

The town of Tiverton was incorporated in 1694 as part of Massachusetts and was annexed to Rhode Island in 1747. It is one of five towns that make up scenic Newport County. Tiverton, known for its historical contributions and landmarks, is located on the eastern shore of the Narragansett Bay across from the magnetic Sakonnet River. Tiverton extends twelve miles from the Fall River, Massachusetts border and is north of rural Little Compton, Rhode Island and is located west of rustic Westport, Massachusetts. Tiverton is a suburban community and it is estimated that the population is 15,260.

At the time of the most recent census, the median household income for the town of Tiverton was \$49,977, and the median income for a family of four was \$58,917.

Currently, there are 1900 students in the Tiverton School District. Approximately 22.6% of the 1900 students are living below the poverty level. The ethnic and racial composition consists of 20 Asian students, 19 Black students, 13 Hispanic students, and 1849 White students. There are 3 students who have two or more races.

The district is comprised of three elementary schools grades K-4, Walter E. Ranger, Pocasset, and Fort Barton Elementary; one middle school grades 5-8, and one high school grades 9-12. Students from the high school may also attend the Newport County Career and Technical Center in Newport, RI.

Enrollment stability has steadily declined over the past five years at Tiverton High School. Enrollment has fluctuated with an average of 600 students per school year.

The budgeted per pupil expenditure for the district is \$14,175, compared to the state average which is \$14,186. Of local taxation, the schools receive 76% or \$21,100,000 of the total (including state and federal funding) of \$27,800,000. Of total local resources, school funding (including state aid) of \$25,500,000, represent 61% of the total town budget of \$41,600,000.

Presently, the high school serves 584 students. The two year average dropout rate is 10.65%. On average, Tiverton High School's graduation rate is 83%. The current daily attendance rate for the Tiverton High School is 94%.

On average, 41% of the graduating class attends four-year colleges and 45% attend two year colleges. 12% of the graduating population enters directly into the work force and 2% enter the armed services.

School to Career, the Senior Project, and Community Service are ways in which Tiverton High School partnerships with local businesses. However, there is a finite amount of formalized business partnerships. Partnerships that are in place include: The Patch; an electronic newspaper out of Little Compton, Science and Engineering Apprenticeship

Program (SEAP) at Newport Under Water Center, Raytheon Tutoring, and Portsmouth Police Department Exploring Post. Through Transition to Work this is also accomplished with such places as Warren Super Mart, RI Rehab Laundry, RI Meals on Wheels, and CVS.

Myriad opportunities for students to participate in partnerships with local colleges are available. For instance, Dual Enrollment and Career and Vocational Technical Education with Bristol Community College, Fast Track with the Community College of Rhode Island, EEP collaboration with Rhode Island College, Access Program, the National Center for Construction and Education Research (NCCR), and OSHA 10 Certification through Johnson and Wales.

Students at Tiverton High School are recognized in numerous and diverse ways. For instance, the Hough O'Brien Youth Leadership at both the local and national levels, National Honor Society, National Merit Scholars, Rhode Island Honor Society, Michael McCarthy Memorial Scholarship, Timothy Arruda Humanitarian Award, George Eastman Young Leaders Award, American Legion Boys State Program, Jean Ford Memorial, Knights of Columbus General Rosecrans Assembly, U.S. Air Force- Outstanding Academic Achievement, U.S. Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award, Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority Scholar Award, Student of the Month recognition through a local newspaper, Straight A Breakfast, Russell Sage Student Recognition, URI Alumni Book Award, Harvard Book Award, Rochester Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, Society of Women Engineers, The Rensselaer Medal, Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology, Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award, George Eastman Young Leaders Award, the Secretary of State's Civic Leadership Award, Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth H. Roberts Leadership Award; Saint Michael's Book Award, Brandeis Book Award for Social Action and Civic Engagement, RI Superintendent's Rising Star, Annual Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy Award, and the NASSP Principal's Awards.

Student athletes are recognized annually in each sport with individual and group awards. The Athletic Department acknowledges scholar athletes with the following awards: Steven Knight, William Byrne, Henry G. Guillette Athletic Scholarship, Robert Turgeon, Ruth Rocha, Lorraine Raposa, and Donald Lake Memorial Awards.

In addition, the Fine Arts Department of the Tiverton High School recognizes students in the following areas: In music students are awarded RIMLEA All State, Solo and Ensemble, All Eastern Music Festival, and the Margaret Chase Memorial Music Scholarship. The Art Department awards the Gold and Silver Key Awards and RI Scholastic Art Award they also participate in local community gallery exhibits. The

Dubois Gallery in Newport, RI and The Portsmouth Art Guild.