

BLOCK ISLAND SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

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***A consolidated K-12 public school *Enrollment: 129 *Student/Teacher ratio: 6 to1 *CEEB Code # 400005**

Block Island School is uniquely situated on the resort island of Block Island, 12 miles off the coast of Rhode Island, and is only accessible via plane or ferry. The island is roughly 7 by 3 miles and has a year-round population of 900; however, the summer population swells to more than 15,000. Because of the island's remote location and size, there is a close, reciprocal relationship between the school and the community, which enhances the curriculum and the academic experience. In addition, the student/teacher ratio allows for individualized programming. The school continues to be recognized as a high performing school by the RI Dept. of Education.

EXEMPLARY PROGRAMS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- K-12 Partnership with The Nature Conservancy
- Internships with local businesses, agencies, and nonprofit organizations
- Field Biology with The Nature Conservancy offered on alternate years
- Four semesters of in-depth U.S. History and two of World History
- 75% of Block Island students play at least two interscholastic sports
- Early Graduation program & Concurrent Enrollment
- Regents Commended Diploma

To augment the limited course offerings inherent with a small school population, the curriculum on Block Island is often enhanced by providing students the opportunity to enroll in courses on-line through accredited programs such as Edgenuity and Virtual High School.

POST SECONDARY STATISTICS

Class of:	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Number of Graduates	9	5	8	10	12	11	15	7	5	7	11	7
4 Year College	44%	100%	88%	80%	58%	64%	40%	57%	80%	86%	91%	57%
2 Year College	0%	0%	12%	0%	17%	0%	13.3%	29%	20%	0%	9%	0%
Military	0%	0%	0%	0%	17%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Tech/Trade Schools	0%	0%	0%	20%	0%	9%	0%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Employment	56%	0%	0%	0%	8%	27%	46.6%	0%	0%	14%	0%	43%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to earning 23 credits students must also successfully complete and present a senior exhibition.

English	4	Computer Science	1
Math	4	Physical Education	2
Social Studies	3	Health	1
Science	3	General Electives	4
Fine Arts	.5	Personal Finance	.5

WEIGHTED GPA for CP courses (Honors: 1.07, AP: 1.1)

98 – 100 = 4.0	77 – 79 = 2.50
94 – 97 = 3.75	73 – 76 = 2.25
90 – 93 = 3.50	70 – 72 = 2.00
87 – 89 = 3.25	67 – 69 = 1.75
83-86=3.00	65 – 66 Mi Mi= 1.50
80-82=2.75	Below 65 = 0.00

GRADING SYSTEM 9-12

A = 90-100
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
D = 65-69
F=64 and Below

(P) Pass or (F) Fail grade assigned to selected courses

COLLEGES ATTENDED BY RECENT BLOCK ISLAND SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Bard, Bennington, Boston C. Brown, Bryant, Central Conn. Colgate, Holy Cross, Delaware Valley, Dickinson, Duke, Eastern Conn., Elon, Fairfield, Fitchburg, Florida State, George Washington, Green Mountain, Ithaca, Marist, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Mitchell, Northeastern, Plymouth State, Providence, RPI, RISD, RIC, Roanoke, RWU, Salve Regina., Skidmore, Springfield, St. Lawrence, St. Michael's, Stetson, Stonehill, UC Boulder, U.Conn, U.Maine, U.Mass, U. Miami, U. Michigan, UNE, UNH, URI, UVM, Washington College and Wheaton College.

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