

Educate, Inspire, Challenge



NKSD

North Kingstown School Department
Annual Report 2019



NKSD'S MISSION

The North Kingstown Schools mission is to educate our students to become intellectually active adults, to inspire them to reach individual excellence, and to challenge them to become responsible members of society.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

GOALS FOR THE DISTRICT 2018-2019

- 1. District Infrastructure** Develop plans to inform the community of the school portion of the November town bond referendum as well as the longer-term district infrastructure vision.
- 2. K-12 Supports for Academic Remediation, Advancement, & Personalization**
 - Increase Districtwide Coordination of Resources.
 - Improve Communication to Parents about Personalization, Remediation, and Advancement Resources and Opportunities.
 - Adjust High School and Middle School Programs of Studies requirements to increase opportunities for personalized learning opportunities.
 - Review opportunities for attainment of high school credits for coursework taken in middle school. Modify Graduation Requirements to allow for greater personalization.
 - Continued increased growth percentiles for K-8 Star Assessment and for percentages of HS students accessing rigorous coursework.
- 3. Programming improvements for social-emotional learning & behavioral supports** Develop new programming, coordinated district-wide, and aimed at improving social/emotional learning at all schools and at every level.
- 4. District Organization & Talent Management** Assess the district's current organization structure and administrative talent management/professional development program.
- 5. Career & Tech Education (CTE) Programming/Student Graduation Pathways** Build on the current CTE programming and advance the personalized learning initiatives existing in the district to provide more college and career readiness options for North Kingstown students and attract/retain out of district students.

Gregory Blasbalg, Chairman • Robert Jones, Vice-Chairman • Jennifer Hoskins, Member
Lisa Hildebrand, Member • Tony Jones, Member • Sally Schott, Jamestown Rep.

The complete NKSD 2015-19 Strategic Plan can be found on the district webpage, www.nksd.net



Letter from the Superintendent

Being Future Ready: The Importance of Vision



The world our children are experiencing is growing more complicated and changing at a faster pace than we have ever experienced. As we educate our young people, it is more and more important that we do so with an appreciation that being ready for the future means having deep skills in communication, math, science, and technology and a strong understanding of local, national, and global issues, as well as history, culture, the arts, and healthy living. Having a strong education now means that a young person is prepared for many jobs and even many careers and has the knowledge and skills to responsibly and confidently participate in our local and global community and adapt to rapidly changing conditions.

What all of this means for the vision of the North Kingstown School Department is that we focus on having a strong foundation of knowledgeable and caring educators as well as a strong infrastructure of modern, efficient, and well-maintained buildings and resources. In recent years, this vision has led to making full-day kindergarten available to all NK students, to the creation of Career and Technical programs in Robotics/Engineering, Business/Finance, and Information Technology at NKHS, and to a successful rollout of one-to-one technology for all our students. In this past year, North Kingstown voters have approved \$13.5 million in funding to improve our buildings and our athletic facility. As we move forward it will mean continuing to provide high quality professional development for our educators, focusing on modernizing the long-term infrastructure of our school buildings and grounds, and adapting our educational experiences in ways to make them more personalized and authentic for our students to have every advantage to be ready for the globally competitive world in front of them.

I am proud to report that The North Kingstown School Department has earned an excellent reputation around our region for its high academic performance and the comprehensiveness and quality of our programming. This is a school department that produces National Merit Scholars, Newport Jazz Festival musicians, and Olympic athletes. It is a community that takes pride in the wide range of its academic and extracurricular programming. It provides a comprehensive array of services for those with special needs and never fails to find new ways to support those in need throughout our community. North Kingstown is a great place to live and to learn!

It is my hope that in reviewing this 2019 report, you will gain in your awareness and appreciation of one of our town's greatest assets, our public school department. I encourage you to stay in touch and involved in helping us to tackle the challenges we have ahead of us. Achieving a bold future-ready vision will require all of us working together for the good of our children and our community. We are truly fortunate to have such talented students and dedicated educators in North Kingstown, and equally fortunate to have a community that supports our efforts. We deeply appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Phil Auger, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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NORTH KINGSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

150 FAIRWAY DRIVE, N. KINGSTOWN
GRADES 9–12
DR. DENISE MANCIERI, PRINCIPAL



HYDRO

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this investigation was to make a water wheel more effective by altering the Net Head Distance and the water flow. The procedure used in this investigation was to test the flow rate of a water wheel connected to a generator to make the set of LED lights flash on and off at a faster rate. The overall results of the investigation is that the greater the distance from the water source to the water wheel and the stronger the flow rate, then the more electricity it will generate.

Horizontal change

Vertical change

North Kingstown High School (NKHS) is a high-performing 9-12 high school located in the coastal community of North Kingstown, Rhode Island. Our school is a vibrant learning community comprised of students who demonstrate a diverse range of ability levels, backgrounds and interests.

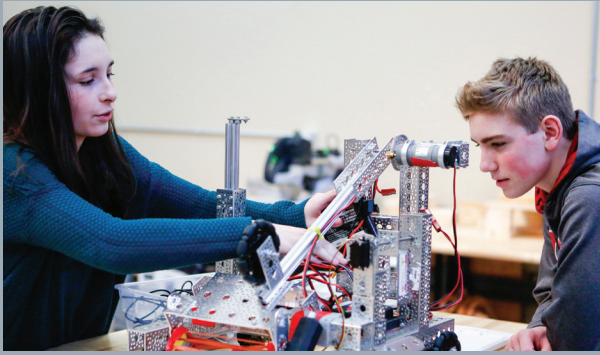
NKHS is a partnership of educators, parents, and the community, creating a support system that provides an opportunity for all students to develop intellectually, emotionally, aesthetically, socially and physically. NKHS was selected by US News and World Report in 2008, 2010, 2014 and 2016 as one of “America’s Top 500 High Schools” based on the equity, access and excellence of our academic programs.

Our mission is to educate our students to become intellectually active adults, to inspire them to reach individual excellence, and to challenge them to become responsible members of society. The NKHS motto of “Think, Create, Innovate” is the core of our program of studies. Our personalized learning incorporates a variety of instructional approaches, strategies, and use of technology to address the many educational needs, interests, and career or college aspirations of our students. Students have access to dual and concurrent college courses, Advanced Placement classes, Advanced Coursework Network, internships, and virtual learning. Students may choose to pursue specialized credentials in four Career and Technical Education programs of Pre-Engineering/Robotics, Business/Finance, Computer Science/Information Technology, and Music/Music Education.

North Kingstown High School is committed to providing our students with a learning environment and experiences that foster their growth as individuals and support them in becoming:

- Effective communicators
- Problem solvers
- Independent thinkers
- Skillful collaborators
- Active citizens
- Self-directed lifelong learners





CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Housed within North Kingstown Senior High School are four Career and Technical Education (CTE) centers endorsed by Rhode Island's Department of Education (RIDE). The Academy of Engineering and Robotics, the Academy of Business and Finance, the Academy of Information Technology and Computer Science and the Academy of Music Performance are open to students throughout Rhode Island to include those residing outside and within the North Kingstown school district.

For students planning to pursue higher education after high school the mission of each of these academies is to enable the next generation workforce with targeted competence and pre-professional credentials supporting advanced standing entry into colleges, universities, and industry. Many of the academy courses provide students with dual enrollment opportunities allowing them to earn college credit while in high school.

For those students planning to directly enter the workforce, these academies are equipped with teachers who possess real-world experience and, with the support of a growing internship program, prepares students during high school for entry into competitive roles in each of these industry pathways.

Any student wanting to take more control of their educational opportunities for an "Investment in their Future" can apply to become a member of all academies, and a full member of North Kingstown High School. Ultimately, the vision of NK's academies is to prepare the next generation workforce, our future leaders, with targeted competence and pre-professional credentials supporting advanced standing entry into colleges, universities, and industry.

North Kingstown High School offers a robust selection of AP courses for students.

BUSINESS

- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles

ENGLISH

- AP Language & Composition
- AP Literature & Composition

FINE ARTS

- AP Studio Art 2D/3D

MATH

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics

SCIENCE

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics 1

SOCIAL STUDIES

- AP European History
- AP Psychology
- AP US History

WORLD LANGUAGE

- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture



MUSIC EDUCATION

The Music Department has now joined the CTE programs with its own Music Academy. Students who choose this specialized program will build a strong background and resume in music in preparation for a career in Music Performance, Music Industry, Music Technology, Music Education, and/or Music Therapy. Students who complete this program will have earned Honor's Ensemble credit, AP Music Theory credit and 15 EEP credits for RI College as

well as performance experience.

This year the department has 53 students who were selected for All-State Ensembles, 10 students for Southern New England Honors Band, 5 students for Providence College Festival Band and Elizabeth Baierlien (11) was selected to the All-Eastern Honors Chorus. Daniel Ventura (10) and Stephen Landry (11) will be performing at the Newport Jazz Festival with All-State Jazz. The Senior Jazz

VISUAL ARTS EDUCATION

The High School Visual Arts Department is pleased to announce its opening of the Exhibition Gallery. This great addition to the high school regularly features new student exhibits. It is easily accessible on the ground floor located within its own walls just inside our cafeteria. This 700 sq. ft. professional space features drawings, paintings, sculptures, ceramics, and fashion design. Many of these pieces have participated in competitions as well

as tour throughout the state of RI. This year so far, 200 student art pieces were showcased. Over 100 student entries were made into national and local art competitions and contests and received 9 Honorable Mentions with submissions in the International Bow Seat Healthy Whale Healthy Ocean Challenge, Hera Gallery, Lindsay Ann Burke Memorial Fund, and the nationally recognized Scholastic Art Awards. Students also placed 1st in the Donate for Life and NK Plastic Bag competitions.

2018-2019 Teacher of the Year North Kingstown

RICH GARLAND

Band won Gold at the RI Jazz Festival and the Symphonic Band will travel to NYC in April to perform in a national music competition.

This year's anticipated March musical will be Les Miserables. Over 100 students are involved on stage, back stage and in the Orchestral Pit. Scenes from the show will be submitted to the Sondheim Musical Theater Awards. The lead in Les Mis, senior Cooper Cardone, won the top actor award last year.

Notable attendance from the NK community in celebration of student artistic achievement and Youth Art Month helped kick off the Annual K-12 Library Student Art Show.

WMS students participated in an art show at Keller Williams Real Estate office in NK and had an opening reception to celebrate a month of work on display.

Forest Park Elementary art students' work was chosen to star in a town-wide fire safety calendar as well as The Fishing Cove Bay Night Gallery Opening.



Fortunately for North Kingstown, Mr. Garland arrived with a pedigree from IBM. Long known for creating the world's best professionals, Mr. Garland brought the three key beliefs of Tom Watson's IBM to his work at NKHS: respect for the individual, superlative customer service and the pursuit of excellence in all tasks.

Former NKHS Grad, Kelsey Dellinger said, *"it's his enthusiasm to see me succeed. Whether it's at a DECA competition or just in the classroom, he's always pushing us to fully put ourselves to the test. He always makes sure to praise us even if we don't come out on top, and seeing him smiling at us with pride makes me want to live up to that."*

Where Rich shines above all others is his ability to leverage community/state support for our students and our school. He began with our former Treasurer, current Governor, Gina Raimondo, who visited our school to support Mr. Garland and inform our student body about the importance of financial literacy. She handed out the certificates and shook each students' hand. He has continued this invitation and Treasurer Seth Magaziner has attended yearly since. He is tireless in promoting his students and their skills and the industry leaders with whom he works are especially supportive as they know he is teaching the next generation of skilled workers.

In 2017 and 18 Rich has continued his work on behalf of the Finance Academy. He has mentored and traveled to the National DECA Competition with a group of students. He has spent countless hours of his own time in preparing his mentees.

His relationships with professionals in the industry proved most valuable as he was the co-author of a Governor's Workforce Grant which we received for \$250,000. Using the grant money the Career's Dept was able to transform classrooms and jump start their bid for a CTE Program in Finance, with "Fast Track" certification from NAF which was approved in April of 2016. This Program has assisted with keeping the student population high and classrooms filled.

Rich Garland embraces a challenge, builds trust, works collaboratively, influences with expertise, continuously transforms and helps all to succeed--students, teachers, administrators, parents and community. Traits of Rich are also the characteristics of an IBMer and fortunately for us he brings his best self everyday. He acknowledges others contributions and champions their cause, which in turn, gives all a strong sense of purpose in an authentic environment. Mr. Garland makes NKHS a better place to learn and work.



OFFICE OF PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES/ SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Pupil Personnel Services Office is dedicated to providing high quality services to students with disabilities in North Kingstown. The goal is to assure that all students have access to high quality education in order to reach their personal best. Programs throughout the district are grounded in providing a range of inclusive practices based on students' individual needs.

The school year 2018-2019's special education population totaled 552 students ages 3-21. The district continues to provide services from preschool through transition services to meet the needs of our students. Inclusion is our top priority. It is our belief that the educational setting is that of the general education classroom and strive to have most students educated in that setting. Sixty-nine percent of our students with special needs are educated 80-100% of the time in the general education classroom.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

The administrative team in the Office of Pupil Personnel Services focused this year on socio-emotional learning and behavioral supports for students. Behavior specialist assistants were added to the budget to help support students. Quidnessett is the first elementary school to benefit from one of these new staff positions. Mental Health staff were trained in suicide awareness and prevention, threat assessment, risk assessment and more throughout the year. Sherrie Monaco, school psychologist at our middle schools was awarded the School Psychologist of the Year Award by the Rhode Association of School Psychologists. The high school saw an increase in mental health staff with the additional of a full-time social worker.



NORTH KINGSTOWN SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NK SELAC)

North Kingstown Special Education Local Advisory Committee (NKSELAC) is a collaborative partnership of parents, caregivers, teachers, support staff, therapists, administrators, special education students, school committee members, and other North Kingstown community members that is committed to enhancing the education of our children whose instructional needs include an IEP or 504 plan. As an active support and advisory group we:

- share ideas and concerns regarding Special Education programs and address needs of students, faculty, and staff;
- provide a network to share information regarding resources in our community;
- increase awareness about Special Education law and changes to these laws;
- create a strong bridge between regular and special education participants to promote understanding, compassion, and inclusion of children with special education needs; and
- ensure that all students receive the highest quality education.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LEARNING



The mission of the Office of Family Learning is to bring North Kingstown families, students, schools and the larger community together to ensure that all children enter school ready to learn. Families will have the tools and support to confidently raise healthy, empowered children and students will experience meaningful extended learning opportunities. The OFL has been providing family support and quality programming in North Kingstown since 1994. Designated as one of the state's 10 Child Opportunity Zones (or COZ), North Kingstown has embraced and implemented the Community Schools

model which takes a whole child/whole family approach to learning and growth.

Child Outreach developmental screenings for all North Kingstown children ages 3-5,

Parents as Teachers Home and community based parenting education program for all families in town with children ages birth-5,

Door to the District advocacy and support to families as they enter the school department,

Quidnessett Family Center offers services, support, Family Engagement opportunities and high

quality out of school time programming,

Think Tank Summer program a unique summer program that is both recreational and educational. Certified North Kingstown teachers work alongside North Kingstown Recreation leaders to facilitate fun, hands-on enrichment activities that mitigate summer learning loss for students in grades 1 through 8,

Community Health Advocacy serving areas of North Kingstown to overcome health disparities and other outcomes arising from individual and community stressors, the OFL Community

Health Worker assists individuals and families with accessing support for their unique health issues and related challenges,

Homeless Integration support and assistance accessing school services for any family in NK who is experiencing homelessness,

Blessings In a Backpack supplies food on the weekends and during school breaks to children who experience food insecurity in their homes when school meals are not available,

Parent and Staff Development training and support for parents and district personnel.

NORTH KINGSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS

Academic Decathlon
Art (Open Art) Club
Baking Club
Best Buddies
Business Leadership Club (NK's DECA Chapter)
Computer Club
Current Wave: School Newspaper
Drama Club
Explorer's Club
French International Club
Gay Straight Alliance

German Club
Interact Club
Junior States of America
Leadership Academy
Math League
Mock-Trial
Junior Jazz
Senior Jazz
Clarinet Quartet, Flute Quartet, Brass Ensemble
Music Department Musical
Percussion Ensemble

National Honor Society
North Communications Club
Photo Club
Project Close-Up
Rhode Island Blood Center Ambassadors
Robotics Club
Strength and Conditioning
Student Government
World Language National Honor Society
Yearbook
VAASA

What Our Data Tells Us



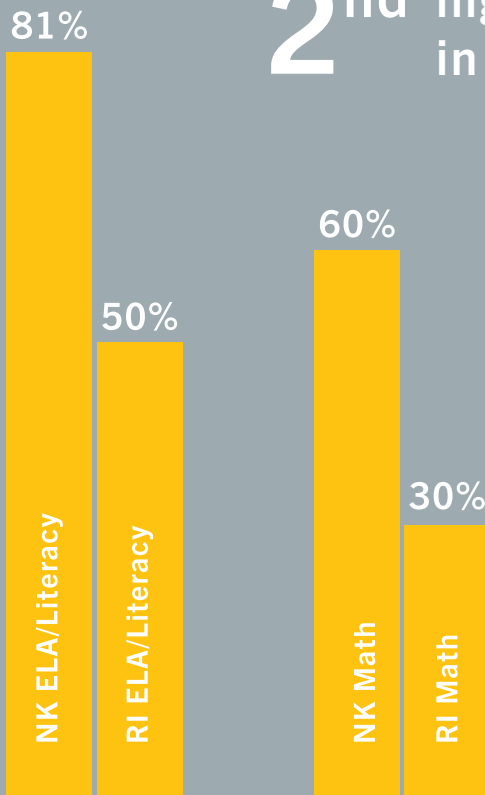
Hamilton Elementary School

3rd highest performing elementary school in the state in ELA; **2nd** highest in math*



Wickford Middle School

2nd highest performing middle school in the state in both ELA & math*



Percentage of students that met or exceeded expectations (received a 3 or 4)



North Kingstown HS

4th highest ELA & math SATs and **3rd** in RI high schools; highest district



National Blue Ribbon Award



IN 2017 Fishing Cove Elementary became the most recent North Kingstown school to be awarded the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award. Blue Ribbon schools are considered a national model of excellence. It is an excellent example of effective school leadership, teaching and high aspiration. The program celebrates some of the most skilled and effective educators in the country.

- Davisville Middle School, 1991
- Forest Park Elementary School, 2005
- Stony Lane Elementary School, 2013
- Fishing Cove Elementary School, 2017

We are very proud that our district has received this honor.



Where are they headed? Colleges or Universities being attended by 2018 graduates



Air Force Academy
American University
Amherst College
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Assumption College
Belmont University
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bridgewater State University
Brown University
Bryant University
California State University-San Marcos
Carnegie Mellon University
Chapman University
The Citadel
Clark University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
Colorado Mesa University
Community College of Rhode Island
Connecticut College
Cornell University

Dean College
Denison University
Eckerd College
Emmanuel College
Endicott University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fitchburg State University
Framingham State University
Franklin Pierce University
Georgetown University
Hofstra University
Jacksonville University
Johnson and Wales University
Keene State College
Loyola University-Maryland
Lycoming College
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Maryland Institute College of Art
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
Merrimack College
Mount Holyoke College
New England Tech
Northeastern University
Ohio State University
Pace University
Plymouth State University
Portland State University
Quinnipiac University
Rhode Island College
Rivier University
Roanoke College
Roger Williams University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Sacred Heart University

Saint Francis University
San Diego State University
School of Art Institute of Chicago
Siena College
Stetson University
Stonehill College
Trinity College
Union College
University of Arizona
University of California-Los Angeles
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Maine-Orono
University of Maryland
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of South Australia
University of South Carolina
University of Tampa
University of Vermont
Utah State University
Villanova University
Western New England University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University

A photograph of two young girls with light brown hair, smiling warmly at the camera. The girl on the left is wearing a pink top with black lace-up details and tassels. The girl on the right is wearing a black and white striped shirt. The background is a blurred classroom environment with a teal wall.

FISHING COVE ELEMENTARY

110 WICKFORD POINT ROAD, N. KINGSTOWN

PRE K-5

COLLEEN LOUGHLIN, PRINCIPAL

Fishing Cove Elementary School was nationally recognized as a Blue Ribbon School by the US Department of Education in 2017 for exemplary achievement gap closing. At Fishing Cove School we provide a positive, safe and nurturing environment that promotes personal growth and academic success to foster lifelong learning for all students. Fishing Cove offers a dedicated staff, a welcoming learning community, strong PTO support, standards based differentiated instruction and Open Circle social emotional strategies to meet the unique needs of each student. Preschool students experience a Bright Stars 4 star learning environment where students learn through play.

In addition to academics, Fishing Cove students are Feinsein Jr. Scholars focused on giving back to the community. Students provide canned goods to the North Kingstown Food Pantry, and perform various good deeds for the surrounding community.

Woven throughout our curriculum is integration of art, music and technology with environmental learning incorporating the Fishing Cove Bay. Annually each grade from preschool through grade five share their learning during Bay Nights and S.T.E.A.M Days.

Fishing Cove Elementary School is committed to developing lifelong learners and compassionate citizens that have the ability to contribute and excel in our ever changing world.



PRESCHOOL PROGRAM (4 Star Bright Stars Quality Rated Program)



PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY The goal of the North Kingstown School Department is to ensure that all children will enter kindergarten with the learning, social-emotional and behavioral skills essential for success. We are committed to promoting opportunities for development, learning and a sense of belonging for every child. The program focuses on developmental and individual needs of young children.

MISSION The mission of our preschool program is to provide young children with learning opportunities and experiences that will teach, foster, promote and nurture growth and development in the following areas: Social/Emotional, Communication, Literacy, Numeracy, Curiosity and Creativity, Gross and Fine Motor, Independence and Self-Help Skills, Persistence and Organization.

Fishing Cove Elementary School is home to five

integrated preschool classrooms and offers morning sessions (3yrs.) and afternoon sessions (4yrs) five days per week. Our preschool classrooms are staffed with highly-qualified teachers who hold certifications in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education and certified classroom teacher assistants.

Students who attend our preschool program engage in lessons and play centers aligned to the Rhode Island Early Learning and Development Standards and the Creative Curriculum. Learning Centers include: Dramatic Play, Sensory Table, Art, Block Center, Science Exploration, Math, Fine Motor Manipulatives, Library and Literacy. Students also engage in Circle Time, Read-Alouds, Snack Time and Outdoor Play.

2018-2019 ESP of the Year North Kingstown **LINDA ANDREW**



Linda is the High School Principal's secretary, responsible for the overall process and workflow supervision delivered through that office. Supporting not just the principal, but over 100 educators and potentially any one of 1400 students and their parents at any given time. She makes it look easy with her attention to detail and her ability to anticipate what is needed. She is the model of an educational support professional.

She is that welcoming, first impression that is so important to visitors, potential out of district students, as well as a go-to person for our own staff. Linda's professionalism in all aspects of her job is remarkable. She is our vision of a consummate Educational Support Professional!

FOREST PARK ELEMENTARY

50 WOODLAWN DRIVE, N. KINGSTOWN

GRADES K–5

DR. CYNTHIA SCHELLER, PRINCIPAL

Forest Park Elementary School is nestled in a quiet neighborhood in the North end of North Kingstown, RI and serves 262 students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. The school's mission is to provide the foundation for every student's future by fostering individuality to achieve excellence.

Forest Park teachers use research-based programs and resources to support high-quality instruction in the areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Students also benefit from instruction in art, music, library, and physical education as well as opportunities to participate in walking club (Fall and Spring), chorus, strings class and band. Throughout the school year, grade-level teams use project-based learning activities to enhance student learning. These activities often lead to culminating student-led presentations at various events such as Poetry Nights, USA Buffets, Stomp Performances, Poster Presentations and Family Day Celebrations. School sponsored after-school activities include robotics club, Girls on the Run and bi-annual school musicals.

The Forest Park community works in partnership with our families and community to celebrate the students' efforts, challenge perseverance, and encourage respect within the global society. The school has an active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), which supports students both inside and outside of the classroom with various resources, equipment and programming. The PTO also hosts numerous evening events that are fun for the whole family such as school dances, bingo nights, cocoa socials and fiestas.

The school mascot is the Eagle, which stands for Effort, Attitude, Giving Respect, Lending a Hand and Excellence. Forest Park is proud to recognize students monthly for both academic success and excellence in character with our Student of the Month and EAGLE Awards. Forest Park is a great place to grow!

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

SPRING 2018

Boys Outdoor Track & Field: Southern Division Champions; State Runner-up

Girls Outdoor Track & Field: Southern Division Champions

FALL 2018

Girls Volleyball: Division I Regular Season Champions; Division I State Champions (Undefeated Season - have won 38 straight games)

Girls JV Volleyball: Coaches Association State Tournament Champions

Football: Division I Super Bowl Champions

Girls Cross Country: Class A Champions

JV State Champions

Freshman State Champions

Joe Gilmartin: Providence Gridiron Club Division I Coach of the Year

Dylan Poirier: Rhode Island Gatorade Player of the Year; Providence Gridiron Club Division I Lineman of the Year

Jack Perreault: RIIL October Male Student-Athlete of the Year

WINTER 2018-19

Boys Basketball: Division I-C Regular Season Division Champions; Division I State Champions; Open State Tournament Champions (First public school ever to win both State Championships)

Girls Swimming: State Champion Runner-up; St. Mary's-Bay View Invitational Champions

Competition Cheer: East Coast Classic Champions

Girls Indoor Track & Field Team

Sportsmanship Award Recipients from RITCA

Aaron Thomas: Division I Coach of the Year

NK Boys Basketball: RIIL Team of the Year

Dick Fossa: RIIL Athletic Director of the Year

Dylan Poirier and Clay Brochu named as Cardi's Hometown Heroes



HAMILTON ELEMENTARY

25 SALISBURY AVENUE, N. KINGSTOWN

GRADES K-5

DR. KAITLIN DONAHUE, PRINCIPAL

Hamilton Elementary School's mission is to provide a nurturing environment that fosters high expectations and a commitment to lifelong learning. We believe all students can thrive when supported, nurtured, and engaged in rigorous and challenging academic experiences. We believe all students can become active community members and leaders using the skills of cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy and self-control. Hamilton is home to 317 students, 50 staff and the district-wide Next Steps program. The Next Steps program meets the needs of students in the areas of communication, sensory input, cognition, and/or sensory-integration deficits that address their rate of learning, basic skills developments and skills mastery.

Hamilton Elementary was RI's 3rd highest performing elementary school for ELA and 2nd highest for Math. This year we gave a Hamilton a little facelift...the walls of the school feature vivid photos of current students and inspirational quotes recommended by Hamilton staff. We also added a sensory path to the hallway floors allowing students a structured but fun opportunity to move. Hamilton has an active and supportive PTO we are very proud of! The PTO offers a variety of before and after school enrichment programs. There are several before and after school programs offered to students throughout the year, such as Health Club, Yoga, Lacrosse and Bananagrams, to name just a few. With the help of the PTO we installed our Outdoor Classroom in the Fall of 2018 and continue to care for our school gardens. We also offered a 9 week coding program this year in our Makerspace! Hamilton also has a therapy dog program a couple of times a week. This year staff engaged in professional developments on adult and student social/emotional growth, functions of behavior, Empowering Writers, ongoing science FOSS kit, and school safety trainings.

Elementary school marks a life-changing experience for children. Hamilton Elementary School has created an environment that is highly effective at stimulating learning and fostering personal growth! Our staff fosters a welcoming environment for all stakeholders and community members.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The information technology department is comprised of the following positions: Director, Systems Administrator, Network Manager, Data Manager, Senior Technician, Technician, and District Technology Instructional Coach. The goals of the department are to maintain and improve the network and communications systems; proactively enhance the end-user experience for students, teachers, and staff; and to streamline the repair process.

Security Upgrades

The I.T. department undertook various technology-related projects across the district to improve the security of all buildings. In the interest of student and employee safety, we can not share the specific details of these projects. They were designed in conjunction with the North Kingstown Police and Fire Departments. The projects currently underway are on schedule and additional plans are under development.

Technology Infrastructure

In keeping with the 5-year Technology Strategic Plan, the I.T. department completed a number of projects designed to refresh and upgrade the district's technology infrastructure.

Completion of the fiber ring

Last year, NKSD applied for and was successfully awarded funding to construct a fiber ring which would add high speed connections between all of the school buildings. This project was completed in early summer. This new fiber ring allows the school department to keep pace with the increasing bandwidth demands of our students and will future proof the district as that demand continues to grow.

Computer lab refresh

Several computer labs at DMS, WMS, and NKHS were upgraded with more memory and faster processors. The computers in all school offices and the administration building were also upgraded. The computers that were removed from these areas were then refurbished, upgraded, and distributed to various classrooms across the district.

Wireless accessibility

All 300 wireless access points across the district were upgraded to the latest technology. This project has provided all schools with reliable high-speed wireless internet.

Online Payments

The NK school department began accepting online payments for Chromebook Insurance and Chromebook repair fees in the fall of 2018. This has streamlined the process and provides families with additional payment options. In the future, we are looking to expand this option to include other school-related items.

2018-2019 Superintendent of the Year North Kingstown

DR. PHIL AUGER

This year, Dr. Phil Auger was selected as the Superintendent of the Year for 2019 by the Rhode Island School Superintendents' Association (RISSA). This prestigious award is given each year to a Superintendent who shows great leadership in contributing to the advancement of public education. It recognizes outstanding achievement in school district leadership, dedication to the education of all children, commitment to the community and service to RISSA.

North Kingstown stands out among districts for its high standards and excellent reputation for providing its students with a high quality education. All of that starts with Dr. Auger. He continually sets high goals for the district. His concentration on multiple areas benefits students, staff, and the NK community. His passion for student achievement is unsurpassed. Our students repeatedly score high compared with their state-wide counterparts. Along with a district team of teachers, administrators, support staff and parents, NK schools are thriving. We thank Dr. Auger for his leadership, guidance and vision for NK schools!



SMH QUIDNESSETT ELEMENTARY

166 MARK DRIVE, N. KINGSTOWN
GRADES K-5
CAROLYN JOHNSTON, PRINCIPAL

Suzanne M. Henseler Quidnessett Elementary School, affectionately known as Quid, is a Title I school with a diverse school community. Quidnessett is unique in that we serve approximately 270 students from kindergarten through fifth grade in an open classroom setting.

We currently have 48 full and part-time staff including a principal, office staff, teachers, teacher assistants, nurse, social worker and psychologist. The staff here at Quidnessett is dedicated to providing a positive learning environment and believe that we must meet the needs of all students. We use a multi-tier system of supports (MTSS) framework that allows us to support all students in many areas including academics, social and emotional, and absenteeism.

Quidnessett uses a Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports Model to support staff and positive behavior for students. Our school-wide expectations are Respectful, Responsible and Safe.

Our students and staff take pride in being a Feinstein leadership school. The students at Quidnessett truly make the community a better place. Our staff and students do good deeds that give back to the community whenever possible throughout the year.

We also have an Office of Family Learning which provides after school programming and support for students and families of QES. Quidnessett Elementary is committed to educating all students to their highest level of academic potential, to provide them with the knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes needed to become a successful member of society in college, career and beyond.

"Quidnessett Kids Reach For Excellence"

STONY LANE ELEMENTARY

825 STONY LANE, N. KINGSTOWN
GRADES K-5
NICOLE HITCHENER, PRINCIPAL



Stony Lane Elementary School earned the 2018 distinction of being #16 out of the 50 Best American Public Elementary schools from TheBestSchools.org! Recognized as a Blue Ribbon School from the US Department of Education in 2013, Stony Lane has an open space layout, is the largest elementary school in the district and serves approximately 410 students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. We are the Stony Lane Whales with respect and caring as our motto!

At Stony Lane, our mission is to educate the children of North Kingstown in partnership with families and the community to create a safe, caring, supportive and respectful learning environment where all students become responsible, life-long learners and contribute positively to our global society. Our Stony guiding principles support the academic and social emotional growth of our students. We utilize Open Circle as our social emotional curriculum in all grades. Every child has access to technology and we continue to expand our blended learning experiences. Teachers' and students' regularly set goals and monitor growth in an ongoing cycle of improvement.

We continue to build our learning opportunities through our growing garden and outdoor classroom space. Stony Lane has strong PTO support, whom provide many enrichment events for our students. Home and school partner in the responsibility of educating our children. Our grade 3-5 after-school Chess Club and Chess Team has continued to thrive and last year our Chess Team placed second in the RI Inter-Scholastic Chess League! We are committed to helping others in our community in many ways. We continue to grow and participate in the North Kingstown Blessings in a Backpack program by providing food to families in need. We also have fundraised and contributed to various community services including, but not limited to the NK Food Bank, RI Crossroads and many other local groups in need. We are grateful to be part of such a caring and supportive community.

DAVISVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

200 SCHOOL STREET, N. KINGSTOWN

GRADES 6–8

BARBARA MAHER, PRINCIPAL

Davisville Middle School services diverse family friendly neighborhoods in the northeast region of beautiful North Kingstown. Davisville Middle School houses students in grades 6, 7, and 8 and is committed to providing students with pathways for academic and personal success through challenging and diverse educational opportunities. Davisville embraces the middle school philosophy and is structured around the widely varying needs and characteristics of young adolescents.

In addition to core academic class offerings students are able to take a variety of unified arts courses: coding, keyboarding, financial literacy, robotics, music, chorus, band, orchestra, Spanish 1, world cultures, wood technology, art, literature, and media science. Extracurricular activities are also an important extension of our school day. Our offerings include: International Club, Student Leadership Team, Yearbook, Robotics Team, Science Olympiad, Homework Club, and DMS Dragon Chronicle. Students also participate in a variety of community service activities to benefit families in and outside of our community. Davisville also offers a full complement of athletic sports including a Unified program.

Davisville embraces the Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) to raise behavioral expectations and assist students in achieving positive social, emotional and learning goals. In addition to PBIS, Davisville blends Dr. King's six principles of a peaceful community, the Kindness Challenge Acts and the Sandy Hook "Say Hello" program to cultivate and promulgate peaceful problem solving, kind actions, and inclusive behaviors.

Our faculty and staff members, who through collaboration and teamwork, acknowledge and address the unique needs of our developing teens. Our faculty is student-focused and provides access to challenging curriculum through differentiated and collaborative lessons. They strive to make personal connections and build relationships with each other and our students in order to strengthen our school community. At Davisville we challenge each other to live up to our motto,

"Be the Best You Can Be"!

WICKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

250 TOWER HILL ROAD, N. KINGSTOWN

GRADES 6-8

BRIAN LALLY, PRINCIPAL

The mission of Wickford Middle School is to provide our students with pathways for academic and personal success through rigorous and diverse educational opportunities and to challenge them to become responsible, contributing members of a global society. When you walk through our doors, you'll find a truly collaborative environment where students, staff, and administration work together to ensure our students are given the best possible opportunities to succeed. We strive to develop the academic, social, emotional, and creative growth of all of our students during their time at WMS. This school year, in an effort to build the social/emotional competencies of our students, we joined two nation-wide programs aimed at creating a more welcoming and inclusive environment here at Wickford. The Start With Hello campaign and the Kindness Challenge have helped to strengthen community connections within our school. We look forward to continuing this work in the coming years as we progress towards our goal of helping students with social and emotional well being.

Academic rigor is a key component to our curriculums at Wickford Middle School. We believe in holding students to high standards and our students routinely meet and exceed our expectations in the classroom, in extracurricular activities, and on district and statewide assessments. During the 2017-18 school year, our students earned some of the highest scores in both the ELA and Math RICAS assessments of any middle school in the state. WMS was one of three middle schools statewide to receive 5 out of 5 stars in the new RIDE Accountability System. We are very proud of these results and they are a testament to the hard work and dedication of both our teachers and students.

In addition to our core academic subjects, WMS students take classes in art, music, shop, robotics, technology, research skills, STEAM, physical education/health, and foreign language. Our staff incorporates technology into their lessons as we recognize the need to build the capacity of our students to succeed in the 21st century. As a school, we emphasize the importance of building skills in the areas of communication, collaboration, and problem solving. In doing so, we look to give our students the necessary skills and competencies they will need to be successful in high school, college, and careers.

DAVISVILLE ACADEMY

30 EAST COURT, N. KINGSTOWN
GRADES K-12
MICHELLE GRIMALDI, PRINCIPAL

The Davisville Academy Clinical Day Program (DA-CDP) is a therapeutic educational placement for students in grades K-12. The focus of the program is to integrate therapeutic supports with individualized standards-based instruction in order to prepare all of our students for success in college and future careers. All DA-CDP students in grades K-12 receive instruction in developing and strengthening skills in a variety of functional areas to support their academic success, including social awareness and interpersonal relationships, emotional and behavioral regulation, problem solving and responsible decision-making, effective communication, and self-awareness.

Our mission is to create a safe, positive, nurturing environment by building a school community based on the value and respect for self and others. Our unique approach to educating children with social, emotional, and behavioral difficulties places equal emphasis on academic and social-emotional learning through integrated supports infused into standards-based curriculum and instruction.

Financial Overview

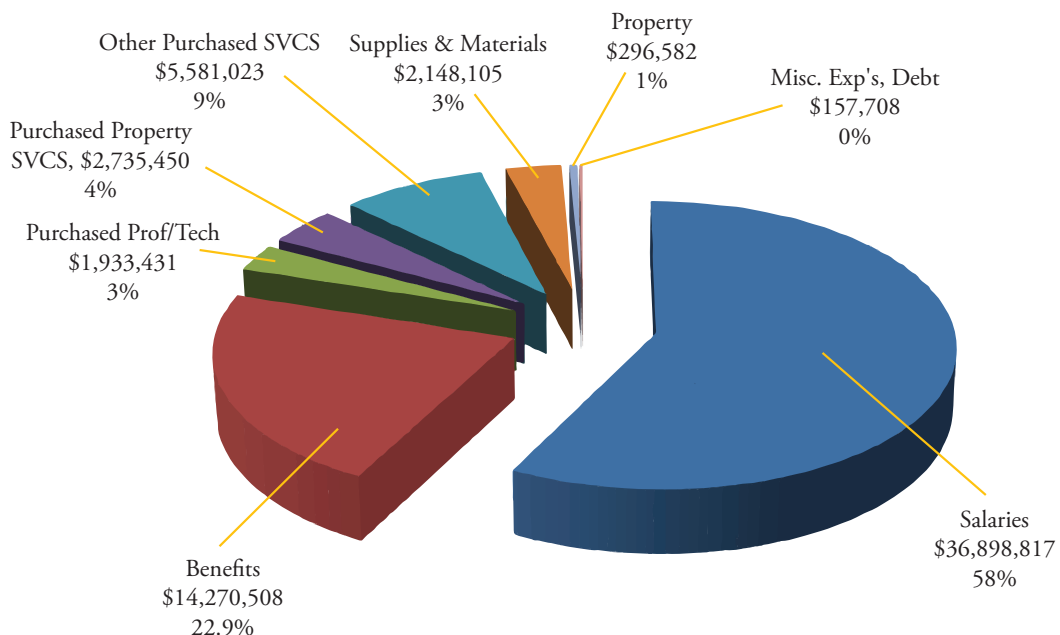


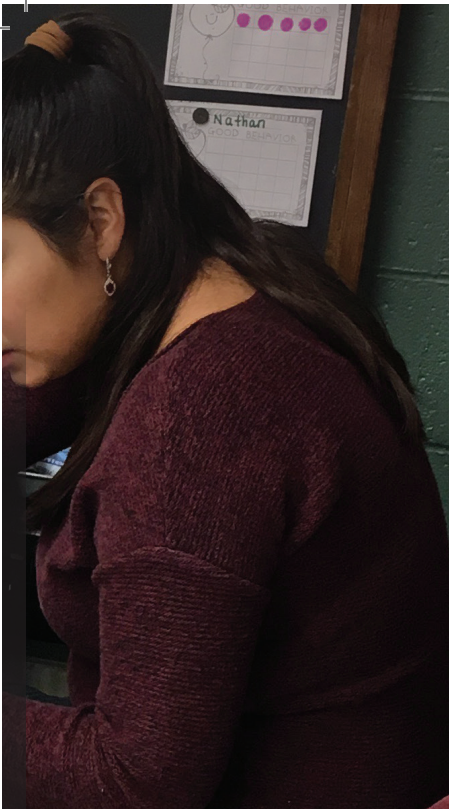
MERITORIOUS BUDGET WINNER

North Kingstown School Department is the winner of the prestigious ASBO (International Association of School Business Officials) Meritorious Budget Award for Excellence and Transparency in Budget Preparation for four years in a row! NKSD received this distinction in FY16, FY17, FY18, and FY19. No other district in the state holds this distinction at this time.

NK BUDGET ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FY19

North Kingstown School Department General Fund - FY19
School Committee Budget Allocation of Funds, 05-09-17 (Final)





NORTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT Summary of Funds/Expenditures FY18 Actual through FY19 Budget

SOURCES OF FUNDS	FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget
Town Aid	50,208,694	52,080,833
State Aid	10,746,886	10,236,000
Tuitions: Other Districts	2,643,898	2,702,800
Medicaid Reimb.	499,673	380,000
All Other	33,363	10,500
Tuitions: Preschool	100,438	85,000
TOTAL FUNDS	64,232,952	65,495,133

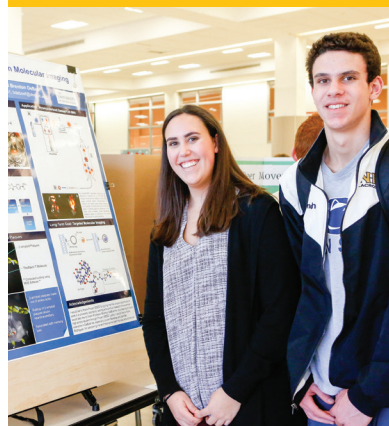
PER PUPIL EXPENDITURE COMPARISONS

In the most recently available comparative data, North Kingstown ranked 13th out of 36 Rhode Island districts for per pupil expenditures. In FY17, NKSD expended \$16,161 per pupil a <1.2% increase from the previous year. Woonsocket expended the least in FY17, spending \$14,371 and New Shoreham expended the most, \$41,443. Charter Schools were not included in the data. RIDE website www.RIDE.gov.

EXPENDITURES	FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget
Wages	36,312,322	37,274,501
Employee Benefits	14,243,220	14,738,056
Tuitions	3,610,623	4,059,900
Transport. Services/Fuel	1,579,410	1,651,105
Custodial Services	1,568,715	1,624,538
Utilities & Fuel	1,195,825	1,200,022
Legal/Other Prof. Fees	2,011,455	1,646,250
Repairs & Maintenance	543,442	570,649
Technology	825,639	688,545
Supplies & Materials	519,179	549,272
Property/Vehicle Insur.	367,899	387,860
Equipment/Vehicle Rental	160,788	172,179
Conferences & Dues	88,032	182,200
Athletics	94,055	88,000
Furniture & Equipment	140,785	80,150
Periodicals & Textbooks	94,521	91,405
Rubbish Disposal Srvcs.	63,169	77,810
Auto & Mileage	36,237	38,774
Alarm & Fire Safety	83,645	60,000
Shipping & Postage	19,334	34,252
Snow Plowing Services	47,230	45,000
Audit/Actuarial Services	50,000	70,000
Advertising & Printing	14,125	34,150
Building Rent	100,355	100,065
All Other	56,508	70,450
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	63,826,513	65,535,133



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Forest Park Elementary
Grades K–5
50 Woodlawn Dr. - 541-6381
Dr. Cynthia Scheller, Principal

Hamilton Elementary
Grades K–5
25 Salisbury Ave. - 268-6521
Dr. Kaitlin Donahue, Principal

SMH Quidnessett Elementary
Grades K–5
166 Mark Dr. - 541-6361
Ms. Carolyn Johnston, Principal

Stony Lane Elementary
Grades K–5
825 Stony Lane - 268-6541
Ms. Nicole Hitchener, Principal

Davisville Middle School
Grades 6–8
200 School St. - 541-6302
Ms. Barbara Maher, Principal

Wickford Middle School
Grades 6–8
250 Tower Hill Rd. - 268-6473
Brian Lally, Principal

NK High School
Grades 9–12
150 Fairway Dr. - 268-6230
Dr. Denise Mancieri, Principal

Additional information is on the district webpage at www.nksd.net

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