



Rising Tide Charter Public School

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2022-2023 School Profile

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2022-2023 Student Enrollment

Total Enrollment, Grades 5-12: 640
Upper School Enrollment Grades 9-12: 270
Size of Senior Class: 65

Upper School Students Who Qualify for
Free/Reduced Lunch: 21%
Upper School Special Education: 28% (IEP)

2022-2023 Upper School Teaching Faculty

Student-Teacher Ratio: 10:1
Teachers with Advanced Degrees: 82%

Class of 2022

Total Students: 76
College-Bound: 68 (89%)
Attending 4-Year Colleges: 59 (78%)
Attending 2-Year Colleges: 9 (12%)
Military Enlistment: 2
Career/Gap Year: 6

Class of 2022 Scholarship Recipients

John and Abigail Adams Scholars: 31
AP Scholars: 2
Participated in Internship: 28

SAT Data

Average SAT Score for 2020-2022: 1086

School Overview

Rising Tide Charter Public School is a college preparatory public school serving grades 5-12. Founded as a middle school in 1998, Rising Tide expanded to include the upper grades in 2011. There are 20 towns in Rising Tide's designated region. The majority of students reside in Plymouth, Wareham, Kingston, Carver, Middleborough, and Bourne. Rising Tide is driven by its mission to provide a strong academic program rooted in the history of Plymouth, Massachusetts and cultivate within its students a sense of place and belonging.

Approach to Teaching and Learning

At Rising Tide, teachers use an inquiry- and skills-based approach to foster personal and academic growth in students. This encourages students to reflect, take responsibility, ask questions, and think critically. Through curriculum design and implementation, Rising Tide fosters the development of skills, the exploration of content knowledge, and the deepening of understanding. The curriculum at Rising Tide is aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, and guided by the school's Mission, the four Schoolwide Objectives and Benchmark Skills, the Grade Level Guiding Questions, and Essential Questions within each discipline. For further explanation, visit risingtide.org.

Schoolwide Objectives

Communicator
Receptive Skills
Expressive Skills

Benchmark Skills

Self-Directed Learner
Self-Awareness Skills
Skills in Taking Responsibility

Investigator

Inquiry Skills
Innovation Skills

Community Steward

Skills in Awareness of Others
Collaboration Skills

College Acceptances for Rising Tide's Classes from 2019 - 2022

[Click here to view the list of colleges.](#)

Graduation Requirements

Twenty-eight (28) credits are required for graduation from Rising Tide. Full-year courses are one (1) credit; semester courses are a half (.5) credit. The following are minimum credits by subject area:

- Arts 3 credits
- English 4 credits
- Mathematics 4 credits
- Science 4 credits
- Social Studies 3 credits
- World Languages 3 credits in one language
- Fitness .5 credit each year

Transcript

- GPA is not weighted
- Students are not ranked
- Most rigorous pathway courses are not designated on the transcript
- A grade of B+ or above exceeds standard expectations.
- All completed core, elective, and advanced courses are included in GPA

We consider the majority of courses at Rising Tide to be honors-level in comparison with the courses at traditional public schools in the region.

Program Rigor

At Rising Tide, teachers have the flexibility and autonomy to design courses that are aligned with and go beyond the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Teachers are responsible for implementing our approach to teaching and learning and providing a rigorous program in which all students are held to high academic standards. As a result, we do not offer pre-designed curriculum, such as Advanced Placement courses.

Most Rigorous Courses

*(**indicates course is aligned with and students are eligible to take the associated AP Exam)*

- Advanced Biology ** (AP Biology)
- Advanced Chemistry ** (AP Chemistry)
- Advanced Physics ** (AP Physics 1 & 2)
- Advanced Statistics ** (AP Statistics)
- Calculus ** (AP Calculus AB)
- Pre-Calculus
- Computer Science ** (AP Computer Science A)
- International Relations
- Modern Global History
- Philosophy
- US Government & Politics ** (AP US Government & Politics)
- Spanish IV/V ** (Spanish Language & Culture)
- Latin IV/V ** (Latin)

Other courses for which students are eligible to take the AP Exam:

- English IV ** (English Language & Composition)
- Earth & Environment ** (Environmental Studies)

Students who took AP Exams in 2022: 16

Standard Grading Scale

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+
4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3
C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7	0

Non-Standard Grading Scale

Final Letter Grade	Grade-Point Equivalent	Standard Grade Range
Outstanding (O)	4	B+ to A
Satisfactory (S)	3	C to B
Needs Improvement (NI)	1.7	D- to C-
Unsatisfactory (U)	0	F

Grade-Point Average Distribution

Current Class of 2023 GPAs Only Include Final A-F Grades. Current Class of 2023 GPAs Represent 9-11th Grade Courses.

Letter Grade	Percent Grade	GPA Range	# of 2023 Students
A	93-100	3.85 - 4.0	3
A-	90-92	3.55 - 3.84	15
B+	87-89	3.15 - 3.54	15
B	83-86	2.85 - 3.14	6
B-	80-82	2.55 - 2.84	10
C+	77-79	2.15 - 2.54	7
C	73-76	1.85 - 2.14	0
C-	70-72	1.55 - 1.84	3
D+	67-69	1.15 - 1.54	5
D	63-66	0.85 - 1.14	0
D-	60-62	0.695 - 0.84	0
F	Below 63	0.694 or below	0

COVID-19 Effects on Rising Tide Students and grades from 2020-2022.

[Click here to view details.](#)



Internship Course

The Internship Course is a signature Rising Tide program for eligible Seniors. Students apply to participate in Internship during their junior year and accepted students are placed at sites according to their general career interests. Interns spend four afternoons each week at their sites and receive a full credit. Rising Tide is grateful to partner with many local businesses, non-profit organizations, and professionals in the Plymouth area.

Internship Sites 2021-2023

Bay State Physical Therapy
Congressman Bill Keating's Plymouth Office
Inky Hands
Norfolk Equipment
Planet Subaru
Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce
Plymouth Boys & Girls Club
Plymouth Public Library
Plymouth Youth Development
Collaborative
Positively Partners
Rising Tide Athletics
Rising Tide Middle School
Rizkalla Dental
SHP Financial
Southeast Massachusetts Pine Barrens Alliance
Starboard Academy
Sustainable Plymouth
TerraCura
WATD Radio
Watertree Financial Wellness
Whale & Dolphin Conservation

Athletics

RT Herons play in the Cape & Islands League within the MA Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Varsity Teams:

Baseball (boys)

Basketball (boys, girls)

Cross Country (coed)

Golf (coed)

Soccer (boys, girls)

Softball (girls)

Tennis (boys, girls)

Volleyball (girls)

Electives

Electives provide an opportunity for teachers to design and implement semester-long courses both within and outside of their usual teaching subjects. These courses represent the broad variety of interests and areas of expertise and offer students an opportunity to gain broader and deeper experiences in areas they are curious about. Students generally select 2-3 electives per year. The following sampling is a representation of recent offerings, which change each year.

Fall 2022 Electives include:

- American Sign Language & Deaf Culture
- Art History
- Careers in Sports: Statistics, Communications, Technology
- Chamber Ensemble
- Circuits
- Current Events
- India After Independence
- Internship (Grade 12 only) - full-credit course
- Jane Austen in Popular Culture
- Korean
- Literary Magazine
- Musical Theater Dance
- Musical Theater in Society
- Personal Finance
- Slavery & the Civil War
- Sports Medicine
- Theater for Social Change
- Traveling the World
- Visual Art Portfolio Workshop
- World of Fashion Design

Class of 2022 Matriculating Institutions

Bridgewater State University * Bryn Mawr College * Cape Cod Community College * Curry College * Dean College * Drexel University * Duke University * Elmira College * Emmanuel College * Fairfield University * Fashion Institute of Technology * Franklin Pierce University * Franklin University (Switzerland) * Husson University * MA College of Art & Design * MA Maritime Academy * Massasoit Community College * Michigan State University * North Central Kansas Technical College * Northeastern University * Pfeiffer University * Post University * Quincy College * Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute * Rochester Institute of Technology * Sacred Heart University * Simmons University * Smith College * Springfield College * Suffolk University * Union College * UMASS Amherst * UMASS Boston * UMASS Dartmouth * UMASS Lowell * University of Mississippi * University of South Florida * Utica College * Wheaton College * Worcester State University * U.S. Air Force * U.S. Navy