



# RISING TIDE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 27 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

## 2025-2026 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 high school 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 rooted in the history of Plymouth, Massachusetts and cultivate within its students a sense of belonging.

### 2025-2026 STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Total Enrollment, Grades 5-12: 616  
Upper School (US) Enrollment: 238  
Senior Class Enrollment: 59  
US Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible Students: 32%  
US Students Receiving Special Education Services (IEP): 25%

### 2025-2026 UPPER SCHOOL TEACHING FACULTY

Student-Teacher Ratio: 8:1  
Teachers with Advanced Degrees: 65%

### CLASS OF 2025 STATS

Total Students: 53  
Graduating: 53 (100%)  
College-Bound: 45 (85%)  
Attending Four-Year Colleges: 31  
Attending Two-Year Colleges: 14  
Attending Vocational School: 2  
Military Enlistment: 2  
Career/Gap Year/Other: 4  
John & Abigail Adams Scholarship: 24  
National Honor Society: 14  
Seal of Biliteracy: 6  
SAT School Day Average Score: 1120

### COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS 2025-2026

Eligible Upper School students in Grade 11 and 12 are 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 include Literature, Composition, Philosophy, Biology, Statistics, History, and Spanish. All Dual Enrollment courses are designated as most-rigorous-pathway courses and may 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 Grade 11 and 12 students are able to participate in a two-year Aviation Maintenance Technology Pathways Program, preparing them for FAA certification in Aviation Maintenance Technology or a degree in aviation or engineering. Students engage with the Choose Aerospace platform as well as complete in-person labs at the Plymouth airport aviation facility.

### RISING TIDE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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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. 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 the Essential Questions within each discipline.

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

## TRANSCRIPT NOTES

GPA is unweighted.

Students are not ranked.

A grade of B+ or higher exceeds standard expectations.

Rising Tide courses are included in GPA only after completion.

Credits transferred from other high schools are not counted towards Rising Tide GPA.

Rising Tide considers its standard-level courses to be equivalent in rigor to honors-level courses at other public high schools in the region.

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

Teachers have the flexibility and autonomy to design courses that are aligned with and go beyond the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. As a result, we do not offer externally-designed curricula such as Advanced Placement.

## MOST RIGOROUS COURSES

Advanced Biology - (DE)

Advanced Calculus

Advanced Computer Science

Advanced Chemistry

Advanced English Composition (DE)

Advanced Latin IV/V

Advanced Literature (DE)

Advanced Modern World History (DE)

Advanced Philosophy (DE)

Advanced Physics

Advanced Pre-Calculus

Advanced Spanish III - (DE)

Advanced Spanish IV/V - (DE)

Advanced Statistics - (DE)

(DE) denotes a course approved by Southern New Hampshire University; students may receive Dual Enrollment credit.

Rising Tide considers its Advanced courses to be equivalent in rigor to lower-level college courses.

Students are permitted and encouraged to take the corresponding AP exams for all Advanced courses.

All courses require a previous grade of B- or higher in the subject and permission from the instructor.

### 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 2026

The below GPA is calculated from 9th-11th grade completed coursework at Rising Tide only.

| LETTER GRADE | PERCENT GRADE | GPA RANGE      | # of 2026 Students |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| A            | 93-100        | 3.85-4.0       | 6                  |
| A-           | 90-92         | 3.55-3.84      | 9                  |
| B+           | 87-89         | 3.15-3.54      | 7                  |
| B            | 83-86         | 2.85-3.14      | 12                 |
| B-           | 80-82         | 2.55-2.84      | 6                  |
| C+           | 77-79         | 2.15-2.54      | 4                  |
| C            | 73-76         | 1.85-2.14      | 3                  |
| C-           | 70-72         | 1.55-1.84      | 8                  |
| D+           | 67-69         | 1.15-1.54      | 2                  |
| D            | 63-66         | 0.85-1.14      | 1                  |
| D-           | 60-62         | 0.695-0.84     | 0                  |
| F            | Below 62      | 0.694 or below | 0                  |

## SENIOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Internship is a signature program for eligible seniors. Students apply during their junior year, and accepted students are placed at sites according to their academic or career interests. Interns spend three afternoons each week at their sites and participate in a weekly career readiness class at Rising Tide.

### 2024-2025 INTERNSHIP SITES

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bay State Physical Therapy    | Plymouth Public Library        |
| Best Chrysler                 | Foundation                     |
| Cat Clinic of Plymouth        | Plymouth Rock TV               |
| Fowl Play & MissBeeHaven Farm | Rising Tide Theatre Department |
| GreenSea IQ                   | SHP Financial                  |
| Inky Hands Gallery & Studio   | Southeastern Massachusetts     |
| Marshfield Animal Hospital    | Pine Barrens Alliance          |
| Mayflower Service Center      | South Shore Resource &         |
| Office of Congressman Keating | Advocacy Center                |
| OSP Children's Therapy Center | Sprezzatura Boutique           |
| Pilgrim Hall Museum           | Sustainable Plymouth           |
| Plymouth Early Childhood      | Systems Support Corporation    |
| Center                        | Whale and Dolphin Conservation |
| Plymouth Police Department    | Woodside School                |

## ELECTIVES

Electives are semester-long courses intended to model the specialized nature of upper-level college courses, and offer students an opportunity to gain broader and deeper experiences in areas about which they are curious. The following are the projected 2025-26 electives, which change each year.

### 2025-2026 ELECTIVES

|                        |                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Astronomy              | History of Sports and Society |
| Art History            | Human Physiology and Disease  |
| Bioinformatics         | Intro to Python               |
| Blue Heron Band        | Intro to Sociology            |
| Comparative Religion   | Italian 101                   |
| Commercial Dance       | Microbiology                  |
| Creative Computing     | Optics - The Science of Light |
| Deutschland            | Poetry and Society            |
| Feminism in Literature | Portfolio Workshop            |
| Film Studies           | Slavery and the Civil War     |
| Game Design            | Speech and Debate             |
| Greek Tragedians       | The High Middle Ages          |

## Classes of 2021-2025 College Matriculations

|                                      |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| American University                  | Howard University**                             | Simmons University**                    |
| Bentley University**                 | Ithaca College                                  | Smith College                           |
| Boston University                    | Lasell University**                             | Southern New Hampshire University**     |
| Brandeis University                  | LIM College                                     | Springfield College                     |
| Bridgewater State University**       | MA College of Pharmacy and Health and Science** | Stonehill College**                     |
| Bryant University**                  | Massachusetts College of Art & Design**         | Suffolk University**                    |
| Bryn Mawr College                    | Massachusetts Maritime Academy                  | Union College**                         |
| Cape Cod Community College**         | Massasoit Community College**                   | University of California - Los Angeles  |
| Clark University                     | Mount Holyoke College                           | University of Massachusetts Amherst**   |
| CLI Conservatory                     | Northeastern University                         | University of Massachusetts Boston**    |
| Colby-Sawyer College                 | Norwich University**                            | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth** |
| Connecticut College                  | Oberlin College                                 | University of Massachusetts Lowell**    |
| Curry College**                      | Palm Beach Atlantic University                  | University of New England               |
| Dartmouth College                    | Penn State University                           | University of New Hampshire             |
| Dean College                         | Plymouth State University                       | University of South Florida             |
| Drexel University                    | Purdue University                               | University of Tampa                     |
| Duke University                      | Quinnipiac University                           | U.S. Air Force Academy                  |
| Eckerd College**                     | Regis College                                   | Vancouver Film School                   |
| Elmira College                       | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute                | Wentworth Institute of Technology**     |
| Elon University                      | Rochester Institute of Technology**             | Wheaton College (MA)**                  |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University | Roger Williams University**                     | Worcester Polytechnic Institute**       |
| Emmanuel College**                   | Sacred Heart University**                       | Worcester State University**            |
| Fairfield University**               | Saint Anselm College**                          | Quinnipiac University                   |
| Fashion Institute of Technology      | Saint Michael's College                         |   |
| Fitchburg State University           | Salve Regina University**                       |   |
| Framingham State University          | School of Visual Arts                           |   |
| Franklin Pierce University           | Siena College**                                 |   |

\*\*denotes multiple matriculations