



**Ponaganset High School**

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**MISSION**

At Ponaganset High School we are committed to developing life-long learners in a culture of respect, excellence, and pride by empowering members of our school community to be dynamic contributors to the global society.

**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY**

The Foster-Glocester Regional School District is located 15 miles northwest of Providence in a predominantly rural area which services students in grades 6 through 12 from the towns of Foster and Glocester. Prior to attending PHS, students attend Ponaganset Middle School for grades 6 through 8 and one of the three sending elementary schools for grades K through 5. Residents of these communities are professionals, semi-professionals, and skilled workers. A multi-million-dollar expansion and renovation of the High School was completed in 2009.

In 2014, Ponaganset High School was classified by the Department of Education as a "Commended" High School – the highest classification. PHS received the Green Ribbon Award from the USDOE for its commitment to green architecture, engineering, and use of reliable resources. In addition, PHS is fully accredited by NEASC and a member of the League of Innovative Schools.

The school year consists of two semesters. Students may earn one credit or one-half credit per course. The student teacher ratio is 12:1. The average per pupil expenditure in 2018-2019 was \$17,982. In the 2019-2020 school year, 8% of the students were eligible for subsidized lunch.

**RECENT STATISTICS**

**Class of 2020**

4-Year College	50%
2-Year College	27%
Technical/Trade School	6%
Workforce	10%
Military	4%
Undecided	3%

Graduation Rate 98%

**Class of 2021**

Class Size 220

**Ponaganset High School 2020-21**

Total Enrollment 938

## AP & Honors Courses

Students have access to any AP course offered through VHS in addition to the following AP/Honors Courses offered in the school:

AP Biology  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Computer Science Principles  
 AP Computer Science A  
 AP English Language  
 AP English Literature & Comprehension  
 AP Environmental Science  
 AP Physics I and II  
 AP Psychology  
 AP Music Theory  
 AP Statistics  
 AP Studio Art  
 AP US Government & Politics  
 AP US History  
 AP 2D Art and Design  
 AP 3D Art and Design  
 Algebra 2 Honors  
 Biology Honors  
 Ceramic Honors  
 Ceramics III Honors  
 Chemistry Honors  
 Chinese IV  
 Diagnostic Medical Imaging EEP  
 East Asian History Honors  
 English 9 - 12 Honors  
 Geometry Honors  
 Health & Fitness Careers I - IV  
 Humanities English Honors  
 Humanities Genocide  
 Humanities Social Studies Honors  
 Introduction to Criminal Justice  
 Instrumental Ensemble I - IV Honors  
 Journalism Law & Society  
 Modern World History Honors  
 Music History EEP Honors  
 Music Technology I - III EEP Honors  
 Physics Honors  
 Physical Science Honors  
 Pre-Calculus Honors  
 Principles of Business & Finance  
 Spanish IV EEP Honors  
 Studio Art Honors  
 Studio Art EEP  
 Vocal Ensemble I - IV Honors  
 World Cultures Honors  
 US History EEP Honors  
 20th Century History Honors  
 PLTW\* Intro to Engineering Design  
 PLTW\* Principles of Engineering  
 PLTW\* Aerospace Engineering  
 PLTW\* Digital Electronics  
 PLTW\* Engineering Design & Development  
 PLTW\* Principles of Biomedical Science  
 PLTW\* Human Body Systems  
 PLTW\* Medical Interventions  
 PLTW\* Biomedical Innovation

\* Project Lead The Way - more information can be found at [www.pltw.org](http://www.pltw.org)

## ACADEMICS

Throughout their educational experience, Ponaganset High School students are encouraged to take advantage of the many challenging academic opportunities available to them. The levels available to the students are college preparatory (CP), honors (HN), dual enrollment (EEP), concurrent enrollment and advanced placement (AP).

### Dual/Concurrent Enrollment

A dual enrollment program (EEP) and a concurrent enrollment program for all Rhode Island students is available through the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island. Programs which offer concurrent credit options are CCRI, through the Running Start program, and Johnson & Wales University's Access Program.

### Online Learning

Students are provided with the opportunity to enroll in online courses that are available through the Virtual High School (VHS), the Advanced Course Network, and Edgenuity. Online courses also reflect our high academic standards.

### Grading

A weighted 4.0 scale is used to determine class rank and cumulative GPA. AP courses are weighted with an additional 1.0 points and Honors courses with an additional 0.5 points. An unweighted and weighted GPA are included on the transcripts to show cumulative academic standing.

Letter Grades	Numeric Grades	Quality Points	Weighted +.5 Honors	Weighted +1 AP/EEP
A+	97-100	4.2 - 4.5	4.7 - 5.0	5.2 - 5.5
A	93 - 96	3.8 - 4.1	4.3 - 4.6	4.8 - 5.1
A-	90 - 92	3.5 - 3.7	4.0 - 4.2	4.5 - 4.7
B+	87 - 89	3.2 - 3.4	3.7 - 3.9	4.2 - 4.4
B	83 - 86	2.8 - 3.1	3.3 - 3.6	3.8 - 4.1
B-	80 - 82	2.5 - 2.7	3.0 - 3.2	3.5 - 3.7
C+	77 - 79	2.2 - 2.4	2.7 - 2.9	3.2 - 3.4
C	73 - 76	1.8 - 2.1	2.3 - 2.6	2.8 - 3.1
C-	70 - 72	1.5 - 1.7	2.0 - 2.2	2.5 - 2.7
D+	68 - 69	1.3 - 1.4	1.8 - 1.9	2.3 - 2.4
D	65 - 67	1.0 - 1.2	1.5 - 1.7	2.0 - 2.2
F Below 65	0	0	0	0

### Graduation Requirements

In addition to a Senior Exhibition and Digital Portfolio, the students must successfully complete 22 Carnegie Units. 4 English, 3 Math + 1 Math-related, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 2 PE/Health (0.5 x 4 years), 0.5 Fine Arts, and 5.5 Electives must be among the completed units.

## Lab Sciences at PHS

Anatomy/Physiology

AP Physics I & II

AP Biology

AP Chemistry

AP Environmental Science

Biology Investigations CP & Honors

Biomedical Innovations

Chemistry CP & Honors

Human Body Systems Honors

Medical Interventions Microbiology

Orientation to Medical Imaging & Patient Care

Physical Science CP & Honors

Physics CP & Honors

Principles of Biomedical Science Honors



**Start Here.  
Go big!**

## COLLEGE AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Ponaganset's college and career pathways are organized into multi-year sequences of courses that lead to college credit and/or industry certification directly related to the workplace. Students must demonstrate proficiency to earn credits and certifications. Ponaganset High School currently educates students in the following College & Career Pathways:

1. **Animal & Plant Sciences** – Prepares students for careers in the global agriculture, food, fiber, and natural resources systems. Agricultural science education is delivered through laboratory instruction, work-based learning, and student leadership organizations (FFA).
2. **Biomedical Science** – Rigorous four-course PLTW Biomedical Science which investigates the concepts of human medicine, physiology, genetics, microbiology, and public health.
3. **Business Pathway** – Prepares students to be financially literate and provides hands-on opportunities to learn and demonstrate college readiness in the business field. Students will be responsible for managing the school store in the Entrepreneurship class.
4. **Computer Science and Information Technology** – A four-year pathway, aligns with CSTA (Computer Science Teachers Association) 3B standards, computational thinking, and programming.
5. **Criminal Justice Pathway** – Allows students to investigate careers in the criminal justice field while gaining the skills and knowledge needed to be prepared for entry-level work or to further their education. The courses in this pathway follow Roger Williams University curriculum allowing students the opportunity to receive college credits.
6. **Health & Fitness/EMT Pathway** – Allows students to explore health & fitness related careers. The curriculum is aligned to RI & National Health & Physical Education standards, as well as National Medical Services Education standards. Students have the ability to obtain their EMT certification.
7. **Materials and Manufacturing** – Prepares students using NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research) curricular modules for design and construction to earn NCCER, OSHA, and SP2 certifications.
8. **Music and Performing Arts** – A flexible pathway for those committed to music performance and industry applications and music education careers.
9. **Pre-Engineering** – Rigorous PLTW STEM curricula to prepare students for critical thinking and real-world problem-solving skills for a global society. Includes a competitive robotics team (FRC).
10. **Visual Arts** – Allows students to investigate careers in creative industries as they study the elements and principles of design.