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River East Elementary
2026-2027
Family Orientation

What We'll Cover Today

Welcome to River East!

🏫 Meet Our Team

⏰ Daily Routines

📚 Curriculum & Learning

📱 Communication Tools

🤝 Family Partnerships

📅 Important Dates

Meet our Leadership Team

We're Here to Help!

Principal - Michael Panetta (mpanetta@schools.nyc.gov)

Assistant Principal - Ayo Mendez-Torres (amendeztorres@schools.nyc.gov)

Parent Coordinator - Raquel Rosas (rrosas3@schools.nyc.gov)

Secretary - Tara Cadell-Weiters (mstara@rivereastelementary.org)

Guidance Counselor - Maura Kyne (msmaura@rivereastelementary.org)

School Psychologist - Helena Tyson (mshelena@rivereastelementary.org)

Welcome New Staff

🍎 Chelsea Attride, Kindergarten

📚 Joyce Malcolm, Grade 3

📝 Jacqueline Kaishian, Grade 4

🎓 Abdul Howard, Grade 5

🤝 Raquel Rosas, Parent Coordinator

⭐ Andriena Thorpe, Paraprofessional

A Typical School Day

- **7:45 AM** - Breakfast Begins
- **8:20 AM** - Classes Begin
- **2:40 PM** - Dismissal
- **6:00 PM** - Beacon After-School Ends

Arrival and Dismissal

- **All students** will enter through the main entrance on 1st Avenue
- **All students** will be dismissed in the yard behind the school (Dismissal is from 2:32-2:40 PM)
- Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 parents are able to escort their child to their classroom from 8:20 AM - 9:00 AM

Cell Phone Policy

Focused Learning During the School Day

✅ Devices must remain powered off

✅ Grades 2-5 store devices in classroom lockers

✅ Devices are returned at dismissal

✅ PK-1 students should not bring internet-enabled devices

Why?

We want students fully engaged in learning, friendships, and play throughout the day.

3K and Pre-K

Learning Through Play, Exploration, and Care

🍎 Breakfast and lunch provided

🚻 Dedicated student bathroom

🛏️ Daily rest time

🌳 Outdoor play every day

❤️ Support with toileting as needed

Mount Sinai Health Clinic

Convenient Care for Our Students

✅ Preventive care

✅ Treatment for illness and injuries

✅ Ongoing health support

Important

Students must be registered to receive services.

☎️ 212-241-9997

Mount Sinai

NYCSA

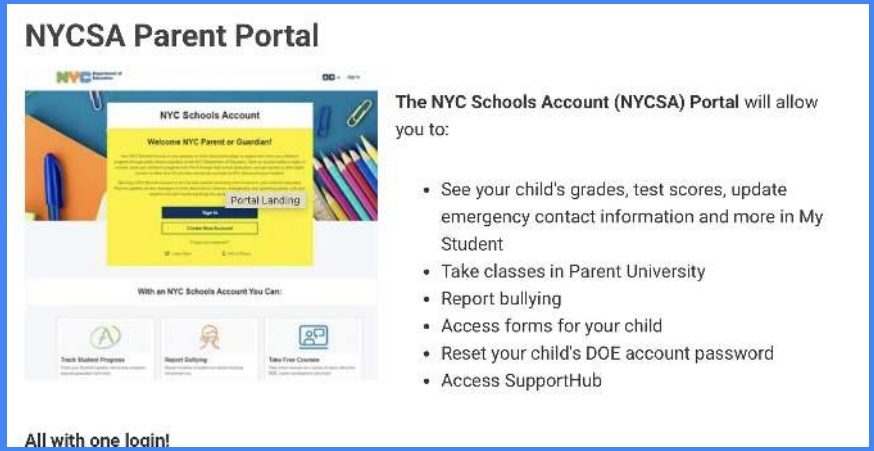
Every Family Should Create a NYCSA Account

✅ Grades

✅ Attendance

✅ Contact Information

✅ School Forms



Every Eligible River East Student Receives an Initial Scholarship Account

What is the NYC Kids RISE Save for College Program?

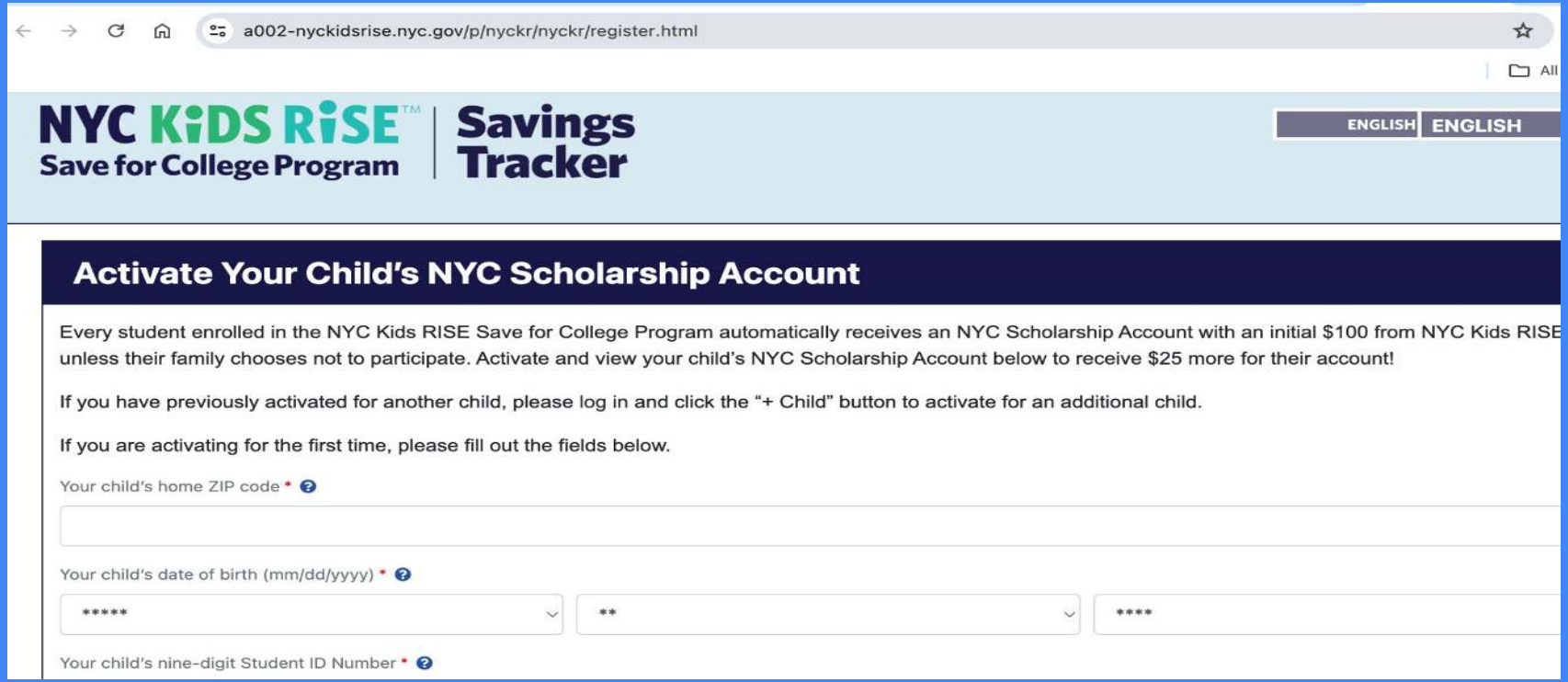
The NYC Kids RISE Save for College Program is a scholarship and savings program that supports the college and career training futures of NYC public school students—regardless of family income or immigration status.

Who is included in this program?

Kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth, and fifth grade students who:

- are enrolled during the 2026-27 academic year, and
- are enrolled in a NYC Public School, including participating charter schools.

NYC Kids Rise Registration



ParentSquare

ParentSquare Set-Up

What to do:

1. Find the email or text from your school and click the link to get started.
2. Or, go to parentsquare.com/signin (or install the ParentSquare app) and follow the steps to register.
3. Use Google sign-on, your email, or your phone number. Just make sure it matches what your school has on file.
4. If your info isn't recognized, contact your school to get it added. After your school updates it, it will show up in ParentSquare the next day, and you will be able to register your account.

Our Curriculum

📖 Reading & Writing

HMH Into Reading

🔤 Phonics

Amplify Skills

➕ Math

Illustrative Mathematics

❤️ SEL

Choose Creativity

🌎 Social Studies

Passport to Social Studies

🔬 Science

Amplify

🎨🚤 Clusters

Art • PE • Swimming

Our Partners

🚣 Swimming

All students in Grades 2-5 participate in weekly swimming lessons in our school pool.

🎾 Tennis

All 4th grade students attend weekly tennis lessons on Randall's Island.

🎵 🎨 Arts Partnerships

All K-5 students participate in chorus and ceramics with teaching artists from the 92Y.

💃 After-School Dance

Students in Grades 1-5 are eligible to participate in the DMF Youth after-school dance program beginning September 22nd.

School Supplies

- All welcome letters and school supply requests can be found on our website (www.rivereastelementary.org).

Attendance

✅ Report all absences to the school

✅ Include student name, grade, teacher, and reason

✅ Doctor's note required after 3+ days of illness

✅ Notify us of travel and provide documentation

✅ Email attendance records to **attendance@rivereastelementary.org**

Discipline Code

✅ Clear expectations for student behavior

✅ Student rights and protections are outlined by NYCPS

✅ Support available for all students, including students with disabilities

✅ Focus on restorative practices, problem-solving, and student growth

✅ Strong partnership between school and families

Discipline Code

- Support Interventions

➢ Parent Outreach	➢ Referral to Pupil Personnel Team
➢ Intervention by Counseling Staff	➢ Community Service (with parental consent)
➢ Guidance Conference	➢ Referral to Community Based Organization
➢ Restorative Practices	➢ Referral to Substance Abuse Counseling
➢ Individual/Group Counseling	➢ Referral to Counseling Services for Youth Relationship Abuse
➢ Peer Mediation	➢ Functional Behavioral Assessment/Behavioral Intervention Plan
➢ Conflict Resolution	➢ Individual Behavioral Contract
➢ Short – term Behavioral Progress Reports	

AI and Screen Time

River East follows NYCPS guidance regarding Artificial Intelligence use by students.

Important Fall Dates

- **Registration:** Week of August 31st
- **Open House:** Wednesday, September 9th (1:00-2:30 PM)
- **First Day of School:** Thursday, September 10th
- **Beacon After School Begins**: Monday, September 14th
- **First Town Meeting**: Friday, September 18th (In Gym)
- **DMF After School Dance Program Begins**: Tuesday, September 22nd
- **Curriculum Night**: Wednesday, September 30th

Before Next Week

- Register in ParentSquare
- Set up NYCSA
- Activate Kids RISE account
- Complete health clinic registration
- Review school supply list

Questions?