



Rocky Hill School

Small School | Big Opportunities

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A HARKNESS SCHOOL IN A UNIQUE WATERFRONT LOCATION

Founded in 1934, Rocky Hill School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school in East Greenwich, Rhode Island made up of students in preschool through grade 12. Using the Harkness method, students prepare to become leaders and lifelong learners engaged in an interactive and innovative education. All classrooms, including science laboratories, feature a Harkness table around which student-led discussions and collaborative and creative thinking take place by design. Located on 84 acres on Narragansett Bay, Rocky Hill School's unique waterfront campus further fosters exploration and discovery within a safe environment. In the Upper School, science students conduct experiments in the natural environment around campus. Students sail, kayak, and perform volunteer service in and along the Bay.

MISSION STATEMENT

To educate the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. As a nurturing school community, we encourage our students to become good global citizens and lifelong learners, guiding them as they strive for knowledge and self-awareness.

ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATIONS

Rocky Hill School is accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges and is affiliated with the National Association of Independent Schools, the Educational Records Bureau, and the Association of Independent Schools in New England. Rocky Hill is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and complies with the NACAC "Statement of Principles of Good Practice."

STUDENT BODY

Approximately 265 students share one campus comprising three divisions from preschool through grade 12. Approximately 130 students are enrolled in the Upper School (grades 9-12). The student body is comprised of 14 percent students of color and 10 percent international students. The student to faculty ratio is 5:1 and the average class size is 12 students. There are currently 34 seniors in the graduating class.

Rocky Hill School does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, handicap or national or ethnic origin in the administration of its admission, financial aid, employment, educational policies or other school programs.

FACULTY

There are 61 faculty across three divisions, and 38 hold a master's degree or higher.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Rocky Hill School offers a curriculum which is flexible by design, allowing students to forge important connections between distinct fields of study. Students acquire a range of skills associated with varied disciplines, and are encouraged to apply these new tools with increasing freedom as they move towards graduation. To receive a diploma, a student must have 20 academic credits. The following specific requirements must be met as a minimum:

- English: 4 credits (English 9, 10, 11, 12)
- Mathematics: 3 credits (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2)
- Modern and Classical Languages: 3 credits through level 3 of a language (French, Latin, Mandarin, Spanish)
- Science: 3 credits (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)
- Social Sciences: 3 credits (World History I, World History II, and U.S. History)
- Fine Arts: 2 credits (Visual Art or Music)
- Elective Courses: 2 credits from any department
- Community Service: 40 hours of documented service over four years
- Senior Seminar: Successful completion, no credit
- Senior Internship: Successful completion, no credit
- Athletics: Two seasons per academic year for 4 years

One semester equals 0.5 credits

GRADING AND CLASS RANK

Due to our small size, Rocky Hill School does not calculate class rank. All academic courses are weighted equally in computing a student's academic average, however a GPA is not a part of the permanent record. The year grade is an average of the two semester grades.

GRADING SCALE

A+	(97-100)	B+	(87-89)	C+	(77-79)	D+	(67-69)
A	(93-96)	B	(83-86)	C	(73-76)	D	(63-66)
A-	(90-92)	B-	(80-82)	C-	(70-72)	D-	(60-62)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

MATH	SCIENCE	LANGUAGES	ART	HUMANITIES
AP Calculus AB	AP Biology	AP French	AP Studio Art 2-D	AP United States History
AP Calculus BC	AP Chemistry	AP Latin	AP Studio Art 3-D	AP English Literature
AP Statistics	AP Environmental Science	AP Spanish	AP Studio Art Drawing	
	AP Physics			

SAT 2400 | 2014-2016

Section	Middle 50%
Critical Reading	520-650
Math	510-670
Writing	520-680
Total	1600-1970

NEW SAT 1600 | CLASS OF 2017

Section	Score Range	Average
EBRW	500-770	636
Math	460-780	634
Total	1060-1530	1270

ACT | 2014-2016

Subject	Middle 50%
English	22-31
Math	20-30
Reading	21-31
Science Reasoning	21-29
Composite	20-30

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Modern and Classical Languages

- Students participate in national exams in French and Latin, and National Honor Societies.
- Students compete in regional Certamen, a Latin culture and language trivia contest.
- In 2016, 14 students passed the DELF Junior (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française), an internationally recognized diploma awarded by the French Ministry of Education.

Science

Students engage in real world research and problem solving on our waterfront by:

- Collecting and analyzing data using ecological research skills to measure population density and biodiversity (Eastern mudsnails, *Spartina alterniflora*, and ribbed mussels)
- Monitoring invasive species (Phragmites)
- Protecting threatened species (diamondback terrapin) in partnership with the University of Rhode Island

Fine and Performing Arts

- In 2016, students were awarded 6 Gold Keys and 2 Silver Keys in the Rhode Island Scholastic Art Competition.
- Our fine arts teachers are working artists who exhibit and sell their work outside of Rocky Hill School.
- Deckhands Theater Company partners with Trinity Repertory Company, whose educators share their pedagogical theater expertise with our students.

Mathematics

- The Robotics Team competes in the national FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Tech challenge. In back-to-back years the team has made it to state finals.

SENIOR INTERNSHIP

Senior Internships serve as the culmination of a student's experience in the Upper School. At the beginning of the selection process, each senior contacts professionals in areas of interest and arranges a one-month internship commitment. A primary requirement is for students to pursue a passion and demonstrate an educational stretch. Students also complete a substantial research project on a topic related to their interest.

SENIOR SEMINAR

The Senior Seminar program promotes the free and open exchange of ideas, introduces students to the college seminar and lecture experience, and develops leadership that recognizes diversity and respects innovation and alternative views.

PREFECTS

One of the highest honors at Rocky Hill School is to be selected as a Prefect. Prefects are members of the rising senior class who are elected by the faculty and students, and appointed by the Head of School. Selection is based on qualities of maturity, loyalty, and service to the school community. Prefects serve on the Disciplinary Committee and on an advisory committee to the Head of Upper School, and act as peer counselors for the freshman class.

TEAM SPORTS

The Upper School athletic program promotes students' physical, emotional, and social growth through a wide range of competitive team sports and physical fitness activities where good sportsmanship, leadership, strong work ethic, commitment, and integrity are valued.

GIRLS	BOYS	CO-ED
Basketball	Basketball	Cross Country
Field Hockey	Ice Hockey	Golf
Lacrosse	Lacrosse	Tennis
Soccer	Soccer	Sailing
Softball		Theater



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COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY MATRICULATIONS 2014-2016

Barry University	New York University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Bentley University	Northeastern University (6)	University of Denver
Boston College (2)	Parson School of Design	University of Maine (2)
Boston University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Bowdoin College	Pratt Institute	University of Michigan (2)
Brown University (2)	Providence College	University of New Hampshire at Durham
Bryant University (2)	Purdue University	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Champlain College (2)	Quest University Canada	University of Pittsburgh
Chapman University	Rhode Island College (2)	University of Redlands
Clemson University	Rhode Island School of Design (2)	University of Rhode Island (4)
Colby-Sawyer College	Roanoke College	University of Vermont (3)
Cornell University	Rochester Institute of Technology	Ursinus College
Elon University	Saint Mary's College of California	Vassar College
Emmanuel College	Skidmore College	Wake Forest University
Franklin and Marshall College	Springfield College	Wellesley College
Goucher College	St. Lawrence University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Hamilton College	Stonehill College	Wheaton College MA (6)
International Yacht Restoration School	Suffolk University	Williams College
Johnson & Wales University (Providence) (4)	Syracuse University	
Lasell College	The University of Tampa (2)	
Loyola University Maryland	Tufts University	
Merrimack College	Union College	
Mount Ida College	University of California, San Diego	
New England Institute of Technology		<i>Schools with (number) denotes more than one Rocky Hill School student matriculating.</i>

Disclosure of Student Discipline: In accordance with the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice, Rocky Hill School is obligated to report any high school suspensions, dismissals, or expulsions of a college candidate. It is also required to report any significant changes in a candidate's status or qualifications between the time of recommendation and graduation. Students who commit infractions are held accountable in the hope that they will grow from their mistakes. We encourage students to disclose these growth experiences in their own applications or, later, by personal letter. In the event that infractions do occur, students will be asked to self-report these incidents to their colleges within two weeks of the final administrative decision regarding their disciplinary status. The Director of College Counseling will verify receipt of that notification.