



June 30, 2026

Dear Rising Grade 12 Students and Families:

We hope that you are enjoying the start of your summer! In preparation for the upcoming school year, we want to share expectations as well as some updates with you.

The grade 12 Guiding Question is, “What is my place in the world?” Students will explore this question through the Advisory curriculum, which focuses on Community Building and Future Planning. Students will work with their Advisors and the Director of College and Future Planning to continue searching for their place here at Rising Tide and beyond.

As part of their academic program, grade 12 students will take English IV, Mathematics, Science, and three additional credits, as well as Physical Education and Elective courses. A number of grade 12 students will also participate in the Senior Internship Program for one semester. There is the possibility of field work for grade 12 students this year, which will be dependent on availability of community partners to host our students.

All students should expect to spend two hours per night on homework and to continue developing their skills as Self-Directed Learners by seeking help from teachers in class, during Academic Support, and during teacher check-in times. Some students have also elected to take advanced courses for college credit from Southern New Hampshire University.

Students enrolled in the Advanced Literature or Advanced Composition courses must read both *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde and *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas Foster during the summer. Students should come to school in September ready to discuss and write about these texts in the first unit of their course.

All other incoming grade 12 students must choose and read one of our [community books](#), *Tomorrow, Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin, *The Peregrine* by J. A. Baker, *Babel* by R. F. Kuang, or *Red Rising* by Pierce Brown. Students should come to school in September ready to participate in discussions and activities connected to one of these books. Students and their families should also consult the attached supplies list to ensure that they arrive with the required scholastic materials on the first day of school.

Individual class and Advisory group assignments will be available through the Community Portal in August. We look forward to seeing you at Open House on Monday, August 31st. In the meantime, have a happy and restful summer.

Sincerely,

The Grade 12 Advisory Team

The following is a list of **required** materials for grade twelve students:

For all classes: ☐ Pencils ☐ Blue pens ☐ Black pens ☐ Colored pens (for correcting ☐ Highlighters ☐ White lined paper ☐ 3 ½ x 5-inch index cards	Math: ☐ One 3-inch 3-ring binder ☐ White, lined paper ☐ Hole-punched graph paper ☐ One set of binder dividers ☐ 12-inch ruler ☐ TI-83+ or TI-84 graphing calculator (Do not buy a brand other than Texas Instruments.)
Science:	
<u>All:</u> ☐ TI-83+ or TI-84 graphing calculator (Students can use the same calculator in Science and Math.) ☐ Colored pencils	<u>Advanced Biology:</u> ☐ 3-inch binder with loose-leaf paper
<u>Advanced Physics:</u> ☐ One folder or 3-ring binder ☐ Lined or graph paper to take notes ☐ One composition notebook lined with graph paper	<u>Technology and Engineering:</u> ☐ One 2-pocket folder or 3-ring binder with lined or graph paper to take notes ☐ One composition notebook lined with graph paper <u>Earth and the Environment:</u> ☐ Binder with loose-leaf paper.
Social Studies: ☐ One 3-ring binder with white, lined paper, or a notebook	English: ☐ One 3-ring binder with dividers and white, lined paper ☐ Colored pens/highlighters
Latin: ☐ One 1 ½- or 2-inch binder with white lined paper ☐ Index cards to be used as flashcards ☐ Latin-English Dictionary ☐ Low-odor dry erase markers	Spanish: ☐ One 1 ½- or 2-inch binder with white lined paper ☐ One set of 5 binder dividers ☐ One 2-pocket folder ☐ Highlighters (2 different colors)