, college students or parents who make weekly visits into the classroom for a period of five to eight weeks. Program materials are reviewed and evaluated annually by national field representatives, educators and curriculum specialists. Junior Achievement reaches out to children of all socio-economic backgrounds. Programs are delivered in both public and private schools throughout the service area.

financial facts (approximate)

2006-2007

Total Budget	\$ 59,352,700
Average Per Student	\$ 7,578
Average Teacher Salary	\$ 43,455

Income Sources

Local County Taxes	43 %
State of Tennessee	41 %
Federal Government	11 %
Other Local Fees/Charges	5 %

academic achievement

A good indicator of academic priorities in the Roane County System is the number of extracurricular and academic-related curricular activities that enhance academic achievements during the school year.

- Advanced Placement Classes
- Art Competitions
- Beta Clubs
- Boys and Girls State
- Business Professionals of America
- Channel One
- Cultural Education Programs
- Dare Youth Awards
- DECA
- District and International Junior Civitan Competitions
- Duke University's Talent Identification Program
- Honors Academies/Governor's Schools

- Honors Classes
- Honors Diploma Program
- In–School Enrichment Programs
- Junior Achievement
- Literacy Competitions
- Local and Regional Geography Bees
- Local and Regional Spelling Bees
- Modern Woodmen of America Civic Oration Contest
- Music Competition
- National Merit Scholarship Program
- Regional and State Band Competitions
- Roane State Community College Humanities/ Academic Festival
- Science and Energy Bowls
- Science and Math Clubs/Competitions
- Science Olympiad
- Tennessee Scholars/Honors Programs
- The Knoxville News–Sentinel Academic Achievers Program
- Career/ Technical Class Competitions
- Who’s Who Among American High School Students
- Write to Read Program
- 4–H Clubs/Competitions

roane state community college

President—Dr. Gary Goff
www.roanestate.edu

Roane State Community College is made up of eight campuses and centers in East Tennessee with the flagship campus being located on 138 acres in Roane County.

The College provides opportunities for students in the areas of transfer education, career education, continuing education and developmental education. The transfer curricula include two years of instruction in the humanities, mathematics, natural sciences, and social sciences to build a strong liberal arts background in preparation for transfer to a senior university. Roane State graduates transfer to senior institutions all over the state of Tennessee as well as to many universities outside of the state.

Roane State’s career preparation programs train students in business management, health sciences, office administration, police science, and other fields for students desiring associate degrees or certificates.

Continuing education opportunities are provided through a variety of non-credit courses that do not require admission to the College. These courses are offered for personal enrichment, training for compliance with business and industrial requirements, and for specific technological information. Roane State's 500 seat theatre offers a variety of cultural events for the community.



Roane State Community College continually exhibits educational excellence on a number of external measures. It is the only state institution, two year or four year, to score a perfect 100 points on the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's

Performance Funding measurement in each of the last two years. It is also the only institution in the history of this measure to score 100 points for two consecutive years. The College was notified in the fall of 2004 that it has again, received a perfect 100 points on this measure.

tennessee technology center at harriman

Director—Mark Powers
www.harriman.tec.tn.us

The Tennessee Technology Center (TTC), located in Harriman, is one of 27 technological institutions in the Tennessee Board of Regents higher education system. Since it opened its doors in 1970, the TTC has provided technical instruction and skills training to students from a six county region. The Technology Center works to match the skills of local residents with the needs of local employers, who are increasingly seeking more highly specialized workers.

Enrollment is continuous with new students beginning each week, as space is available in the training area. Program training areas include: Automotive Technology, Business Systems Technology (Accounting and Administrative Assistant), Computer Operations Technology (A+ and Net+), Diesel Powered Equipment Technology, Electronics Technology, Information Technology, Machine Tool Technology, Practical Nursing and Certified Nurse Assistant. Additional classes are available in the evenings for those who desire to upgrade computer skills or training. Customized classes can also be developed for businesses having specific training needs.

tennessee career center—roane county

Manager—Pat Taylor
“Where People and Jobs Connect”
www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/cc/cccounty-files/roane.htm
Roane County's One-Stop Career Center (located in Rockwood, TN),

is just what the name implies; a consolidation of employment and training services that work toward the delivery of services that will not only meet the needs of the job seekers and employers but also promote the economic growth of the area. Customers (whether they be job seeker or employer) will be able to easily:

- Receive a preliminary assessment of skill levels, aptitudes, abilities, and support service needs. Specific employer assessments may be provided based on needs and availability of resources.
- Obtain information on a full array of employment related services, including information about local education and training service providers.
- Receive help filing claims for unemployment insurance and evaluating eligibility for additional services.
- Obtain job search and placement assistance and receive career counseling. Employers will have access to place job orders for potential employees and conduct on-site interviews if desired.
- Have access to up-to-date labor market information. Employers will have a single point of contact to provide information about current and future openings. Employers can work closely with the Career Center system to possibly develop training programs for new or existing employees. They may also take advantage of on-the-job training opportunities or employer based customized training.
- Future Stars Youth Opportunities Program specializes in youth services to in-school juniors and seniors from Roane County to assist with summer components of pre-employment/work maturity skills, responsible citizenship skills, career exploration skills, and work experience/internships with local profit and non-profit entities. Assistance is also available to assist out-of-school youth with their career paths and employment opportunities.
- Career Center customers have access to Centers which will have: universality (services based on individual needs); customer choice (selection of services at any Career Center location); integration of services (services and programs administered by federal, state, and local government consolidated into one location); and performance driven measures (services clearly measured by outcomes which will drive the focus on meeting the expectations of each customer).

For more information regarding the Tennessee Career Center–Roane County, please call (865) 376–3082 or visit online at www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/cc/cccounty_files/roane.htm.

directory of roane county schools

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