



# 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 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 Computers and 1 credit of 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, Expository Writing, American Studies I, Algebra 2 and 3, Pre-calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Ecology and Physical Science.

Advanced Placement courses are offered in English 12, Modern European and United States History, Calculus, Biology, Physics, Statistics, Spanish and French. 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. and Honors. 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 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th semesters.

(Number of SAT Test Takers = 204)

Range	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	4 - Year College - 61%
600-800	56	58	52	2 - Year College - 15%
500-599	82	69	82	Other educational programs - 5%
400-499	54	63	53	
Below 400	12	14	17	Military - 2%
Portsmouth	M=537	M=539	M=534	Employment - 17%
National	M=497	M=514	M=489	
New Hampshire	M=523	M=525	M=511	

**Students in the Class of 2011 were accepted at the following Colleges and Universities**

Adelphi University	Fairfield University	Mass. College Art & Design	Santa Monica College
Albright College	Fashion Institute of Technology	Mass. College Pharmacy & Health	School of Museum of Fine Arts
American University	Fordham University	McGill University	Siena College
Arcadia University	Franklin Pierce University	McMaster University	Simmons College
Assumption College	Full Sail University	Merrimack College	Skidmore College
Barry University	Furman University	Miami University	Smith College
Bates College	George Mason University	Michigan State University	Southern NH University
Bay State College	George Washington University	Mitchell College	St. Lawrence University
Bentley University	Georgetown University	Monmouth University	Stonehill College
Boston College	Gordon College	Montana State University	Suffolk University
Boston University	Goucher College	Montserrat College of Art	SUNY College at Fredonia
Bowdoin College	Green Mountain College	Mount Ida College	Sweet Briar College
Bowling Green State University	Guilford College	Nazareth College	The Art Institute of Boston
Bradley University	Hamilton College	New England College	The Catholic Univ. of America
Brandeis University	Hampshire College	New England Inst. of Technology	The Citadel Military College
Brock University	Hartwick College	New Hampshire Institute of Art	The Corcoran College Art & Design
Bryant University	Hawaii Pacific University	New York University	The Culinary Institute of America
Bucknell University	High Point University	Northeastern University	Tufts University
California State University	Hobart and William Smith College	Norwich University	United States Air Force Academy
Camberwell College of Arts	Hofstra University	Ohio Wesleyan University	United States Coast Guard Academy
Carleton College	Hood College	Oklahoma State University	United States Naval Academy
Champlain College	Husson College	Pace University	U.S. Military Academy-West Point
Clark University	Iona College	Pennsylvania State University	University of British Columbia
Clemson University	Ithaca College	Philadelphia University	University of Chicago
Coastal Carolina University	James Madison University	Plymouth State University	University of Colorado
Colby College	Johnson & Wales University	Providence College	University of Connecticut
Colby-Sawyer College	Keene State College	Queen's University	University of Delaware
Colgate University	Kettering University	Quinnipiac University	University of Denver
College of Charleston	La Salle University	Regis University	University of Maine
Colorado College	Lafayette College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Maryland
Connecticut College	Laselle College	Rhodes College	University of Massachusetts
Cornell University	Le Moyne College	Rivier College	University of Montana
Cornish College of Arts	Lehigh University	Roanoke College	University of New Hampshire
Curry College	Lesley College	Roger Williams University	University of Tampa
Dartmouth College	Lewis and Clark College	Rose-Hulman Inst. of Technogy	University of Vermont
Drake University	Loyola University	Sacred Heart University	Villanova University
Drew University	Maine College of Art	Saint Anselm College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Drexel University	Maine Maritime Academy	Saint Joseph's College	Wake Forest University
Eastern Connecticut State	Manhattan College	Saint Louis University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Elon University	Manhattanville College	Saint Michael's College	Wheaton College
Emerson College	Marist College	Salem State University	Wheelock College
Emmanuel College	Marshall University	Salisbury University	Williams College
Endicott College	Marymount Manhattan College	Salve Regina University	Worcester Polytechnical Institute

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

Acoustic Music Jam for Students & Staff	Instrumental Ensemble
The Amigo Program	Interact II
Art Club	Jazz Club
Auto Club	Japanese Club
Black Student Union	Junior World Council
Bowling Club	Latin Club
Color Guard	Madrigal Singers
Drama	Media Club
Environmental Change Organization	Men's Ensemble
Epitome	Outing Club
Family Career & Community Leaders of America	Peer Leadership
Fencing Club	Percussion Ensemble
French Club	The Players Club
Friends of Rachel	Recycle-It-Project
Future Business Leaders of America	Ski and Snowboarding Club
Gay/Straight Alliance	Skills US
Global Cause	Teen Literary Club
Gourmet Club	Treble Choir
	Ultimate Frisbee

**Sports**

Baseball
Basketball
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Field Hockey
Football
Golf
Ice Hockey
Lacrosse
Soccer
Softball
Special Olympics
Spring Track
Swimming & Diving
Tennis
Volleyball
Winter Track