



# Quotes of the Week

WAY IT'S SUPPOSED
TO BE... IT'S THE
WAY IT IS... THE
WAY WE COPE WITH
IT, IS WHAT MAKES
THE DIFFERENCE.

LOW MOOD COPING STATEMENTS

- I am worthy of good feelings.
- this is only temporary.
- Better days are coming
- this too shall pass.
- . Not everything is as bad as it seem
- · I am allowed to feel emotions.
- · tomorrow is a new day
- I will feel better tomorrow

THE GOAL ISN'T
TO GET RID
OF ALL YOUR
NEGATIVE THOUGHTS
AND FEELINGS;
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
THE GOAL IS
TO CHANGE
YOUR RESPONSE
TO THEM.

mancandangel

Make sure you are taking care of you! If you need help, reach out: make sure you are taking care of you! If you need help, reach out: Mrs. Kelly (A-I) - Office A432; heather.kelly@rcsdk12.org
Ms. Dorgan (K-Z) - Office A423; maggie.dorgan@rcsdk12.org

# SEL

(social emotional learning)
This week let's talk about

Coping

# WHAT IS COPING.....???



Coping pretty much describes all the different things people do to manage and reduce the stress they feel as a result of issues, problems or difficult situations that occur.

Everyone experiences different levels of stress, and also have different ways of coping, which is completely fine.

There isn't a 'right' way to cope ,different strategies work well for different people, depending on their personal strengths and skills.

# Common Unhealthy Coping Skills:

- Procrastination
- Escaping or avoiding the situation and people (includes not returning to solve problem or spend more time with others)
- Excessive video game playing
- Excessive shopping
- Excessive sleeping
- Lashing out at others

   (insulting, spreading rumors, yelling,getting revenge, etc.)

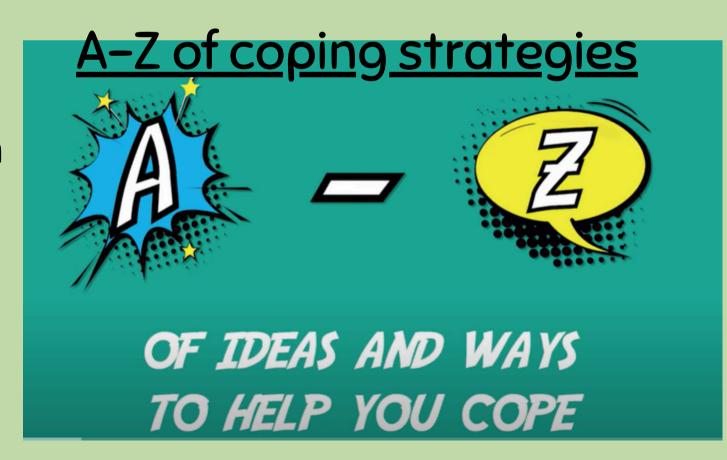
# Healthy Coping Skills:

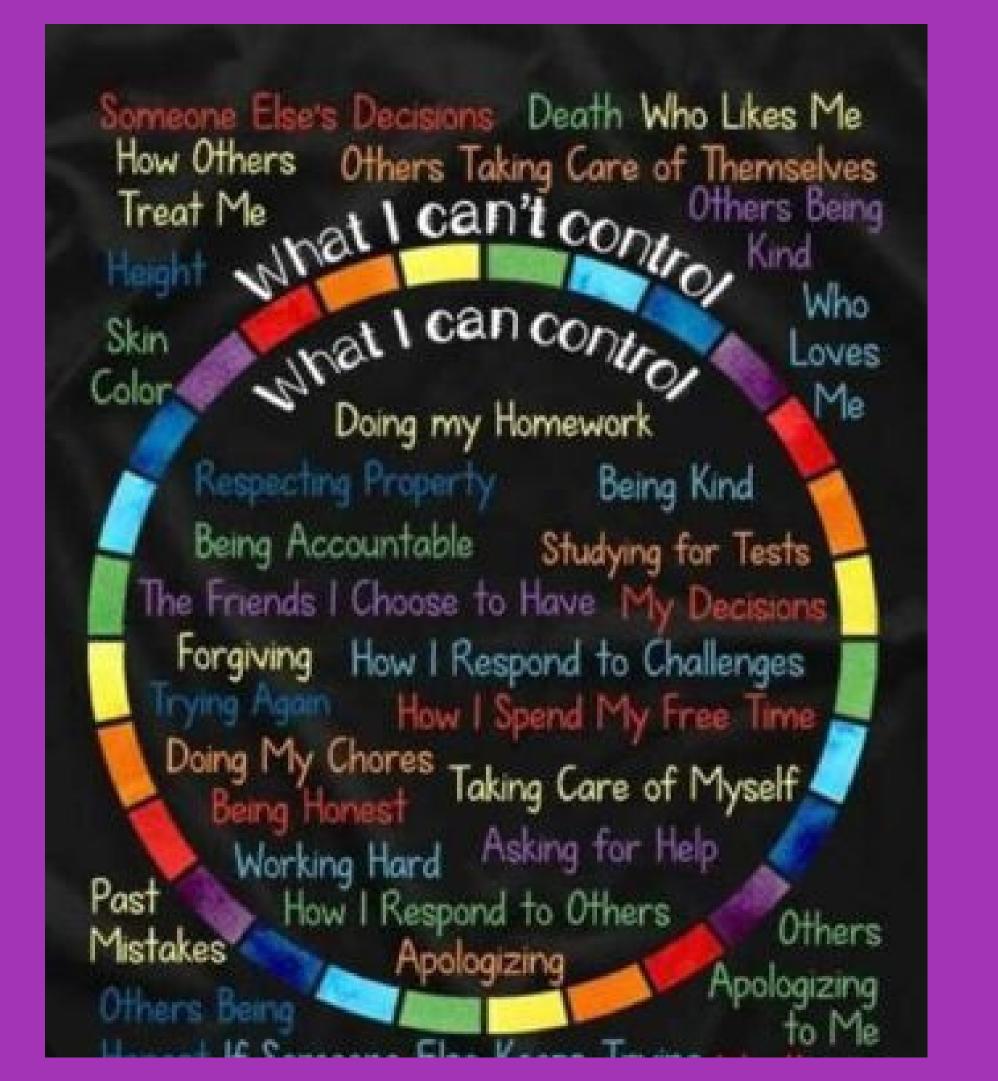
- Positive self-talk,
  - Stopping negative thinking patterns
- Deep breathing,
- · Reading a book,
- · Going for a walk,
- Exercising,
- Talking to a friend or adult,
- Listening to music,
- Doing yoga, praying or meditating,
- Drawing or painting,
- Being in nature,
- Problem-solving,
- Focus on gratitude

# Self-Regulation/Coping

- Positive Self-Talk
  - I can get through this
  - o I don't have to be perfect
- Distraction
  - Read a book
  - Watch tv
- Physical Activity
  - Go for a run
  - ° Punch a pillow
- Get Support
  - Talk to a friend or family member about your problem
  - Ask to see a counselor
- Emotional Expression
  - Write in journal
  - ° Cry; yell into pillow







## May is Mental Health Awareness Month #MHAM2025

## **Tool Kit Link**





#### Mental Health Awareness Month

**NO-COST VIRTUAL WEBINARS** 

This Mental Health Awareness Month, join us for a series of empowering webinars as we explore topics including youth mental health, aging with acceptance, resilience, and the healing power of our communities.



#### **DATES**

#### May 7th

The Power of Play: Supporting Mental Health & Wellness for Youth through Play

### May 16th Embracing the Connection:

Mental health and the Aging Body

#### May 21st Let's Talk Resilience

150

#### May 27th

Community as the Heart of Healing



**REGISTER NOW** 



· What's Happening:
at SOJA!





Keep up to date on sporting events for SOTA-hosted teams <u>HERE</u>

SOM Calendar



# Please Note! The half day on May 22 was cancelled earlier in the year. It is a FULL day.

### May 2025

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12 – A	13 – B	14 – C	15 – D	16 – A
19 – B	20 – C	21 – D	22 – A	23 – B
26	27 – C	28 – D	29 – A	30 – B

#### Key:

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Superintendent's Conference Day – No	Half-Day of School (Students)	Parent–Teacher Conference Day
School for Students		
No School/Recess	New York State Assessments	First/Last Day of School (Students)
Federal/State Holiday		

# CLICK HERE FOR SOTA STREAM

# 2025 2026 RCSD Calendar

#### July 2025 (T=0/S=0)

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#### October 2025 (T=22/S=22)

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#### November 2025 (T=16/S=15)

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#### ROCHESTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025-2026SCHOOL CALENDAR



Labor Day (All facilities closed) Superintendent's Conference Day (No

school for students)

School Opens for PreK-12 Students (Full day) **OCTOBER** Indigenous Peoples' Day (All facilities closed)

Parent/Teacher Conferences/Elementary

Parent/Teacher Conferences/Secondary

Half-day for All Students

#### 31

Superintendent's Conference Day/Election Day (No school for students) Veterans Day (All facilities closed)

Recess Day (School not in session – 12-month staff report)

Thanksgiving (All facilities closed)

#### DECEMBER

Recess (School not in session – 12-month staff report) Christmas Observed (All facilities closed)

24-25 New Year's Day (All facilities closed)

Recess (School not in session – 12-month staff report) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (All facilities closed)

NYS Testing (Regents exams)

#### **FEBRUARY**

20-23 Half-day for All Students

Presidents' Day (All facilities closed)

Lunar New Year (12-month staff report) Recess (School not in session - 12-month staff report)

MARCH

Eid al-Fitr Recess (School not in session – 12-month 17-20

Parent/Teacher Conferences/Elementary

Parent/Teacher Conferences/Secondary

Recess (School not in session – 12-month staff report)

Recess (School not in session – 12-month staff report) Good Friday (All facilities closed)

NYS Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Testing

Superintendent's Conference Day (No school for students) NYS Grades 3-8 Mathematics Testing

7-16

20-30 NYS Grades 5 & 8 Science Testing Memorial Day (All facilities closed)

NYS Testing (Regents exams) NYS Testing (Regents exams)

Juneteenth (All facilities closed) Last Day of School for PreK-12 Students

Regents Rating Day / Last Day for 10-Month Staff

First Day for PreK-12 Students (Full day)

Half-day for Students

Federal Holiday/State Holiday/School Holiday

Parent/Teacher Conference (School in session)

NYS Regents Exams/State Assessments

Regents Rating Day

Superintendent's Conference Day/Staff Report Day

Teacher Days = 185 (includes Supt Conf Days)

Student Days = 185 (includes Supt Conf Days)

Approved by the Board of Education: March 27, 2025

First Emergency Make-up Day: June 29, 2026

#### January 2026 (T=19/S=19)

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# Quarter End Dates (4 report card periods) 2024-2025

93: Triday, April 18, 2025

Q4: Thursday, June 26, 2025



## **Social & Emotional Support**

#### WHO CAN HELP AT SOTA:



#### **School Counselors**

Mr. Murphy - A179 Mrs. Siriani - A249 Mrs. Rossette - A349 Mrs. Kelly - A432 Ms. Adams - A425



#### Social Workers/CFY

Mrs. Lindsey - A179 Mrs. Coley-Gordon - A349 Mrs. Johnson - A432 Ms. Nicki - A249 Mrs. O'Connor - M138



#### School Psychologists/ RRH Therapists

Mr. Blumkin - M325 Mr. Dingman - M332 Caroline Cuyler - M151 Jennifer Guzzy - M153

\*Feel free to reach out to any staff member and they can help connect you to one of us!

#### 24/7 HOTLINES FOR SUPPORT:

Suicide & Crisis Support Lifeline: Call or text 988

The Trevor Project Hotline: Call 1-866-488-7386 or text 'START' to 678-678 (LGBTQ+ safe hotline) Call 585-271-7670

The Center for Youth:

Resource Services Hotline: Call 211

For life threatening crises or emergencies please call 911



# Demario Strickland Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning



November 20, 2023

Dear Families of RCSD Students in Grades 6-8,

We want to make you aware of two new policies that were approved by the Board of Education in August: Promotion and Retention Policy 4750 and Grading Systems Policy 4710.

#### Promotion and Retention

Starting this school year, students in grades 7 and 8 who fail two or more subjects will not be promoted without a viable plan that shows they can meet grade-level standards. What this means is students who do not receive a final average of 65% or higher in their core classes (English Language Arts, math, science, and social studies) will be required to attend summer school.

As a school community, we are responsible for ensuring students are prepared for secondary school and beyond. Passing these courses and completing assignments are important for academic success and future opportunities.



Students who fail two subjects shall have their cases considered on an individual basis through a case conference approach described above. Students who fail more than two subjects should not be promoted for the year without a viable plan that shows the student can access and show they can meet grade-level standards.

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High Honor Roll w/Distinction:	All A's- GPA 4.0+
High Honor Roll:	All A's and B's- GPA 3.5+
Honor Roll:	All A, B, C- GPA 3.2+

Grade Scale	Special Codes	Form
default selection	e default grade scale for new courses. The DESCRIPTION	nis is use
A+	Superior	94.5
A	Excellent	89.5
B+	Very Good	84.5
В	Good	79.5
C+	Above Average	74.5
C	Average	69.5

Below Average

Failure

Below 50

64.5

50



#### **Rules of Conduct**

Rules governing the conduct and safety of the students in the use and operation of the transit facility and transit vehicles of the RTS Authority

#### Purpose:

The following Rules of Conduct for RTS Transit Vehicles, Facilities, and Properties ("Rules of Conduct") are established by RTS:

- 1. To promote safety; and
- To facilitate the proper use of the transit facilities of the authority and its subsidiaries; and
- 3. To protect those transit facilities and their customers; and
- To assure the payment of fares and other lawful charges for the use of RTS systems.

#### **Prohibited Conduct:**

- Failing to pay the appropriate fare as required by RTS. (Students must utilize their RCSD issued bus pass or another form of fare to board an RTS Vehicle)
- Committing any act which tends to create or incite, or creates or incites, an immediate breach of peace, including, but not limited to:
  - Fighting; (including Physical contact toward another student, RTS Operator or RTS Supervisor) or
  - Obscene language and noisy or boisterous conduct or
  - o Personally abusive epithets, or
  - Words or language of an offensive, disgusting, or insulting nature
- Throwing any object:
  - At or within RTS transit vehicles, facilities, and properties; or
  - At any person therein; or
  - Out of any door or window of any RTS transit vehicle.
- Hanging or swinging on bars or stanchions.
- Using any cannabis, nicotine, tobacco product (i.e. chewing tobacco) or smoking device (including "e-cigarettes" and "vaping")
- Destroying, defacing, or otherwise damaging RTS property or any signs, notices, or advertisements on transit property.



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- Producing unreasonable noise, including playing sound-producing devices without earphones, headphones, or an ear receiver to limit sound to individual listeners.
- Consuming an alcoholic beverage or having possession of an open container containing an alcoholic beverage.
- Entering RTS transit vehicles, facilities, and properties intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.
- Carrying or storing any firearm, shotgun, rifle, or other dangerous weapon or article. (Including the procession or use of pepper spray towards another individual)
- · Engaging in any form of gambling.
- Spitting, expectorating, urinating, or defecating, except in the appropriate plumbing fixtures in restroom facilities.
- · Loitering within the RTS Transit Center

The rules of conduct contained herein is a condensed version, a more expansive Rules of Conduct can be found at <a href="https://www.myrts.com/About-Us/Policies-and-Procedures#conduct">https://www.myrts.com/About-Us/Policies-and-Procedures#conduct</a>

Any student who is observed violating any of these rules and who may receive or has received a notice of violation therefore is subject to removal or exclusion from the facilities or RTS vehicle.







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# HAPPENING AT SOTA MAY 6TH



JOIN SOTA AND OUR
COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO RAISE
AWARENESS ABOUT MENTAL
HEALTH RESOURCES. THE NIGHT
WILL CONCLUDE WITH
PERFORMANCES BY SOTA
STUDENTS THAT HONOR MENTAL
WELLBEING.











Tuesday May 6, 2025 6-7pm Student Performances 7pm







# Work Permit Information

You can get your work permit right here at SOTA. Stop by your house office with the following documents:

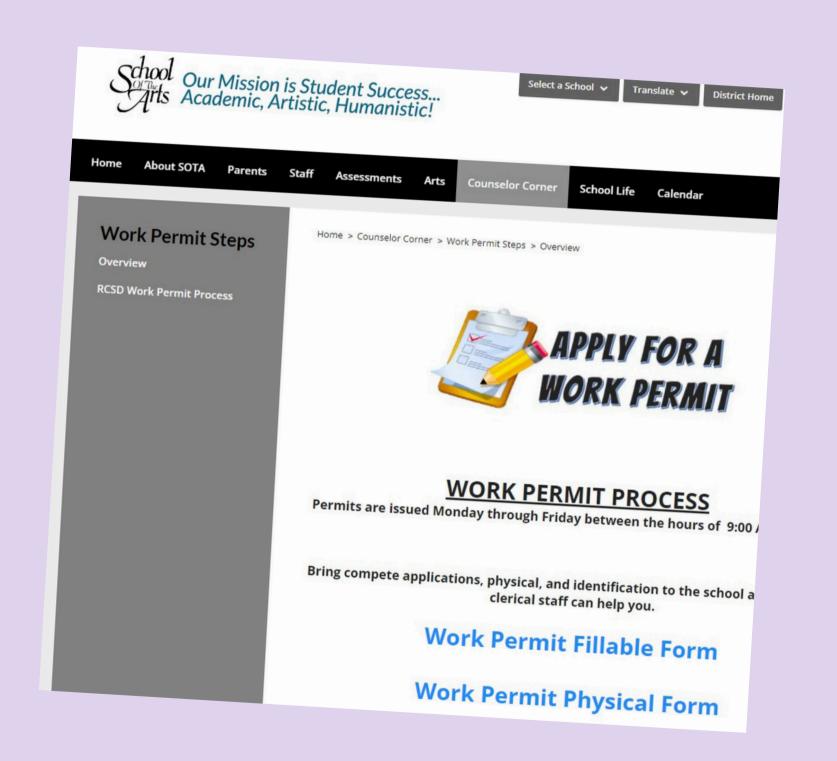
Completed Application

- Copy of Current Physical
- Birth Certificate

All the information you need to

apply for a work permit can by found on the SOTA Webpage:

work permit link



# Click Here!

Summer Aquatic Positions Rochester, NY

Seasonal - \$15.88 - \$22.90 Hourly

Category: Recreation

Department: Department of Recreation & Human Services

SUMMER AQUATICS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES LIFEGUARD/Seasonal: \$20/Hour & BEACH LIFEGUARD/Seasonal: \$20.21/Hour Responsibilities include: Stand watch or patrol beach or swimming pool; Keep bathers within bounds and go to their aid when they are in difficulty; Maintain order and compliance with beach or pool rules; Administer first aid and CPR as required. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Must be 15 years of age at time of appointment for Lifeguard. Must be 16 years of age for Beach Lifeguard. Must possess current American Red Cross Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for the Professional Rescuer, First Aid, and Lifeguard certifications or equivalent...





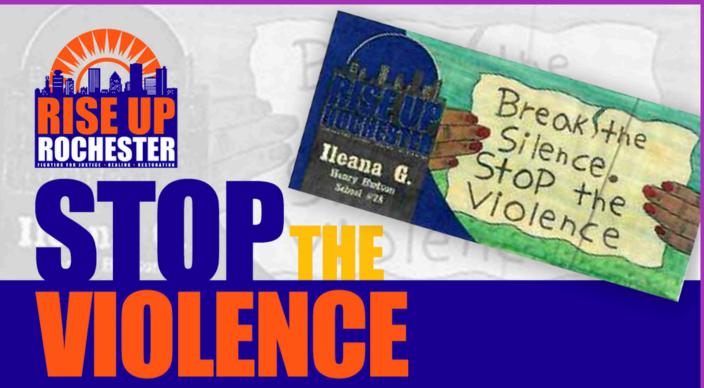
RCSD Summer
Learning Opportunities
are anticipated to be
shared with families at
this event



June 30, 2025 until Fri, Aug 22 Daily Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. 2025







RISE UP ROCHESTER, INC. invites all K-12 students to participate. The contest allows students to take a proactive stand against violence and to reach them about violence prevention, crime reporting and making healthy decisions

#### **GUIDELINES:**

- 1. Artwork must be created on 8 1/2 X 11 inches paper and in horizontal orientation. Paint marker, pen and pencil are acceptable. Collage, photo, AI and any other computer generated artwork is not acceptable.
  - Please no black and white drawings
- 2. On the back of artwork please include students name, school, teacher and grade. No artwork will be accepted without this information. Only one student per drawing submission.

#### SUBMISSION: \_

Artwork must be submitted to RISE UP ROCHESTER, INC. no later than Wednesday April 30, 2025. Please contact (585) 454-3060 for a representative to pick up the artwork.



# Save the date!

#### JA Young Women's Leadership Summit

#### **Event Details**

Thursday, May 22, 2025 9:30am - 1:30pm

Paychex Junior Achievement **Discovery Center** 

Click here to sign up your students! Space is limited to 5 students/school. For more details, please email rekha.kinsman@ja.org

#### ~ EDUCATORS ~ DO YOU KNOW A YOUNG **WOMAN RISING TO BE A LEADER!**

JA Young Women's Leadership Summit will empower high school students through a transformative mentoring experience, one that encourages students to learn new skills, explore careers, dream big and prepare to lead!

#### **EmpowHER Leadership Potential**



#### Event to Include

- Panel discussion with Dr. Lisa Kitko (VP URMC & Dean URMC School of Nursing), Nannette Nocon (Wealth Advisor, Nocon & Associates), and Naomi Silver (CEO, Rochester Red Wings), moderated by Susan Holliday (Former President, Publisher & Owner, Rochester
- Engaging break out sessions led by Elana Philips (Wealth Advisor, Anderson & Associates) and Shaina Zazzaro (Founder, Effortlessly Healthy)
- Guided Mentor/Student Activities
- Networking Lunch
- Paychex JA Discovery Center Career Visits

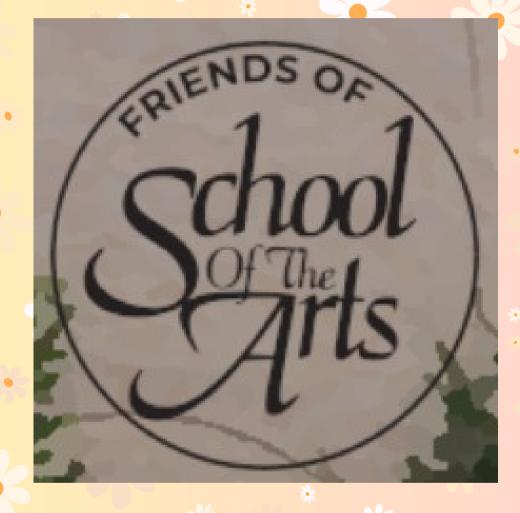
















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STUDENT CONTACT
INFORMATION HERE...



Track daily attendance, review academic progress and communicate directly with teachers and district staff as well as get the latest news updates, social media posts, notifications and more, all from your mobile device.

Download the PowerSchool app to any Android or Apple device to access these many helpful tools anytime, anywhere. For additional login information and/or assistance, click here.

# Community Resources

211 Resources for food, clothing, employment, shelter

Mobile Health Crisis Support

RCSD Support Services

Community Mental Health Resources

\*Center for Youth Services (271-7670) \*\*provides over-the-phone support, Safe Place locations and referrals for additional community supports.\*

\*Text "Got5" to 741741 for free, 24/7 confidential crisis support by text\*

# Meet your SOTA School Counselors



Mrs. Heather Kelly Grades 7–9 Last Names A–L heather.kelly@rcsdk12.org (585) 242–7682 X 4320 What is the Role of the School Counselor?
The SOTA School Counselors provide
Academic Counseling and assist with Career
and Post-Secondary Planning and SocialEmotional development for ALL students.



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