



**Ponaganset High School**

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**MISSION**

Empower future-ready students with passion, purpose and proficiency to Start Here. Go Big!®

**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY**

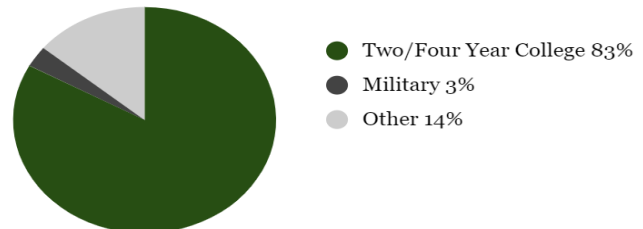
The Foster-Glocester Regional School District is located 15 miles northwest of Providence, Rhode Island in a predominantly rural area which serves students in grades 6 through 12 from the towns of Foster and Glocester. Prior to attending Ponaganset High School, students attend Ponaganset Middle School for grades 6 through 8 and one of the three sending elementary schools for grades K through 5. Additionally, more than 260 out-of-district students, representing 13 communities across the state, currently access the school's career programs along with 680 students who reside in the district.

In 2019, Ponaganset High School was one of two Rhode Island schools chosen to become XQ schools and serve as beacons for what is possible in America's smallest state. In addition, Ponaganset is fully accredited by NEASC and a member of the Great Schools Partnership. In 2017, Ponaganset was the first high school in the state to be recognized as a Unified School. The Ponaganset High School community is committed to building an inclusive culture that ensures that every voice is heard, valued, and empowered. In 2019, one of our special education teachers was recognized for the Milken Educator Award. Ponaganset has also received the Green Ribbon Award from the USDOE for its commitment to green architecture, engineering, and use of reliable resources.

The school year consists of two semesters based on a 4x4 block schedule that rotates every other day. Students may earn one credit or one-half credit per course. The structure of the schedule provides students with a personalization block that allows for student choice and flexibility to access academic support, clubs and activities, as well as community-based meetings.

**RECENT STATISTICS**

**Class of 2023 School Profile**



Class Size	220
Graduation Rate	98%

**Ponaganset High School 2023-24 Statistics**

Total Enrollment	915
Student to Faculty ratio	12:1
Average per pupil expenditure	\$19,155

## 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 IV CL  
 Humanities English Honors  
 Humanities Social Studies Honors  
 Instrumental Ensemble I - IV Honors  
 Modern World History Honors  
 Music History EEP Honors  
 Music Technology I - III EEP Honors  
 Physics Honors  
 Physical Science Honors  
 Pre-Calculus Honors  
 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  
 URI College Writing  
 URI Introduction to Literature  
 \* Project Lead The Way - more information can be found at [www.pltw.org](http://www.pltw.org)

### Transferable Skills:

**Communicator, Thinker, Citizen, Learner**

The PHS transferable skills are a concise listing of four school-wide expectations of what all students should know or be able to do upon graduation from Ponaganset High School beyond the skills and knowledge that are embedded into the curriculum.



## ACADEMICS

Throughout their educational experience, Ponaganset High School students are encouraged to take advantage of the many challenging academic opportunities available to them. Students are provided with the opportunity to enroll in College Preparatory (CP), Honors (HN), Dual Enrollment (EEP), Concurrent Enrollment (CL) and/or Advanced placement (AP) courses.

### Dual/Concurrent Enrollment

A dual enrollment program (EEP) and a concurrent enrollment program for all Rhode Island students are 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, Roger Williams University, 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.

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Quality Points CP	Weighted +.5 Honors	Weighted +1 AP®/EEP/CL
A+	97-100	4.333	4.830	5.333
A	93-96	4.000	4.500	5.000
A-	90-92	3.670	4.170	4.670
B+	87-89	3.333	3.830	4.333
B	83-86	3.000	3.500	4.000
B-	80-82	2.670	3.170	3.670
C+	77-79	2.333	2.830	3.333
C	73-76	2.000	2.500	3.000
C-	70-72	1.670	2.170	2.670
D+	67-69	1.333	1.830	2.333
D	65-66	1.000	1.500	2.000
F	64 and less	0	0	0

### 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.

### Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a minimum of twenty-two (22) Carnegie Units in order to graduate. In addition, students must complete and present a Senior Passion Project to be eligible for participation in graduation.

English..... 4 credits  
 Mathematics..... 3+1 related credits  
 Science ..... 3 credits  
 Social Studies..... 3 credits  
 Health/PE ..... 2 credits  
 Fine Arts..... .5 credits  
 Electives..... Minimum of 5.5 Credits

## Lab Sciences at PHS

Anatomy/Physiology (Energy/Communication)  
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

Work- Based Learning (WBL)- Ponaganset High School provides students with the opportunity to earn career related hours by combining ongoing significant work experience with academic study.

**All students enrolled in a CTE program must complete 80 hours of work-based learning.**

## Colleges and Universities of Acceptance

Anna Maria College  
Brigham Young University Idaho  
Brown University  
Bryant University  
Champlain College  
Clark University  
Clarkson  
College of Charleston  
Community College of Rhode Island  
Curry College  
Dean College  
Emmanuel College  
Hartford University  
High Point University  
Hobart and William Smith  
James Madison University  
Johnson and Wales  
Maine College of Art & Design  
Montana State University Bozeman  
MTTI  
Muhlenberg College  
New England Institute of Technology  
Nichols College  
Notre Dame College  
Nova Southeastern University  
Paul Mitchell  
Quinnipiac University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island College  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
Roanoke college  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Roger Williams University  
Salve Regina University  
Seton Hall University  
Springfield College  
Stanford University  
Stonehill college  
Suffolk University  
The University of Alabama  
The University of Minnesota  
Trinity College Hartford  
University of Alabama  
University of Connecticut  
University of Hartford  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
University of Massachusetts Lowell  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Tampa  
Wabash College  
Western New England University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## COLLEGE AND CAREER PROGRAMS

Ponaganset's college and career programs are organized into multiyear 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 Programs:

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 Program** – 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 program, aligns with CSTA (Computer Science Teachers Association) 3B standards, computational thinking, and programming.
5. **Criminal Justice Program** – 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 program follow Roger Williams University curriculum allowing students the opportunity to receive college credits.
6. **Health & Fitness/EMT Program** – 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 from Roger Williams University.
7. **Construction Management** – Prepares students using HBI (Home Builders Institute) curricular modules for design and construction to earn HBI, OSHA, EPA Lead RRP, IRC and SP2 certifications.
8. **Music and Performing Arts** – A flexible program 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.

