

RTD Program Eligibility:

1. Students must attend an EdCo high school.

- Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School
- Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart
- Buffalo Seminary
- Canisius High School
- Cardinal O'Hara High School
- The Gow School
- Mount Mercy Academy
- Mount St. Mary Academy
- Nardin Academy
- Niagara Catholic High School
- Nichols School
- The Park School
- St. Francis High School
- St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
- St. Mary's of Lancaster High School

2. Students must be economically disadvantaged.

TOTAL FAMILY INCOME CANNOT

EXCEED \$65,000.



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Rising To Distinction

Rising To Distinction (RTD) was established in response to the need for additional academic support and college readiness preparation for underrepresented students in the Education Collaborative of Western New York (EdCo) high schools. To help ensure the success of these students, Buffalo Prep in partnership with The John R. Oishei Foundation, developed the RTD program, which has made the services and community of Buffalo Prep available to Oishei Scholars and other eligible students since 2000. Today, the RTD program provides underrepresented high school students and their families with a wide array of support and opportunities, including tutorial services and academic skills coaching, college and financial aid advisement, enrichment activities, and socio-emotional counseling while collaborating with EdCo schools so that RTD students can meet their academic goals and gain acceptance to college.

Rising To Distinction provides tutorial services in:

- Math
- History
- Science
- English
- Foreign Language
- and more...



College Prep services

- Tutorial
- Academic skills assessments, coaching, and workshops
- College fair
- College tours
- College counseling
- College essay and scholarship writing workshops
- Financial aid workshops and counseling
- Scholarship advisement
- SAT/ACT preparation classes
- In-school community meetings
- Mentoring
- Career exploration and development

"I am so glad that my son is a part of an organization that not only cares about our children, but actually cares about the future of our children--you can see it in the care, quality, and intellect of the staffers and how they go out of their way to see that each student, including my son, has what he/she needs to move from elementary to high school and then onto college."

-Buffalo Prep Parent