

# *Clubs & Activities*

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### Career Focus:

**4 H Club** - 4H is America's largest Youth Development Organization that allows young people to learn through hands-on experiences. This club will work in conjunction with the University of Connecticut to provide students with opportunities to explore agriculture, wildlife, plant and animal science.

**Club Advisors:**  
Kim Antol and  
Lindsey Fliss

**Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)** - Future Business Leaders of America is open to students who are in grades 9-12 and are enrolled in or have taken a business class. FBLA here at RHHS brings business and education together through conferences, club meetings, competitions, and leadership activities. Students are offered career preparation opportunities, involvement in community service, and the opportunity to win scholarships, trophies, and prizes while attending conferences and networking with top business professionals. FBLA is one of the largest and oldest student business associations. It has approximately 250,000 members at the middle and high school levels.

**Club Advisors:**  
Cindy Latina

**The Young Investors Club** - Students interested in getting a head start on investing for their futures. We play the Stock Market Game online and discuss investing topics. \*virtual guest speakers

**Club Advisors:**  
Anne Nguyen

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### Community Awareness / Social Justice:

**Animal Advocacy** - This club meets twice per month and works on understanding human-animal interaction and its role in society. The club will focus on bringing awareness to animal welfare issues both locally and nationally, and will be a fun way for students to interact with each other while supporting local animals and animal welfare!

**Club Advisors:**  
Stephanie Malkin  
Maureen Krauss

**Bracelets for Benefits** - The purpose of this club is to make bracelets, sell them, and use the money for charity. We will donate to a different charity each quarter of the school year.

**Club Advisors:**  
Lisa Urso

**Craft Club** - The Craft Club is for students who are interested in crafting and helping the community through creative means.

**Club Advisors:**  
Keela Parsons

**Environmental Club** - This club is for students who are interested in creating public awareness of our ongoing environmental issues, as well as work as a team to help leave our world a little cleaner than we found it. Previous projects include can & bottle drives, park clean ups, & monthly informative displays.

**Club Advisors:**  
Keela Parsons

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**Girl Up** - This club is open to all gender identities! This is a group dedicated to promoting gender equality, with an emphasis on women's rights. Members will participate in fundraisers, group discussions, and possible collaborations with other clubs such as Justice For All and Pride Alliance.

**Club Advisors:**  
Lisa Urso

**Justice for All** - A safe place for individuals to discuss social justice issues regarding racism, gender inequality, emotional issues (etc). Ultimately, we will discuss ways to implement diversity and inclusion into our school while also making people more aware of the emotions of their classmates and current events within our society.

**Club Advisors:**  
Viviana Guzman  
Catherine Mader

**Lending Paws** - This is a student-led community service club. Students want to create a positive change and give back to the Rocky Hill Community.

**Club Advisors:**  
Lauren Zadzilko  
Kim Antol

**Pride Alliance** - The PAC welcomes all students and respects and supports the rights of all people to live openly and authentically, including the expression of their sexual orientation and gender identity. Club activities include discussions, crafts, and other ideas suggested by members.

**Club Advisors:**  
Maureen Krauss  
Dylan Duclos

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**Red Cross Club** - Student led, American Red Cross affiliated club. Community outreach about disaster preparedness.

**Club Advisors:**  
Catherine Mader

**Rise** - RISE- Rocky Hill Invested in Student Environment. Motivating members within and outside of the school community to take on a positive role. Using creativity to form safe options for students to have fun in conjunction with Y2Y, the town youth services club. This club will also take on the roles of school safety from the SAVE (Sandy Hook) initiative.

**Club Advisors:**  
Catherine Mader

**Y2Y Club** - The Rocky Hill Youth 2 Youth Coalition is the Youth & Family Services Advisory Board as well as the Local Prevention Council for the Town of Rocky Hill. The goal of the Coalition is to educate, disseminate and advocate regarding issues which pertain to youth & families in our community. We provide positive alternatives to risky youth behavior. The “Board” is made up of students who are trained to be leaders. They are mentored by supportive adults within our community. Through the use of team building and leadership training, positive youth development activities and an educational curriculum, we have successfully collaborated with the RH public schools and the Police Department to empower many students to become future leaders in the Town of Rocky Hill and beyond. Community service hours, give back to your community, making new friends & resume building are benefits of membership!

**Club Advisors:**  
Lori Stanczyc

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### Honor Society:

**French National Honor Society** - In order to be a member of the Société Honoraire de Français, students must receive a 90 or above in their French classes for three consecutive semesters. The induction ceremony takes place once a year. Members receive a special honor cord at graduation. According to the Société Honoraire de Français, members must dedicate themselves to the study of French, promote high standards of scholarship, create enthusiasm for and an understanding of Francophone cultures, encourage service to school and community, and to promote international friendship.

**Club Advisors:**  
Lisa Urso

**National Art Honor Society** - The National Art Honor Society was created for the purpose of inspiring and recognizing those students who have shown an outstanding ability in art. The RHHS Chapter of the National Art Honor Society is open to students in 10th, 11th and 12th grade who have taken 1.5 credits of art and earned a B+ or better. Membership is awarded to students who meet the criteria set by the NAEA. Membership is based on four areas: Art Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service to promote the Visual Arts. A yearly membership fee and requisite community service hours are required for induction. Seniors earn their honor cords for graduation by completing a senior project. Weekly planning and check in meetings are required of all members.

**Club Advisors:**  
Eileen Schnyder



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**National Honor Society** - The Stepney-Stiles Chapter of the National Honor Society at Rocky Hill High School follows national guidelines for the selection of its student members. In addition, the local chapter has guidelines in place to assist in objectively awarding membership to students. Membership in the National Honor Society is based on four areas: Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service. All Students with a GPA of 3.4, who have attended RHHS for at least three semesters, and have conducted the required leaders and service activities will be notified by mail of their scholastic eligibility and invited to a meeting with the NHS Faculty Adviser.

**Club Advisors:**  
Kristen DeLucia

**Tri-M Music Honor Society** - Students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grade that have participated in a high school music ensemble for one year are eligible to apply for membership to the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Applications are distributed in the fall. The criteria for membership includes the following: Exceptional musicianship, Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service.

**Club Advisors:**  
Keith Traver

**World Language Honor Society** - Students inducted into the WLHS have to earn and maintain 3 consecutive semesters of an A. Each student inducted into the honor society is eligible to wear a special cord at graduation and receives recognition in the graduation program for this achievement.

**Club Advisors:**  
Matthew Bennett  
Lisa Urso  
Viviana Guzman

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### Miscellaneous:

**Board Together** - To find new ways to connect with peers and create relationships through fun games.

**Club Advisors:**  
Teresa Aurigemma

**Book Club** - A student-led group that meets to discuss selected books. Each meeting ends with a discussion/vote to choose our next text.

**Club Advisors:**  
Jillian Barry

**Chess Club** - To learn and improve in chess through friendly matches against each other.

**Club Advisors:**  
David DeCarli

**Comic Book Club** - Hey Kid Comics !!!! Join a club of Comic Book enthusiasts, we meet Bi- Monthly to talk about all types of comic books from the early era of comic books to the modern era. We all discuss the bridge from the comic book world to the cinematic world.

**Club Advisors:**  
Everett Hillman

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**Dungeons & Dragons, Magic: The Gathering Club** - The D&D club meets weekly to play Dungeons and Dragons, a open-world yet structured tabletop role playing game. Players take control of a single player character inside the game world and one person takes on the role of the Dungeon Master (DM), who organizes play and creates each adventure.

**Club Advisors:**  
Matthew Bennett

## STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics):

**Audio Engineering and Mixing Club** - The Audio Engineering and Mixing Club is for any student interested in learning the ins and outs of recording, mixing and mastering their own music or other audio material. We have audio interfaces, microphones, cables and everything you need to record audio. Just bring your instruments (if applicable) and come ready to learn some valuable skills.

**Club Advisors:**  
Doug Russell

**Coding Club (Competitive)** - Competitive Coding / Volunteer coding opportunities

**Club Advisors:**  
Gabrielle  
Brzozowski

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**Math Team (Competitive)** - The RHHS math team competes with about 20 math teams from public and private schools in the Greater Hartford area. We meet weekly to practice and we travel to competitions monthly during the regular October-March season. We sometimes qualify for the State meet and for the New England meet in Boston. Students work on specific topics to prepare for each meet. The problems encompass high school math only – arithmetic, algebra (basic and intermediate), geometry, trigonometry, statistics, probability, and pre-calculus topics. There is no calculus involved. The faculty advisor and co captains manage the practices and attention is given to new students, especially freshmen and sophomores. Overall, the atmosphere is friendly as well as math-y and we are excited about having new members who share our interest in math.

**Club Advisors:**

Brian Graca  
Dan Czuchta

**Research Club** - Students work in a collaborative environment on researching and experimenting a variety of science topics. The ultimate goal is to present their work at the CT State Science and Engineering Fair.

**Club Advisors:**

Sharon Parker  
Tim Walsh

**Science Team (Competitive)** - The goal is to get students ready for a regional Science Bowl Competition held at UConn in the spring.

**Club Advisors:**

Matt DeBacco

## Student Government:

**Model United Nations** - The Model United Nations club allows our students to simulate the United Nations discussions and debates. Students are provided with a member country and examine various contemporary issues, which simultaneously are examined by the United Nations member countries. Students will enhance their critical thinking skills by evaluating problem solving strategies and studying the impact of world politics upon our country and community.

**Club Advisors:**

Mike Dudis

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**Student Council** - The RHHS Student Council helps plan activities throughout the school year, including spirit events, fundraisers, dances, and more. The Student Council works to increase school spirit by hosting activities and programs designed to engage the student body. Anyone is welcome to join the Student Council at the beginning of the school year. There is an elected board that oversees all Student Council sponsored events. Some specific recent activities include the Homecoming Dance, Spirit Week, Pictures with Santa, the Red Cross Blood Drive, and the Scholars' Breakfast.

**Club Advisors:**  
Amy Rosenberg  
Heather Morgan

## The Arts:

**Art Club** - This club is open to anyone interested in creating; students do not need to be enrolled in an art course currently. Artists can practice or hone their skills or experiment with new media, collaborate with other artists like themselves, create bonds with the community through the arts, and learn how to work together through group projects that will beautify the school and community. Projects will be introduced to be decided by participants, everything from painting, drawing, computer to traditional techniques, 3d printing, sculpture, etc. In addition to creating, students will also participate in fundraising to provide art supplies and opportunities, or visiting artists, art experiences, or field trips.

**Club Advisors:**  
Eileen Schnyder

**Ceramics Club** - The Ceramics Club is open to anyone interested in working with their hands, not afraid to get dirty, and willing to make wonderful pieces out of mud! Students do not have to be enrolled in an art course nor have experience with working in clay. Every month, a new technique will be introduced, along with a variety of ways to create surface decoration (textures, underglaze, glazes, etc.). In addition to creating works of art, they will participate in fundraising activities to provide ceramic supplies. Overall, this club will provide students the opportunity to engage in a group activity around a common interest.

**Club Advisors:**  
Bryan Wziontko

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**Drama Club** - Drama Club is an organization dedicated to performing arts. We typically perform a musical in late winter or early spring. It is a club in which students learn about all aspects of theater both on the stage and behind it. We encourage student participation, creativity and assist members in discovering and honing their craft. We provide opportunities for all those who audition and continuously welcome new actors, singers, dancers and stage crew members!

**Club Advisors:**  
Shannon Niatopsky  
Jyllian Perlini

**Photography Club** - Photo club allows students to learn basic digital photography skills and composition techniques. The club also has access to Adobe Photoshop to edit digital photographs.

**Club Advisors:**  
Daniel Hott

## World Language:

**French Club** - The French Club is an organization meant to organize events and gatherings to foster French culture and language. The club is open to any and all students, and explores French culture through films, sports, traditional games, food, trips to culturally significant places, socializing (in French and in English) and other fun events. Every May we venture to NYC to have lunch at a French Bistro and see a Broadway Show!! AllezViens!

**Club Advisors:**  
Lisa Urso

**Spanish Club** - The Spanish Club is an after-school club for students who enjoy learning and sharing Spanish language and culture. We welcome students of all backgrounds who are interested in learning more about Spanish and Latino culture. We meet about once a month, and share typical foods, music, dance, and movies. We plan a spring trip to NYC – come join us!

**Club Advisors:**  
Viviana Guzman

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### Writing:

**Broadside** - The Broadside, student newspaper of RHHS, aims to produce professional quality, print editions month a throughout the school year, as well as two digital editions on the newspaper website and experimenting with various social media applications.

**Club Advisors:**  
David Fortier

**Literary Magazine** - The Literary Magazine features creative student work in an annual publication. Members of the Literary Magazine Club design the format of the magazine, select and edit submissions, and distribute the magazine. The Literary Magazine includes various forms of creative work such as photography, poetry, short stories, and sketches, among others. The club meets after school about twice monthly and more frequently as publication draws near.

**Club Advisors:**  
Heather Morgan