



SOUTH PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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The Community

South Portland is a coastal community in Southern Maine located within easy access of Portland Jetport, the Maine Turnpike, and passenger rail service to Boston. The city is home to approximately 23,300 residents and has an economic base heavily dependent on wholesale, retail, and corporate sectors. Largely suburban with much of its workforce employed in the greater Portland area, the community includes miles of walking trails, beaches, a community college, a marina, and one of the busiest oil ports on the east coast.

The School

South Portland High School is a public, four-year high school offering a comprehensive program accredited by the State of Maine Department of Education and the New England Association of Secondary Schools. Enrollment in grades 9-12 is currently 855 students with 215 students in the class of 2014.

Graduation Requirements

Students are required to engage in learning experiences in the following 8 content areas:

4 English	4 Math	4 Science
3 Social Studies	1 World Language	1 VPA
1 Physical Education	1/2 Health	
1 Career and Education Development		

Students must achieve a minimum proficiency of 2.5 for each of the 8 content areas. In addition, students must achieve a proficiency score of 2.5 in Habits of Work, and 2.5 in each of the seven 21st century skills.

Content and 21st Century Skills Proficiency Scale

SPSD's proficiency- based learning system ensures that all students demonstrate proficiency in required subject areas and 21st Century Skills on the following scale:

3.01–4.0: Exceeds Proficiency
2.5–3.0: Proficient
2.0–2.49: Partially Proficient
1.0–1.9: Insufficient Evidence

Habits of Work Proficiency Scale

In addition to being graded on academic performance, students receive Habits of Work (HOW) scores related to attendance, participation, effort, and other behaviors critical to academic and life and success. The HOW proficiency scale is a 1-3 scale with not exceeds.

The Curriculum

The academic program is organized on a rotating eight- period schedule. Classes meet every other day for four 80-minute blocks daily with honors and AP science courses meeting an additional block in a 4-day rotation. A maximum course load is 8 courses or 7 courses if a student is enrolled in a lab science. Students must carry at least 6 courses each semester unless waived by the principal.

Program offerings include Advanced Placement, honors, college preparatory, elective, and vocational courses.

Online courses are available to all students and reflect the same high academic standards as regular courses. All students must complete at least one online course before graduation.

Advanced Placement (AP) is an open enrollment program. AP courses are offered in English Literature and Composition, English Language and Composition, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Statistics, Calculus, World History, U.S. History, Music Theory, and Art. Total enrollment in all AP courses for the 2014-2015 school year is 299 students. Students taking Advanced Placement courses are required to take the AP Exam.

Dual-enrollment (early college) courses are available to all students and completed by 5% of graduates on average.

Internships are available to all students through established school-community partnerships with local businesses and organizations.

9th Grade students are assigned to teams and complete a core college preparatory curriculum in heterogeneously grouped classes.

GPA and Recognition

Cumulative GPA is a non-weighted computation based on semester grades and includes all courses. Dual Enrollment and AP courses are weighted prior to the GPA calculation. South Portland High School does not issue a class rank. Academic recognition is contingent upon scoring a GPA of 2.9 or higher and an overall Habits of Work score of 2.5 or higher.

2.9-3.0 = Top Scholar
3.01 – 3.49 = Top Scholar Cum Laude
3.5 – 3.79 = Top Scholar Magna Cum Laude
3.8 - 4.0 = Top Scholar Summa Cum Laude

Endorsements are awarded to students who successfully complete a series of additional learning experiences. Endorsements are offered in Humanities, STEM, Math, Science, Music, World Language, Art, and Advanced Learning (AP/Dual).

Class of 2014 GPA Distribution

1.0-1.9	2.0-2.49	2.5-2.89	2.9-3.0	3.01-3.49	3.5-3.79	3.8-4.0
16%	22%	48%	11%	1%	2%	0

Class of 2014 Profile

Graduates	4 Year	2 Year	1 Year	Military	Work	Other
192	62.5% (25% enrolled at out-of-state institutions)	17.7%	2.6%	4.7%	11.5%	1%

Recent Graduates of South Portland High School have attended:

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| American University | Husson University | Stetson University |
| Auburn University | Johnson & Wales University | Suffolk University |
| Assumption College | Keene State College | St. Michael's College |
| Bates College | Lawrence University | Stonehill College |
| Bentley University | Lehigh University | Thomas College |
| Boston University | Lesley University | Tulane University |
| Bowdoin College | Maine Maritime Academy | Union College |
| Brandeis University | Merrimack College | University of Connecticut |
| Bryant University | Mt. Ida College | University of Denver |
| Castleton State College | Mt. Holyoke College | University of Hartford |
| Central ME Community College | Mount St. Mary's University | University of Maine |
| Champlain College | North Carolina State University | Univ. of Maine at Farmington |
| Clark University | Northeastern University | Univ. of Massachusetts/Boston |
| Colby College | Pace University | University of Miami |
| Columbia College, Chicago | Plymouth State University | University of New England |
| Connecticut College | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | University of New Hampshire |
| Cornell University | Rice University | University of North Texas |
| DePaul University | Rochester Institute of Technology | University of Rhode Island |
| Dartmouth College | Salve Regina University | University of Rochester |
| Eastern Nazarene College | Simmons College | University of Southern Maine |
| Eckerd College | Smith College | University of Vermont |
| Emerson College | Southern ME Community College | University of West Florida |
| Emmanuel College | Southern New Hampshire Univ | Wentworth Institute of Technology |
| Endicott College | Springfield College | Western New England College |
| Florida Southern College | St. Anselm College | Wheaton College |
| George Washington University | St. Joseph's College | Whitman College |
| Goucher College | St. Lawrence University | Worcester Polytechnic Institute |
| Holy Cross, College of the | Susquehanna University | Yale University |

Athletics

Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports
Cross Country	Cheering	Baseball
Field Hockey	Ice Hockey	Lacrosse
Football	Basketball	Softball
Golf	Swimming	Tennis
Soccer	Indoor Track	Outdoor Track

Co-Curricular Activities

Amnesty International	Art Club	ASL Club	Big Red/Little Reds
Circle of Friends	Class Meetings/Activities	Color Guard	Dance Club
Debate Team	Drama Club	Environmental Club	French Club
Freshmen Mentors	Future Business Leaders of America	Gay-Straight Alliance	German Club
HEMA Club	Interact	Intramurals	Jazz Combo
Jazz Ensemble	Latin Club	Literary Magazine	Marching Band
Math Team	Model UN	Musical	Outing Club
Red Riot Ambassadors	Robotics	Sandwich Club	School Newspaper
Spanish Club	Student House of Reps	Student Government	Yearbook