

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT CARD 2010

TO RANK OUR SCHOOLS, statistician Julia Seaman compared standardized test scores, graduation rates, diversity of the student population, and AP-course enrollment and performance among forty traditional public high schools in Rhode Island. She also analyzed approximate per pupil spending (using an average value for schools where data isn't available) against her findings to come up with a list of schools that provide a "best bang for the buck," marked with a ★ star.

SCHOOL RANK	2009 per pupil spending (K-12)	Percentage of non-majority students	2008/09 high school enrollment	2009 graduation rates	Grade 11, 2009 NECAP; percentage of students at/above proficiency			2009 average SAT scores				Percentage to take AP exam in 2008	Percentage of AP scores at college level mastery in 2008
					Reading	Math	Writing	Verbal	Math	Writing	Total		
1. Classical HS ★	\$6,248	61.01	1,033	97.68	99	54	82	511	507	511	1528	59	77
2. East Greenwich HS ★	\$7,019	11.96	769	93.62	93	71	83	563	580	571	1714	60	76
3. Barrington HS ★	\$6,954	4.15	1,159	95.82	95	66	71	569	594	569	1732	89	84
4. Rogers HS ★	\$8,056	41.96	582	75.91	83	32	58	459	485	462	1407	82	20
5. North Kingstown Sr HS ★	\$7,809	4.59	1,650	92.46	85	43	65	533	538	527	1598	42	73
6. Lincoln Sr HS ★	\$7,888	8.73	1,012	85.71	84	52	70	533	525	528	1586	48	67
7. South Kingstown HS ★	\$8,407	11.83	1,145	86.83	86	51	67	534	548	534	1616	28	63
8. Cranston East HS ★	\$6,945	42.95	1,641	73.75	73	19	48	478	480	478	1436	19	71
9. Narragansett HS ★	\$9,705	7.74	469	86.89	93	54	62	512	533	507	1552	46	64
10. Portsmouth HS ★	\$8,460	6.56	1,046	84.13	88	58	67	521	525	515	1559	40	66
11. Middletown HS ★	\$7,894	18.24	643	81.55	77	47	61	513	508	509	1529	55	33
12. Westerly HS ★	\$8,193	11.41	1,063	89.93	81	38	60	507	504	505	1516	32	59
13. Chariho Regional HS ★	\$7,443	6.14	1,207	86.67	88	42	76	520	516	506	1542	22	77
14. Cumberland HS ★	\$5,680	12.40	1,553	83.65	83	34	56	523	517	517	1556	33	69
15. Cranston West HS ★	\$6,945	10.78	1,688	89.45	80	29	58	501	508	507	1517	18	65
16. Block Island School	\$17,956	8.73	133	100	95	55	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	NA
17. Ponaganset HS ★	\$6,664	2.65	869	88.16	86	39	65	496	480	480	1455	49	61
18. North Providence HS ★	\$7,966	24.61	1,122	81.93	77	22	66	488	490	487	1466	0	NA
19. Mt. Hope HS ★	\$7,945	5.61	1,123	85.47	86	33	79	485	495	486	1467	15	39
20. Tiverton HS	\$7,047	4.59	641	83.42	83	31	65	497	490	482	1468	38	56
21. North Smithfield HS	\$6,283	4.06	572	86.18	72	39	55	539	539	524	1602	8	80
22. Woonsocket HS	\$5,139	40.57	1,728	62.25	61	12	40	458	452	455	1366	25	41
23. Shea Sr HS	\$6,014	56.88	1,055	55.83	62	9	42	402	408	406	1216	6	11
24. William E. Tolman Sr HS	\$6,014	48.58	1,229	53.44	63	14	49	435	448	444	1328	7	47
25. Smithfield Sr HS	\$7,025	3.58	855	89.79	88	36	64	513	516	505	1534	3	NA
26. Toll Gate HS	\$8,524	9.35	1,109	77.03	77	27	59	505	510	505	1519	23	63
27. Exeter-W. Greenwich Regional HS	\$8,262	3.85	641	87.86	70	28	36	528	521	538	1588	11	85
28. Burrillville HS	\$6,240	4.50	852	86.27	73	23	45	491	512	486	1488	29	74
29. East Providence HS	\$6,399	20.67	1,913	77.50	62	14	44	480	476	463	1419	14	27
30. Coventry HS	\$9,805	4.06	1,768	79.15	75	27	65	493	498	487	1478	13	66
31. Scituate HS	\$7,377	3.15	536	84.96	33	42	51	511	506	510	1527	20	51
32. Pilgrim HS	\$8,524	10.35	1,240	72.94	66	17	55	491	475	475	1441	33	30
33. West Warwick Sr HS	\$7,441	16.65	1,089	70.07	65	24	56	475	476	464	1415	9	38
34. Warwick Veterans Memorial HS	\$8,524	8.11	1,136	76.22	66	17	47	494	498	468	1460	12	63
35. Johnston Sr HS	\$7,194	18.47	917	72.46	63	18	51	470	450	475	1395	0	NA
36. Feinstein HS	\$6,248	35.98	366	61.63	72	4	63	361	348	337	1046	0	NA
37. Mt. Pleasant HS	\$6,248	41.82	1,263	57.27	46	3	29	373	370	360	1103	0	NA
38. Central Falls Sr HS	\$6,065	34.22	818	47.69	55	7	33	385	383	392	1160	27	9
39. Central HS	\$6,248	28.34	1,177	63.47	52	3	38	371	376	375	1122	0	NA
40. Dr Jorge Alvarez HS	\$6,248	36.11	525	46.70	42	1	18	348	344	338	1031	NA	NA

CHART DEFINITIONS

PERCENTAGE NON-MAJORITY: The percentage of students who are not the school's primary race or ethnicity, reflecting a more diverse cultural and social experience.

NECAP: New England Common Assessment Program standardized state testing, used to determine reading, math and writing proficiency as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

SAT: The Scholastic Aptitude Test, required for admission to most colleges and universities. The maximum possible score in each category is 800 for a total of 2400.

AP: Advanced Placement, an advanced course and rigorous exam for which high school students can receive college credit.