



RICE

MEMORIAL
HIGH SCHOOL



2020 – 2021 PROFILE

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Our Mission

As a Roman Catholic school, Rice Memorial High School exists to guide its students toward the realization of their God-given potential. Rice teaches students to recognize and develop their gifts by inspiring them to love learning, to serve others and to seek God through Jesus Christ and His Church.

The Rice Community

Rice is located in South Burlington, Vermont, a suburb of Burlington, the largest city in Vermont with a total population for the region of about 164,000. There are five colleges in the area including the University of Vermont. The University (and an associated regional teaching hospital) and Global Foundries are major employers in the area. Rice's demographics are unique in that its students come from over 40 communities in central and northern Vermont. Rice students come from a wide array of backgrounds with approximately 65 percent Catholic. Families choose Rice for a number of reasons including the religious and values-oriented education, the structured learning environment, a strong sense of community, and a rigorous college preparatory curriculum.

Rice Memorial High School

Rice Memorial High School, a coeducational Roman Catholic school serving the greater Burlington area, was founded February 1, 1959. The school is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the Vermont State Department of Education. The school has an enrollment of about 350 students and a faculty of 31. The 2020-21 school year marks the first year of Rice's AP Capstone Diploma program. Rice is one of just two high schools in Vermont currently offering this program. AP Seminar was introduced to our curriculum this year, and AP Research will be implemented in the fall of 2021. AP Computer Science has also been added to our AP curriculum, bringing our total number of AP classes to 12. Rice offers a varied and challenging program which emphasizes a commitment to intellectual development as well as personal, social and spiritual growth. Rice encourages each student to be a compassionate, motivated and responsible member of society.

Due to COVID-19, Rice Memorial High School went fully remote starting March 17, 2020 for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Teachers continued to progress through their curricula and students were expected to Zoom into classes following a block schedule. Our grading and attendance system stayed consistent with the first semester and students received final grades. Students enrolled in the fall of 2020 attend in-person classes four days a week, on a block schedule with one day for virtual enrichment opportunities. They are evaluated using the same pre-COVID grading system.

College Placement

Rice is a college preparatory high school. Historically, over 92 percent of Rice graduates pursue post secondary education with approximately 90 percent attending four-year colleges. We have an elite hockey program that attracts student athletes from around the world. Due to this and our academic rigor, we have seen an increase in our international student population for whom English is a second language. Of the 106 graduates of the Class of 2020, 92 enrolled in four year colleges, three enrolled in two year colleges, three selected a post graduate year, and three pursued junior hockey. We regularly see one or two National Merit Scholarship candidates and/or US Presidential Scholar nominees each year.

Grading

Rice is a competitive college preparatory environment. Grade point average is weighted and based on all graded subjects. Transfer students' GPA reflect only those courses taken at Rice Memorial High School. The following information should be taken into consideration when evaluating a Rice applicant.

Requirements for Graduation

Students must accumulate a minimum of 24 credits including:	Mathematics	3
English	Science	3
Religion	Foreign Language	2
Social Studies	Fine Arts	1
Information Technology	Physical Education	1
	Health	.5

Please Note: An official transcript will have an embossed seal and/or the registrar or guidance counselor's signature. All other transcripts are not considered official.

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Test Scores

2019 - 2020 SAT Average

85% of the Class of 2020 took the SAT

	Reading/ Writing	Math	Total
Rice	606	574	1179
Vermont	559	545	1103
Nation	528	523	1051

2019 - 2020 ACT Average

31% of the Class of 2020 took the ACT

	Comp	English	Math	Reading	Science
Rice	27.1	27.8	25.5	28.4	26.0
Vermont	23.3	23.0	22.4	24.5	23.0
Nation	20.6	19.9	20.2	21.2	20.6

2019 - 2020 Advanced Placement

In 2020, 124 students took 294 AP exams (an average of 2.4 exams per student), 84 percent of them scoring a 3 or higher.

GRADE RANGE	QUALITY POINTS	SCALE
A+ 97-100	100	4.00
A 93-96	96	3.75
A- 90-92	92	3.50
B+ 87-89	89	3.25
B 83-86	86	3.00
B- 80-82	82	2.75
C+ 77-79	79	2.50
C 73-76	76	2.25
C- 70-72	72	2.00
D 65-69	67	1.00
F below 65	62	0.00
P pass		
I incomplete		
X audit		

Cumulative average is computed at the end of each semester, adjusted with any appropriate weight, converted to quality points. Pass/fail courses are not included in this calculation.

Weight System

AP	1.10
Honors	1.05
All Others	1.00

Honors Courses (14)

Algebra II, American Literature, Chemistry, Contemporary History, English 9, French IV, French V, Geometry, Latin III, Latin IV, Spanish IV, Spanish V, and World Studies 9 and 10

AP Courses (12)

Biology, Calculus AB, Computer Science, Economics (Micro & Macro), English Language, English Literature, European History, U.S. Government and Politics, U.S. History, Physics 1, Seminar, and Statistics

College Acceptances Class of 2020

Adelphi University	Franciscan University of Steubenville	Pennsylvania State University	University of Central Florida
Adrian College	Franklin and Marshall College	Plymouth State University	University of Colorado Boulder
Alvernia University	Franklin Pierce University	Providence College	University of Connecticut
Anna Maria College	Furman University	Purdue University-Main Campus	University of Dayton
Arizona State University-Tempe	George Washington University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Delaware
Assumption College	Gettysburg College	Rhodes College	University of Denver
Bard College	Gonzaga University	Roanoke College	University of Florida
Baylor University	Gordon College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Maine
Becker College	Hartwick College	Roger Williams University	University of Maryland-College Park (School of Engineering)
Belmont University	High Point University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Bishop's University	Hobart William Smith Colleges	Sacred Heart University	University of Massachusetts-Lowell
Boston College (College of Arts & Sciences)	Hofstra University	Saint Anselm College	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Boston University	Husson University	Saint Joseph's University	University of New England
Bucknell University	Ithaca College	Saint Michael's College	University of New Hampshire-Main Campus
Butler University	Jacksonville University	Salve Regina University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Castleton University	James Madison University	Santa Clara University	University of Oregon
Catholic University of America	Johnson & Wales University, Providence	Seton Hall University	University of Pennsylvania
Champlain College	Lafayette College	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus
Chapman University	Lasell University	Siena College	University of Puget Sound
Chatham University	Le Moyne College	Simmons University	University of Redlands
Clark University	Loyola Marymount University	Skidmore College	University of Rhode Island
Clarkson University	Loyola University Chicago	Southern Methodist University	University of Rochester
Clemson University	Loyola University Maryland	Southern New Hampshire University	University of San Diego
Colby-Sawyer College	Loyola University New Orleans	St. Lawrence University	University of San Francisco
College of the Holy Cross	Lynn University	St. John's University	University of South Carolina-Columbia
Colorado State University-Fort Collins	Maine College of Art	Stetson University	University of Southern California
Concordia University-Wisconsin	Manhattanville College	Stonehill College	University of Southern Maine
Connecticut College	Marist College	Stony Brook University, State University of New York	University of Vermont
Curry College	Marquette University	Suffolk University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dartmouth College	McGill University	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	Vermont Technical College
DePaul University	Merrimack College	The American University of Paris	Virginia Tech
DePauw University	Miami University-Oxford	The College of Saint Rose	Washington University in St. Louis (Arts and Sciences)
Drexel University	Michigan State University	The Ohio State University	West Virginia University
East Texas Baptist University	Middlebury College	The University of Tampa	Western New England University
Elon University	Missouri University of Science and Technology	Trinity College	Westminster College - UT
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach	Montana State University	Trinity College Dublin	Wheaton College - Massachusetts
Emerson College	Muhlenberg College	Tufts University	Wilkes University
Emmanuel College - Boston	Nazareth College	Union College - Schenectady	Williams College
Endicott College	New York University	United States Air Force Academy	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Fairfield University	North Carolina State University at Raleigh (Engr)	United States Military Academy	Xavier University
Florida Institute of Technology	Northeastern University	University College Dublin	
Florida State University	Norwich University	University of Arkansas	
Fordham University	Oregon State University	University of British Columbia	
Framingham State University	Pace University-New York	University of California-Davis (College of Letters & Science)	