



# PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

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**THE SCHOOL:** Portsmouth High School is a public, comprehensive high school, grades 9-12, with a current enrollment of approximately 1,100. Accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the State of New Hampshire, the school serves the communities of Portsmouth, Rye, Greenland, New Castle and Newington, New Hampshire.

**THE FACULTY:** Portsmouth High School faculty consists of 45 men and 75 women, 73% of whom hold a Master's degree or higher.

**THE COMMUNITY:** Portsmouth, New Hampshire is a small city with suburbs and a population of 25,000. Situated on the banks of the Piscataqua River, Portsmouth boasts a historic seaport atmosphere encompassing a major colonial reconstruction known as Strawberry Banke and a diverse arts community. Additionally, historic Portsmouth Naval Shipyard continues to employ highly trained workers in the repair and maintenance of nuclear submarines. Located minutes from the University of New Hampshire, Portsmouth is less than an hour from both Boston, Massachusetts to the south and the White Mountains, lakes and ski areas, to the north, and beaches to the east.

**THE CURRICULUM:** Courses are offered on a 4X4 block schedule with daily classes for 81 minutes and one intervention block. All students participate in the intervention block called TASC (Teachers in Academic Support Centers), which provides daily 40 minute guided interventions, extensions and the ability to personalize their education. Each 1-credit course meets for 90 days and has an average of 20 students. Students must complete 4 credits of English, 3 credits each of Math and Science, 3 1/2 credits of Social Studies, 1/2 credit each of Fine Arts, Health and Computer and 1 credit of Physical Education. Portsmouth High School offers 192 courses within 18 departments with a variety of academic levels of difficulty.

**HONORS/AP PROGRAMS:** Portsmouth High School offers honors classes in English, Math, Science and Social Studies. We offer 10 Advanced Placement courses as follows: English 12, Modern European History, United States History, Calculus, Statistics, Biology, Physics, Spanish and French. Admission to honors and AP classes is based on teacher recommendation. Please note that Expository Writing and Anatomy and Physiology are both highly rigorous, dual enrollment courses. They are weighted the same as an AP course.

**DUAL ENROLLMENT:** College courses are offered at Portsmouth High School during the day and students can earn dual credit meeting both high school and college requirements. The Dual Enrollment Program through Great Bay Community College offers Computer Science Courses, Expository Writing, Introduction to Business, and Accounting; Southern New Hampshire University offers Anatomy and Physiology, Culinary Arts and Education Teacher Training.

**THE GRADING SYSTEM:** 26 Credits are required to graduate from Portsmouth High School. Credits are earned by the quarter. A semester is two consecutive quarters. Therefore, for a semester long course, the student will receive one full credit for passing both quarters or half credit for passing one quarter. Credits are posted at the end of each quarter. Report cards are issued after each term (four times during the year.) Marks are recorded by letters on an 7 point grading scale which are interpreted as follows:

A+ 98-100	A 95-97	A- 93-94
B+ 90- 92	B 87-89	B- 85-86
C+ 82- 84	C 79-81	C- 77-78
D+ 75- 76	D 72-74	D- 70-71
F Below 70		

**WEIGHTED CLASS RANK:** Class rank for each graduating class is calculated at the end of the sixth semester and a final class rank is computed after the third quarter of the senior year. Class rank is based on grades received in all subjects.

The unweighted grade point received in a class is multiplied by the level weight of that class which equals the points earned toward class rank.

For example: A student in a level 4 class who receives an "A" earns 16 points (L4 X 4.0) toward class rank.

All courses are weighted from 2 to 5 based on level of difficulty.

L5	Honors and AP
L4	Advanced Academic
L3	Academic
L2	Standard Academic

**UNWEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE:** The unweighted GPA for all course work is determined at the end of 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th semesters.

A+ = 4.33	A = 4.0	A- = 3.67
B+ = 3.33	B = 3.0	B- = 2.67
C+ = 2.33	C = 2.0	C- = 1.67
D+ = 1.33	D = 1.0	D- = .67
F = 0		

**SAT STATISTICS: Class of 2017****Number of Test Takers 254**

Range	Critical Reading/Writing	Math
600-800	96	90
500-599	93	108
400-490	50	44
Below 400	15	12
Portsmouth	M=567	M=561
National	M=535	M=539
New Hampshire	M=516	M=523

**POST SECONDARY EDUCATION****CLASS OF 2017**

4 Year College	68%
2 Year College	12%
1 Year and Other Educational Programs	3%
Military	3%
GAP Year	1%
Prep Year	2%
Employment	11%

**SPORTS** Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Ski Team  
Soccer, Softball, Special Olympics, Spring Track, Swimming & Diving, Tennis and Volleyball

**Clubs/Activities/Co-curricular Options**

Amigo Program, Anime Club, Architecture & Design Club, Automobile Club, Bike Club, Business Club, Chamber Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Clipper Chicken Club, ClipperTutors, Conlang Club, Color Guard, Contemporary Vocals, Costume Club, Debate Club, Environment Change Organization, Epitome (PHS Literary Magazine), FCCLA, Fishing Club, Focus Club, French Club, Friends of Rachel, Gay/Transgender/Straight Alliance, Gourmet Club, History Club, Intrumental Ensembles, Interact II, Latin Civilizations Club, Lego Movie, Good Dinosaur Club, Madrigal Singers, Men's Ensemble, Model UN, Multicultural Student Alliance, Outing Club, Peer Leadership, Penguin Plunge, Percussion Ensemble, Philosophy Club, PHS Car Enthusiasts, PHS Dance Team, Players Club, Physics Club, Pokemon Club, Portsmouth Nichinan Exchange Club, Presidential Candidate Education Club, Programming Club, Project Purple, Recycle-It-Project, Robotics Club, Rocket Club, Running Club, Ski Club, Skills USA, Soccer Club, Spanish Club, Student Athlete Leadership Team, Tabletop Club, Teen Literary Club, Ukulele Club, Ultimate Frisbee, The Walking Dead Fan Club, Women's Legion Club, Yearbook Club.

***Students in the Class of 2017 were accepted at the following Colleges and Universities***

Adelphi University	Florida Gulf Coast University	Mount Ida College	Syracuse University
Albany College of Pharmacy	Fordham University	Muhlenberg College	The American University in Paris
Allegheny College	Franciscan University of Steubenville	New England College	The Culinary Institute of America
American University	Franklin Pierce University	New York Institute of Technology	The George Washington University
Arizona State University	George Mason University	New York University	The New School
Assumption College	Gettysburg College	Newbury College	The Ohio State University
Auburn University	Gordon College	Nichols College	Trinity College
Bard College	Goucher College	Northeastern University	University of Alabama
Bates College	Great Bay Community College	Norwich University	University of Arizona
Becker College	Guilford College	Nova Southeastern University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Belmont University	Hampshire College	Oklahoma State University	University of Connecticut
Beloit College	Harvard University	Old Dominion University	University of Delaware
Bennington College	Hawaii Pacific University	Oregon State University	University of Denver
Berklee College of Music	High Point University	Pace University, New York City	University of Glasgow
Bowdoin College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Paul Mitchell Beauty School	University of Idaho
Brandeis University	Hofstra University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Maine
Bridgewater State University	Husson University	Pepperdine University	University of Maryland
Brooklyn College of the CUNY	Indiana University	Philadelphia University	University of Massachusetts
Bryant University	Ithaca College	Plymouth State University	University of Miami
California Polytechnic State	James Madison University	Post University	University of Minnesota
Cazenovia College	John Cabot University	Pratt Institute	University of Montana
Champlain College	Johnson & Wales University	Purchase College-SUNY	University of Michigan
Coastal Carolina University	Johnson State College	Purdue University	University of New England
Colby College	Keene State College	Quinnipiac University	University of New Hampshire
Colby-Sawyer College	Kenyon College	Reed College	University of New Haven
Colgate University	Knox College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of North Dakota
College of Charleston	Lafayette College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Oregon
College of the Atlantic	Lakes Region Community College	Rhodes College	University of Puget Sound
College of the Holy Cross	Lasell College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Rochester
College of William and Mary	Lesley University	Roger Williams University	University of San Diego
Colorado College	LIM College New York	Rollins College	University of San Francisco
Columbia College Chicago	Loyola Marymount University	Sacred Heart University	University of St. Andrews
Connecticut College	Lyndon State College	Saint Anselm College	University of Tampa
Curry College	Lynn University	St. Lawrence University	University of Tennessee Knoxville
Denison University	Macalester College	St. Leo University	University of Vermont
DePaul University	Maine College of Art	Saint Michael's College	University of Virginia
Dickinson College	Maine Maritime Academy	Salve Regina University	Ursinus College
Drexel University	Marist College	Santa Clara University	Virginia Tech
East Carolina University	Marquette University	Sarah Lawrence University	Wagner College
Eckerd College	Marymount Manhattan College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Washington College
Elon University	McDaniel College	Siena College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical	McGill University	Sierra Nevada College	Wesleyan University
Emerson College	Merrimack College	Simmons College	West Virginia University
Emmanuel College	Methodist University	Skidmore College	Western New England University
Emory University	Miami University, Oxford	Smith College	Westminster College
Empire Beauty School	Michigan State University	Sonoma State University	Wheaton College
Endicott College	Middlebury College	Southern Maine Community College	Wheelock College
Fairfield University	Montana State University, Bozeman	Southern New Hampshire University	Whitman College
Fitchburg State University	Montserrat College of Art	Stetson University	Willamette University
Flagler College	Mount Holyoke College	Stonehill College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
		Suffolk University	