



Portsmouth High School

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THE SCHOOL: Portsmouth High School is a public, comprehensive high school, grades 9-12, with a current enrollment of approximately 1,100. Accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the State of New Hampshire, the school serves the communities of Portsmouth, Rye, Greenland, New Castle and Newington, New Hampshire.

THE FACULTY: Portsmouth High School faculty consists of 50 men and 75 women, 73% of whom hold a Master's degree or higher.

THE COMMUNITY: Portsmouth, New Hampshire is a small city with suburbs and a population of 25,000. Situated on the banks of the Piscataqua River, Portsmouth boasts an historic seaport atmosphere encompassing a major colonial reconstruction known as Strawberry Banke and a diverse arts community. Additionally, historic Portsmouth Naval Shipyard continues to employ highly trained workers in the repair and maintenance of nuclear submarines.

Located minutes from the University of New Hampshire, Portsmouth is less than an hour from both Boston, Massachusetts to the south and the White Mountains, lakes and ski areas, to the north, and beaches to the east.

THE CURRICULUM: With the exception of a few mini blocks, all classes meet for 90 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Each 1-credit course meets for 90 days. The average class has 20 students. Students must complete 4 credits of English, 3 credits each of Math and Science, 3 credits of Social Studies, 1/2 credit each of Fine Arts, Health and, and 1 credit of Computers and Physical Education. Portsmouth High School offers 192 courses within 18 departments with a variety of academic levels of difficulty.

THE HONORS AND A.P. PROGRAMS: Portsmouth High School offers Honors classes in English 9, English 10, and English 11, American Studies I, Algebra 2 and 3, Pre-calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physical Science.

Advanced Placement courses are offered in English 12, Modern European and American History, Calculus, Biology, Physics, Statistics, Spanish, French and Computer Science. Admission to Honors and A.P. classes is based on student application and recommendation.

THE GRADING SYSTEM: 26 Credits are required to graduate from Portsmouth High School. Credits are earned by the quarter. A semester is two consecutive quarters. Therefore, for a semester long course, the student will receive one full credit for passing both quarters or half credit for passing one quarter. Credits are posted at the end of each quarter. Report Cards are issued after each term (four times during the year). Marks are recorded by letters which are interpreted as follows:

A - Superior Work (93-100)	WP - Withdrew Pass
B - Above Average (85-92)	WF - Withdrew Fail
C - Average Work (77-84)	WM - Withdrew Medical
D - Low Pass (70-76)	NC - No Credit
F - Failure (Below 70)	AU - Audit No Credit
P - Pass (Above 70)	
TR - Transferred in Department	

Class Rank: For college application information, class rank is calculated at the end of the sixth semester. Calculations are completed at the end of the third quarter of the senior year for the purpose of determining the final class rank for graduation. Class rank is based on grades received in all subjects. A+=4.33, A=4, A-=3.67, B+=3.33, B=3, B-=2.67, C+=2.33, C=2, C-=1.67, D+=1.33, D=1, D-=.67, F=0 points. Courses in English, Social Studies, Math, Science, Foreign Language and Computers are weighted (1-5) based on level of difficulty with 5 being A.P. Other elective courses are assigned a weight of 3. For example: Students in a Level 4 class who receive an "A" gain 16 points (4X4) toward class rank.

GPA: An unweighted GPA, including all course work, is determined at the end of six semesters.

SAT STATISTICS: Class of 2007**POST SECONDARY EDUCATION: Class of 2007**

(Number of Students = 207)

<i>Range</i>	<i>Critical Reading</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>* Writing</i>	
<i>600-800</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>4 - Year College - 62%</i>
<i>500-599</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>2 - Year College - 11%</i>
<i>400-499</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>Other educational programs - 4%</i>
<i>Below 400</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Military Services - Less Than 1%</i>
<i>Portsmouth</i>	<i>M=514</i>	<i>M=534</i>	<i>M=515</i>	
<i>National</i>	<i>M=502</i>	<i>M=515</i>	<i>M=494</i>	<i>Employment - 22%</i>
<i>New Hampshire</i>	<i>M=521</i>	<i>M=521</i>	<i>M=512</i>	

In recent years, PHS Students have been accepted at the following Colleges and Universities

American University	Eastern Connecticut State Univ.	Mt. Holyoke College	U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Arizona State University	Eastern Nazarene College	Mount Ida College	U.S. Naval Academy
Baran Institute of Technology	Emerson College	New York University	University of California
Barnard College	Emmanuel College	Northern Arizona University	University of Chicago
Bates College	Florida State University	Northeastern University	University of Colorado
Bay State College	Full Sail	Pine Manor College	University of Connecticut
Boston College	George Washington University	Plymouth State	University of Delaware
Boston University	Gettysburg College	Pratt Institute	University of Massachusetts
Bowdoin College	Green Mountain College	Quinnipiac University	University of Miami
Brandeis University	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Reed College	University of New Hampshire
Brown University	Ithaca College	Rensselaer Polytechnic	University of Richmond
Bucknell University	James Madison University	Roanoke College	University of Vermont
Castleton State College	Johnson & Wales University	Rochester Inst. of Tech.	Virginia Tech
Clark University	Keene State College	Roger Williams University	Wellesley College
Clarkson University	Lasell College	Sarah Lawrence College	Wentworth Inst. of Tech.
Colby-Sawyer College	Lebanon Valley College	St. Joseph's College (ME)	Wesleyan University
Connecticut College	Lesley College	St. Lawrence University	West Virginia Wesleyan
Connecticut Culinary Institute	Lyndon State College	St. Michael's College	Wheaton College
Cornell University	Maine College of Art	Stetson University	Wheelock College
Dalhousie University	Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.	Suffolk University	Wittenburg University
Denver University	McGill University	Temple University	Worcester Poly Tech. Inst.
East Carolina University	Middlebury College	Tulane University	York University-Glendon College

Clubs/Activities/Co-curricular Options**Sports**

The Amigo Program	Instrumental Ensemble	Baseball
Art Club	Interact	Basketball
Auto Club	Jazz Band	Cheerleading
Basketball Club	Junior World Council	Cross Country
Black Student Union	Latin Club	Field Hockey
Blue Skies, Rotary	Madrigal Singers	Football
Bowling Club	Media Club	Golf
Boys Volleyball Club	Men's Ensemble	Ice Hockey
Color Guard	Men's Volleyball Club	Lacrosse
Debate Team	Peer Leadership	Soccer
Drama	Percussion Ensemble	Softball
Environmental Club	PHS Ski and Snowboard Club	Special Olympics
Epitome	The Players Club	Spring Track
Family Career & Community Leaders of America	Recycle-It-Project	Swimming & Diving
Fencing Club	SADD	Tennis
First Tech Challenge Team	Salsa Club	Volleyball
French Club	Sign Language Club	Winter Track
Friday Night	Skills USA	
Future Teachers of America	Spanish Club	
German Club	Teen Literary Club	
Girls Group	Technology Student Association	
Global Cause	Treble Choir	
Gourmet Club	Ultimate Frisbee	
	Young Women's Leadership, Girls Inc.	