



# PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

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Class of 2017

Class of 2018

Class of 2019

Class of 2020

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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 45 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 a 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 1/2 credits of Social Studies, 1/2 credit each of Fine Arts, Health and Computer and 1 credit of Physical Education. Portsmouth High School offers 192 courses within 18 departments with a variety of academic levels of difficulty.

**HONORS/AP PROGRAMS:** Portsmouth High School offers honors classes in English, Math, Science and Social Studies. We offer 10 Advanced Placement courses as follows: English 12, Modern European History, United States History, Calculus, Statistics, Biology, Physics, Spanish and French. Admission to honors and AP classes is based on student application and recommendation. Please note that Expository Writing and Anatomy and Physiology are both highly rigorous, dual enrollment courses. They are weighted the same as an AP course.

**DUAL ENROLLMENT:** College courses are offered at Portsmouth High School during the day and students can earn dual credit meeting both high school and college requirements. The Dual Enrollment Program through Great Bay Community College offers Expository Writing, Introduction to Business, and Accounting; Southern New Hampshire University offers Anatomy and Physiology, Culinary Arts and Education Teacher Training.

**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 on an 7 point grading scale which are interpreted as follows:

A+ 98-100	A 95-97	A- 93-94
B+ 90- 92	B 87-89	B- 85-86
C+ 82- 84	C 79-81	C- 77-78
D+ 75- 76	D 72-74	D- 70-71
F Below 70		

**WEIGHTED CLASS RANK:** Class rank for each graduating class is calculated at the end of the sixth semester and a final class rank is computed after the third quarter of the senior year. Class rank is based on grades received in all subjects.

The unweighted grade point received in a class is multiplied by the level weight of that class which equals the points earned toward class rank.

For example: A student in a level 4 class who receives an "A" earns 16 points (L4 X 4.0) toward class rank.

All courses are weighted from 2 to 5 based on level of difficulty.

L5	Honors and AP
L4	Advanced Academic
L3	Academic
L2	Standard Academic

**UNWEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE:** The unweighted GPA for all course work is determined at the end of 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th semesters.

A+ = 4.33	A = 4.0	A- = 3.67
B+ = 3.33	B = 3.0	B- = 2.67
C+ = 2.33	C = 2.0	C- = 1.67
D+ = 1.33	D = 1.0	D- = .67
F = 0		

**SAT STATISTICS: Class of 2016**  
**Number of Test Takers 210**

**POST SECONDARY EDUCATION**  
**CLASS OF 2016**

Range	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	4 Year College	70%
600-800	61	55	48	2 Year College	13%
500-599	75	70	81	1 Year and Other Educational Programs	2%
400-490	58	67	62	Military	1%
Below 400	16	18	19	GAP Year	1%
Portsmouth	M=536	M=531	M=525	Employment	13%
National	M=532	M=522	M=519		
New Hampshire	M=527	M=531	M=510		

**SPORTS** Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Ski Team  
 Soccer, Softball, Special Olympics, Spring Track, Swimming & Diving, Tennis and Volleyball

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

Amigo Program, Anime Club, Architecture & Design Club, Automobile Club, Bike Club, Business Club, Chamber Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Clipper Chicken Club, ClipperTutors, Conlang Club, Color Guard, Contemporary Vocals, Costume Club, Debate Club, Environment Change Organization, Epitome (PHS Literary Magazine), FCCLA, Fishing Club, Focus Club, French Club, Friends of Rachel, Gay/Transgender/Straight Alliance, Gourmet Club, History Club, Intrumental Ensembles, Interact II, Latin Civilizations Club, Lego Movie, Good Dinosaur Club, Madrigal Singers, Men's Ensemble, Model UN, Multicultural Student Alliance, Outing Club, Peer Leadership, Penguin Plunge, Percussion Ensemble, Philosophy Club, PHS Car Enthusiasts, PHS Dance Team, Players Club, Physics Club, Pokemon Club, Portsmouth Nichinan Exchange Club, Presidential Candidate Education Club, Programming Club, Project Purple, Recycle-It-Project, Robotics Club, Rocket Club, Running Club, Ski Club, Skills USA, Soccer Club, Spanish Club, Student Athlete Leadership Team, Tabletop Club, Teen Literary Club, Ukulele Club, Ultimate Frisbee, The Walking Dead Fan Club, Women's Legion Club, Yearbook Club.

***Students in the Class of 2016 were accepted at the following Colleges and Universities***

Academy of Art University	Fairfield University	Miami University, Oxford	Temple University
Allegheny College	Fisher College	Montana State University, Bozeman	The American University in Paris
American University	Fitchburg State University	Mount Holyoke College	The Culinary Institute of America
Assumption College	Florida Institute of Technology	Muhlenberg College	The George Washington University
Bard College	Florida International University	New England College	The Ohio State University
Barrett, The Honors College	Florida Southern College	New York Institute of Technology	The University of Edinburgh
Bay State College	Florida State University	Newbury College	Trinity College
Becker College	Fordham University	NHTI - Concord Community College	Trinity College of Dublin
Belmont University	Framingham State University	Nichols College	Tufts University
Bentley University	Full Sail University	Northeastern University	Union College
Berklee College of Music	Furnam University	Norwich University	United States Coast Guard Academy
Boston College	George Mason University	Old Dominion University	University of California Santa Cruz
Boston University	Gettysburg College	Pace University, New York City	University of Colorado at Boulder
Bowdoin College	Gordon College	Paul Mitchell Beauty School	University of Connecticut
Brandeis University	Goucher College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Delaware
Bryant University	Great Bay Community College	Philadelphia University	University of Denver
Bucknell University	Hamilton College	Plymouth State University	University of Hartford
Case Western Reserve University	High Point University	Princeton University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Castleton State College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Providence College	University of Kansas
Central Connecticut State	Hofstra University	Purchase College-SUNY	University of Kentucky
Chapman University	Humboldt State University	Purdue University	University of Maine
Clark University	Husson University	Quinnipiac University	University of Mary Washington
Clarkson University	Ithaca College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Massachusetts
Clemson University	James Madison University	Rhodes College	University of Miami
Coastal Carolina University	Johnson & Wales University	Roanoke College	University of New England
Colby College	Johnson State College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of New Hampshire
Colby-Sawyer College	Keene State College	Roger Williams University	University of New Haven
Colgate University	Kent State University	Rollins College	University of New Mexico
College of Charleston	King's College	Saint Anselm College	University of North Carolina
College of the Atlantic	Knox College	Saint Joseph's College	University of Redlands
College of the Holy Cross	Lafayette College	Saint Michael's College	University of Rhode Island
College of William and Mary	Lake Superior State University	Salem State University	University of Rochester
Colorado College	Landmark College	Salve Regina University	University of St Andrews
Colorado State University	Lewis & Clark College	San Diego State University	University of Tennessee Knoxville
Columbia College Chicago	Liberty University	Santa Barbara City College	University of Vermont
Columbia University	Long Island University, Brooklyn	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Washington
Connecticut College	Loyola Marymount University	Simmons College	Ursinus College
Curry College	Loyola University Chicago	Skidmore College	Wagner College
Dean College	Loyola University Maryland	Smith College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Denison University	Lynn University	Southern Maine Community College	Wesleyan University
DePaul University	Macalester College	Southern New Hampshire University	West Virginia University
DePauw University	Maine College of Art	St. Lawrence University	Western Michigan University
East Carolina University	Manchester Community College	State University of NY at Albany	Western New England University
Elon University	Marist College	State University of NY at New Paltz	Western State Colorado University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical	Marymount Manhattan College	Stetson University	Western Washington University
Emerson College	Mass College of Pharmacy & Health	Stevens Institute of Technology	Westminster College
Emmanuel College	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Stonehill College	Wheaton College
Empire Beauty School	McGill University	Stony Brook University	Wheelock College
Endicott College	Merrimack College	Suffolk University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
		Syracuse University	