



Rising Tide Newly Accepted Students - FAQ

Q: How do I accept the admission offer and register my student at Rising Tide?

To enroll your child, you must submit the following items to the school at 59 Armstrong Road in Plymouth, MA 02360: Student Registration Form (all pages including family agreement and record authorization), current immunization records, copy of birth certificate, proof of residency) i.e. a copy of a current utility bill or lease, copy of IEP or 504 plan (if applicable).

Q: My child was offered admission to Rising Tide, but we haven't decided if they will attend. How long do we have to make a decision?

After the enrollment lottery, admitted students will be notified by email and a mailed letter will also be sent to the family, along with a Registration Form and a Family Agreement. The time frame to accept or reject an offer of admission depends on when the offer is made:

- Spring (after the primary enrollment lottery): Two weeks
- Summer: One week
- During the current school year: Three days

Q: Do I need to tell my child's current school that they are transferring to Rising Tide?

Yes, it is important to notify your child's current school that they are going to enroll at Rising Tide. Each school has their own requirements for transfers and withdrawals. We will contact the school to request records and student information once you have completed our student release form. Some schools still may not share this information with us until you provide them with notice directly.

Q: My child is enrolling at Rising Tide and we are interested in bus transportation. What bussing is available and how do I sign my child up?

Free [Regional bus transportation](#) is available for residents of the 19 towns in Rising Tide Charter Public School's designated region. Bus stops, arrival/ departure times, and routes, may change each year. Students requiring regional bus transportation must complete a [regional transportation form](#).

Plymouth residents must apply for transportation through Plymouth Public Schools [online](#) or by [paper application](#).

Q: When is the best time to schedule a visit to Rising Tide?

We offer virtual and in-person open houses, small group sessions, and tours with our Head of School. Fall is the best time to visit before applying. We also host an Accepted Students Day each spring for admitted and waitlisted students. Event dates are posted on our website and social media. To schedule a visit outside these times, email us at admissions@risingtide.org.

Q: Can my child repeat, skip, or be placed in a different grade level at Rising Tide upon request?

Grade placement is based on the student's academic record and Rising Tide's program. Generally, we require students to successfully complete the previous grade level. Students enrolling in our Upper School, grades 9-12, must also align with grade level expectations for coursework rigor and transferring credits. Once enrolled, we will work with the student and family to determine the appropriate grade level.

Q: My child has recently been homeschooling. What information will Rising Tide require in order to have my child enroll?

Students are welcome to Rising Tide from Homeschool Programs. In these cases, in order to document the prior curriculum, the school asks families to submit certain information from the prior year (e.g., if accepted into grade 9, the school will need information from grade 8 only):

- 1.) The curriculum plan approved by the superintendent of the home district
- 2.) A list of courses taken
 - For each course:
 - i. A list of resources used (including, but not limited to, texts, books, groups, field trips)
 - ii. Samples of the student's work
 - iii. Final grades, if available, or evidence of passing
- 3.) If available, results from any standardized testing you may have done

Q: I submitted applications for two of my children. One was offered admission, but the other was waitlisted. What is the likelihood that the waitlisted child will be accepted?

There is frequent movement on our waiting lists, and it's possible that your waitlisted child could receive admission before the start of the school year. If not, your waitlisted child will receive sibling preference once the admitted sibling has attended at least one day of school at Rising Tide. While we cannot guarantee additional openings at that time, it is very likely that we will be able to admit your child during that period.

Additional Questions? Please contact us at admissions@risingtide.org