



RISING TIDE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

2023-2024 High School Profile

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 belonging.

2023-2024 STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Total Enrollment, Grades 5-12: 632
Upper School (US) Enrollment: 254
Senior Class Enrollment: 48
US Free/Reduced Lunch eligible students: 19%
US students receiving Special Education services (IEP): 28%

2023-2024 UPPER SCHOOL TEACHING FACULTY

Student-Teacher Ratio: 10:1
Teachers with Advanced Degrees: 65%

CLASS OF 2023 STATS

Total Students: 64
College-Bound: 56 (88%)
Attending 4-Year Colleges: 50 (78%)
Attending 2-Year Colleges: 6
Military Enlistment: 1
Career/Gap Year: 7
John & Abigail Adams Scholarship (MA): 19
Koplik Certificate of Mastery (MA): 4
National Honor Society: 13
Internship Participants: 31

NEW PROGRAM UPDATES 2023-2024

Rising Tide will be offering two new programs starting this school year.

Eligible Upper School students in Grade 11 and 12 will be able to take a subset of their Advanced-level courses via Dual Enrollment with **Southern New Hampshire University**. These courses are taught at Rising Tide by faculty members who have met SNHU's qualifications as adjunct professors. Courses during this pilot year will include Advanced courses in **Spanish, Latin, Social Studies, and English**, and we hope to add math and science courses next year. These courses are all designated as most-rigorous-pathway courses and may also be taken with or without receiving the SNHU credit. Students who opt into the SNHU credit will receive an additional separate SNHU transcript.

In partnership with **Cape Cod Community College**, Rising Tide's first cohort of Grade 11 students will participate in a two-year **Aviation Maintenance Technology Pathways Program**, leading to FAA certification and credits toward an aviation maintenance technology, aviation, or engineering degree. Students will engage with a virtual platform as well as in-person labs at the aviation maintenance facility near the Plymouth airport.

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

Twenty-eight (28) credits are required for
graduation, made up of full-year (1 credit)
and semester (.5 credit) courses.

PANDEMIC DISRUPTION DETAILS



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 School-wide Objectives and Benchmark Skills, the Grade Level Guiding Questions, and Essential Questions within each discipline.

For further details, visit: <https://risingtide.org/educators>

School-wide Objectives and Benchmark Skills			
Communicator	Investigator	Self-Directed Learner	Community Steward
Receptive Skills	Inquiry Skills	Self-Awareness Skills	Skills in Awareness of Others
Expressive Skills	Innovation Skills	Skills in Taking Responsibility	Collaborative Skills

STANDARD GRADING SCALE											
A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	.7	0.0

NON-STANDARD GRADING SCALE		
O S N U Grades are not included in GPA calculation.		
Final Letter Grade	Quality Point Equivalent	Standard Grade Range
O	4.0	B+ to A
S	3.0	C to B
N	1.7	D- to C-
U	0.0	F

GPA DISTRIBUTION for the CLASS OF 2024			
GPA is calculated from 9th-11th grade completed coursework at Rising Tide only.			
LETTER GRADE	PERCENT GRADE	GPA RANGE	# of 2024 Students
A	93-100	3.85-4.0	1
A-	90-92	3.55-3.84	6
B+	87-89	3.15-3.54	11
B	83-86	2.85-3.14	7
B-	80-82	2.55-2.84	6
C+	77-79	2.15-2.54	6
C	73-76	1.85-2.14	7
C-	70-72	1.55-1.84	4
D+	67-69	1.15-1.54	2
D	63-66	0.85-1.14	0
D-	60-62	0.695-0.84	0
F	Below 62	0.694 or below	0

MOST RIGOROUS COURSES

Advanced Biology (AP)
 Advanced Chemistry(AP)
 Advanced Physics (AP)
 Advanced Statistics (AP)
 Advanced Pre-Calculus (AP)
 Advanced Calculus (AP)
 Advanced Computer Science (AP)
 Advanced Latin IV/V (AP)
 Advanced Spanish III (DE)
 Advanced Spanish IV/V (AP)(DE)
 Advanced Philosophy (DE)
 Advanced Modern World History (DE)
 Advanced American Politics (AP)(DE)
 Advanced Literature (AP)(DE)
 Advanced English Composition (AP)(DE)

(DE) denotes course aligned with Southern New Hampshire University; student may receive Dual Enrollment credit.

(AP) denotes course aligned with AP curriculum; student may take AP Exam.

TRANSCRIPT NOTES

GPA is unweighted.

Students are not ranked.

Most-rigorous pathway courses are labeled "Advanced" on transcript and are usually only available to students in grade 11 & 12.

A grade of B+ or higher exceeds standard expectations.

All completed courses are included in GPA.

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 externally-designed curricula such as Advanced Placement.

SENIOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Senior Internship is a signature program for eligible seniors. Students apply during their junior year and accepted students are placed at sites according to their general interests. Interns spend three afternoons each week at their sites and participate in a weekly career readiness class at Rising Tide. Students receive one (1) credit. Rising Tide is grateful to partner with many local businesses, non-profit organizations, and professionals in the greater Plymouth area.

2022-2023 Internship Sites

Alpha-1 Flight Services
 Bay State Physical Therapy
 Congressman Bill Keating's Plymouth Office
 Crosswinds Golf Course
 Ethos Labs
 Inky Hands
 Long Pond Physical Therapy
 Off The Hook - Dog Daycare
 Planet Subaru
 Plymouth Antiquarian Society
 Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce
 Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless
 Plymouth Boys & Girls Club
 Plymouth Public Library
 Positively Partners
 Rising Tide Athletics
 Rising Tide Middle School
 Rizkalla Dental
 Shawme Animal Hospital
 SHP Financial
 Southeast MA Pine Barrens Alliance (SEMPBA)
 Sprezzatura Boutique
 Spire Center
 Starboard Academy
 Sustainable Plymouth
 TerraCura
 Whale & Dolphin Conservation

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 (in addition to the Fitness requirement). The following sampling is a representation of recent offerings, which change each year.

Fall 2023 Electives

Bioethics
 Broadway Dance
 Careers in Sports
 Comparative Religion
 East Asian Thought and History
 Evolution of Feminism Through Fashion
 Food Studies
 Gothic Literature
 Mars
 Meteorology
 Musical Theatre in Society
 Personal Finance
 Political Communication
 Portfolio Workshop
 Science Fiction

2023 COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

American University
 Bentley University
 Bridgewater State University**
 Bunker Hill Community College
 Cape Cod Community College**
 Clark University
 Colby-Sawyer College**
 Concordia University (MN)
 Connecticut College
 Curry College
 Dean College
 Eastern Nazarene College
 Elon University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emmanuel College
 Fairfield University
 Lasell University
 Norwich University
 Plymouth State University
 Quinnipiac University
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Simmons University
 Springfield College
 St. Anselm College
 St. Michael's College
 Suffolk University
 SUNY Morrisville
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst**
 University of Massachusetts, Boston**
 University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth**
 University of Tampa
 Vancouver Film School
 Wentworth Institute of Technology**
 Wheaton College (MA)
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute

** denotes multiple students