

*Inspiring each other to
discover our full selves and
use our wisdom for good.*

Who We Are

Founded in 1934, Rocky Hill Country Day School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school with students in nursery through grade 12. Rocky Hill's expansive waterfront campus is located between Goddard State Park and Narragansett Bay, and the park, the campus, and the Bay are a part of our students' living classroom.

Graduating
Class:

39

Upper School
students:

141

Average Class Size:

12

N-12 students:

282

Points of Pride

The **Upper School experience** at RHCD is rooted in:

- **Harkness:** At the heart of a RHCD education is communication and the open exploration of ideas and beliefs. Convening around the Harkness™ table allows every student a front row seat to develop appropriate listening skills, self-advocacy, face to face dialogue, and an appreciation for civil discourse.
- **Project-Based Learning:** PBL is an approach to education that centralizes student inquiry while addressing a real world problem with authentic work to address the project and is often conducted in collaboration with experts in the field of study.
- **Intensives:** The Upper School uses an intensive model to focus on fewer courses at any given time for deeper exploration of subject matter and skills. Students earn 5-6 credits per year while focusing on 2-3 courses at a time in a block schedule. With fewer courses during an academic term, these courses—that we call “intensives”—often meet for 90-120 minutes at a time.
- **Electives:** simulating a college academic environment, extensive semester electives are offered across all disciplines beginning in Grade 10.
- **Seminar:** a required for-credit course, facilitated by experts in the field, and dedicated to:
 - Social Emotional Learning
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice, and Belonging

- Health and Wellness
- 9th Grade Seminar has an additional focus on first-year transition and media literacy.

The Rocky Hill Way:

- Belief in the value of the arts with a two-credit graduation requirement.
- Belief in the value of life lessons through team sports with a two-sport requirement per year for all students.
- Mindfulness practice.
- Four-season engagement with our waterfront campus on the Potowomut peninsula, where classes are just as likely to be outside under a tree, involve walks through Goddard State Park, and kayaking on the Greenwich River.

Hack for Global Good: a time-bound, real-world learning experience designed by RHCD students, and open to all high school students across Rhode Island, and around the world. Now in its 4th year, the goal of this social good hackathon is to expand the group's collective imagination, network, access, and expertise in order to find new solutions to critical global problems. Teams collaborate alongside industry experts to design solutions that address a United Nations Sustainable Development Goal.

Curriculum and Pedagogy

Rocky Hill Country Day's teaching and learning centers on deep inquiry to prepare students to tackle real world problems through a combination of Project-Based Learning (PBL), Harkness methodology, and research and student empowerment through curriculum, fostering opportunities for failure, adjustment and student growth. The RHCD curriculum infuses student-driven Harkness discussion techniques to learn and practice important skills as communicators, developing the value of listening and understanding different perspectives. Through inquiry in discussion, projects, research, labs and writing, students engage with their learning deeply and build readiness for both college and careers.

RHCD offers a curriculum which is flexible by design, allowing students to forge important connections between distinct fields of study. In addition to our broad and demanding graduation requirements, our curriculum includes a wide selection of elective courses for students to explore interests, including a number of Advanced college-level courses, which have been designed to challenge students who are at the top of their field and replaced AP course offerings (discontinued after the 2020-2021 school year). Students graduating from RHCD are prepared not only for rigorous college courses, but also for internships, entrepreneurial work, and to positively impact the world around them.



Grading Scale (D- to Pass):

A-F

Credits to Graduate:

21

GPA is Reported on an Unweighted

4.0 Scale

Rocky Hill

Does Not Rank

Academic Highlights

Modern And Classical Languages

- Participation in national exams in French and Latin, and National Honor Societies.
- Competition in regional Certamen, a Latin culture and language trivia contest.
- Due to COVID-19, students did not take the DELF Junior (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française), an internationally recognized diploma awarded by the French Ministry of Education in 2020.
- In upper level language courses, students engage with outside experts and local politicians in language courses to practice interview skills in target languages.

Science

- Students in Marine Biology and Environmental Science courses engage in real-world research and problem solving by collecting and analyzing data using ecological research skills to measure population density and biodiversity (eastern mudsnails, *Spartina alterniflora*, and ribbed mussels).
- In partnership with the University of Rhode Island, students in Environmental Science monitor invasive species (*Phragmites*) and protect threatened species (the diamondback terrapin).

Mathematics

The Robotics Team competes in the national FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) TechChallenge.

Fine And Performing Arts

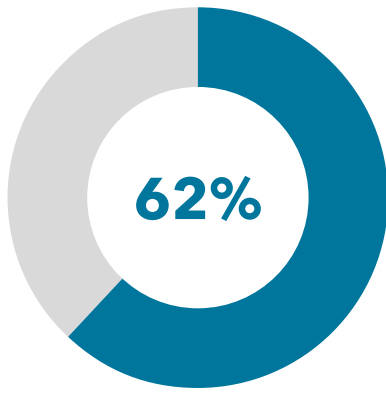
- Students were awarded two Gold Keys and six Silver Keys in the Rhode Island Scholastic Art Competition.
- Our fine arts teachers are professional artists who exhibit and sell their work nationally.

Independent Study

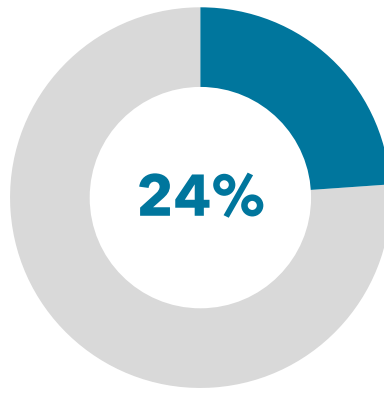
Students in recent years have completed year-long projects for academic credit in a variety of subjects. Some have been continuations of academic work once they've exhausted our curriculum in that discipline, some have been overjoyed to pursue a passion project, and others have looked for ways to examine possible career paths. Some recent independent studies include: Building Community During COVID-19, Chinese Politics, Fashion Design, Music Theory, Girls Leadership Collaborative, Interactions with the State: Patterns in Jewish History, Learning Preferences among Middle School Students, and Linear Algebra.

Humanities

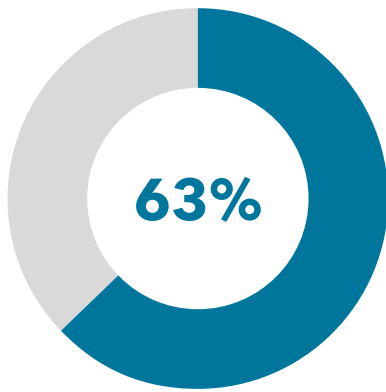
- The Ethics and Adv. Genetic Literacy classes collaborated in writing a multinational accord, considering the issues that relate to gene editing technology's impacts on social issues, healthcare equity, national and international regulation, agriculture and environment, and the marketplace. They then debated and sought consensus on a proposal for shared guidelines. This cross-disciplinary project engages student competencies of being an ethical citizen, globally-minded communicator, and critical thinker.
- In English 10, the Sharing Voices Project focuses on personal and family identity, empowering students' authentic voices and challenging them to gain a deeper appreciation of the immigrant and refugee experience. While reading a diverse selection of short prose, memoirs, essays, and poetry, students conduct personal interviews to learn about individuals who undertook the journey to come to the United States, and in reflecting on their selfhood, the students discover what it means to negotiate one's identity and claim a new sense of place.



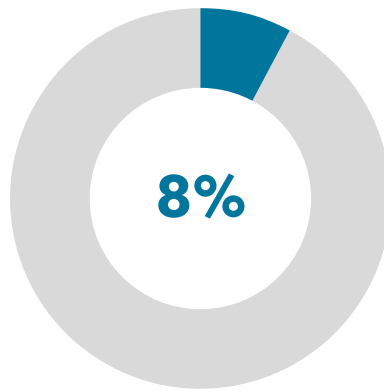
62%
of students receive financial assistance



24%
Domestic Students of Color



63%
US Faculty with Advanced Degrees



8%
International (F-1 visa holders)

College-Level Courses

MATH

- Adv. Calculus I
- Adv. Calculus II
- Adv. Statistics

HUMANITIES

- Adv. Humanities 11
- Adv. Humanities 12
- Adv. Study of Polarized Politics

SCIENCE

- Adv. Genetic Literacy in the 21st Century
- Adv. Topics in Chemistry: Atoms all Around Us
- Adv. Physics: Electricity & Magnetism
- Adv. Human Physiology

LANGUAGES

- Adv. French
- Adv. Latin
- Adv. Spanish

ART

- Adv. Portfolio



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Cities and Towns Our Students Call Home



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Student-Run Clubs



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Athletic Teams

The complete list of required and elective courses can be found here: shorturl.at/fBDIU

Accreditation and Memberships

AFFILIATIONS

- New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Accredited
- National Association of Independent Schools, Member
- Association of Independent Schools in New England, Member
- National Association for College Admission Counseling, Member
- New England Association for College Admission Counseling, Member
- Association of College Counselors at Independent Schools, Member

Rocky Hill Country Day School, as a member of the National Association of College Admission Counseling, complies with all best practices articulated in NACAC's *Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission*.

College and University Acceptances & Matriculations 2018-2020

Matriculations are shown in bold

Albright College
Alfred University
Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Assumption College
Babson College
Bard College
Barry University
Belmont University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University (SUNY)
Birmingham Southern College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bridgewater State University
Brown University
Brown University/RISD Joint Program
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Cazenovia College
CCRI
Chapman University
Clark University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
College of the Atlantic
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Curry College
Dean College
DePaul University
DePauw University
Drew University
Earlham College
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emmanuel College (MA)
Endicott College
ESCP Business School (France)
Fairfield University
Flagler College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Polytechnic University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Franklin Pierce University
George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Green Mountain College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University

Ithaca College
Jacksonville University
Johnson & Wales University-North Miami
Johnson & Wales University-Providence
Keene State College
Lafayette College
Lake Forest College
Lasell College
Lesley University
Lewis & Clark College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Lynn University
Manhattan College
Marist College
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science
Merrimack College
Miami University (Ohio)
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Mount Holyoke College
New England College
New York University
Nichols College
Northeastern University
Northern Vermont University-Johnson
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pitzer College
Plymouth State University
Pratt Institute
Providence College
Purchase College (SUNY)
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island College
Rhode Island School of Design
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rutgers University
Ryerson University (Canada)
Saint Anselm College
Saint Leo University
Saint Louis University
Salve Regina University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seton Hall University
Siena College
Skidmore College
Smith College

Spelman College
St. John's College (MD)
Stanford University
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University (SUNY)
Suffolk University
SUNY-Albany
SUNY-Maritime College
SUNY-Geneseo
SUNY-Oneonta
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
The American University of Paris
The George Washington University
The New School
The Ohio State University
The University of Arizona
The University of Scranton
The University of Tampa
Trinity College (CT)
Tufts University
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
Union College
Unity College
University of Alabama
University of Buffalo (SUNY)
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Maine
University of Maine at Farmington
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina Charlotte
University of Ottawa (Canada)
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of Toronto (Canada)
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Waterloo (Canada)
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Virginia Commonwealth University
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western Colorado University
Western New England University
Wheaton College (MA)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
York University (Canada)

