



RISING TIDE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 26 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

2024-2025 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. Rising Tide is driven by its mission to provide a strong academic program that fosters the development of skills, opportunities for students to make connections to the Plymouth region, and a strong school community that cultivates within its students a sense of place and belonging.

2024-2025 STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Total Enrollment, Grades 5-12: 622
Upper School (US) Enrollment: 248
Senior Class Enrollment: 54
US Free/Reduced Lunch eligible students: 27%
US students receiving Special Education services (IEP): 25%

2024-2025 UPPER SCHOOL TEACHING FACULTY

Student-Teacher Ratio: 8:1
Teachers with Advanced Degrees: 19

CLASS OF 2024 STATS

Total Students: 47
College-Bound: 36 (77%)
Attending 4-Year Colleges: 27 (57%)
Attending 2-Year Colleges: 2 (19%)
Military Enlistment: 0
Career/Gap Year: 8 (17%)
John & Abigail Adams Scholarship (MA): 16
Koplik Certificate of Mastery (MA): 1
National Honor Society: 11
Internship Participants: 27
Seal of Biliteracy: 1
Herter Scholarship: 1

PROGRAM UPDATES 2024-2025

Eligible Upper School students in Grade 11 and 12 will continue to be permitted to take a subset of Advanced-level courses via Dual Enrollment with Southern New Hampshire University. These courses are taught by Rising Tide faculty who have met SNHU's qualifications as adjunct professors. Dual Enrollment courses now include Literature, Composition, Philosophy, Biology, Statistics, History, and Spanish. All Dual Enrollment courses designated as most-rigorous-pathway courses and may be taken with or without receiving the SNHU credit. Students who opt into the SHNU credit will receive an additional separate SNHU transcript.

In partnership with Cape Cod Community College, Rising Tide Grade 11 and 12 students will continue to be able to participate in a two-year Aviation Maintenance Technology Pathways Program, leading to FAA certification and credits towards an aviation maintenance technology, aviation, or engineering degree. Students engage with a virtual platform as well as in-person labs at the aviation maintenance facility near 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.



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 2025			
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 American Politics - (AP)
- Advanced Biology - (AP) (DE)
- Advanced Calculus - (AP)
- Advanced Computer Science - (AP)
- Advanced Chemistry - (AP)
- Advanced English Composition - (AP) (DE)
- Advanced Latin IV/V - (AP)
- Advanced Literature - (AP) (DE)
- Advanced Modern World History - (AP) (DE)
- Advanced Philosophy (DE)
- Advanced Physics - (AP)
- Advanced Pre-Calculus - (AP)
- Advanced Spanish III - (DE)
- Advanced Spanish IV/V - (AP) (DE)
- Advanced Statistics - (AP)
- Advanced Statistics with Programming (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.

2023-2024 Internship Sites

Bay Farm Montessori Academy
Bay State Physical Therapy - Plymouth
Bay State Physical Therapy - Plympton
Cat Clinic of Plymouth
Congressional Office of Bill Keating (9th District, MA)
Long Pond Physical Therapy
Off the Hook Dog Daycare
OSP Children's Therapy Center
Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless
Plymouth Police Department
Positively Partners
Rising Tide Athletics
Rising Tide Library
Rising Tide Middle School
SEMPBA - Southeast MA Pine Barrens Alliance
Shawme Animal Hospital
Sprezzatura Boutique
SHP Financial
Spire Performing Arts Center
Starboard Academy
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.

2024-2025 Electives

Art History
Astronomy
Blue Heron Band
Comparative Religion
Concert Dance
Feminism in Literature
History of Film
Human Physiology and Disease
Intro to Sociology
Musical Science
Mythology
Portfolio Workshop
Probability in Games
Public Speaking
Science of Food
Theater for Social Change
US History through National Landmarks

2023 COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

Bridgewater State University**
Bryant University
Cape Cod Community College**
Catawba College
Curry College**
Eckerd College
Howard University
Massasoit Community College
MA College of Pharmacy and Health Science
Roger Williams University
Sacred Heart University
Salve Regina University
Siena College
Southern New Hampshire University
SpaTech**
St. Anselm College
Stonehill College
Suffolk University
University of Massachusetts - Amherst**
University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth**
Vermont State University
Wentworth Institute of Technology**
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

**denotes multiple matriculations