



Barrington Public Schools

Empowering All Students to Excel

Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

Last year, Rhode Island (RI) transitioned from the State mandated PARCC assessment to the [Rhode Island Comprehensive Assessment \(RICAS\)](#) in the Spring of 2018 for Math and Literacy (Reading and Writing). The RICAS is aligned with the [Massachusetts Common Assessment \(MCAS\)](#). RI made the switch because very few states continue to take the PARCC and Massachusetts (MASS) is a global leader in education.

On Tuesday, October 22, 2019 the Rhode Island Department of Education released the 2019 RICAS assessment results. Barrington Public Schools demonstrated overall achievement at the top of RI and performed well beyond the state average and exceeded the state average in MASS. Importantly, Barrington, as a district, realized growth from 2018 to 2019 assessment.

Massachusetts Scores Compared to Rhode Island

Grade	RI English Language Arts (ELA) Proficiency	RI Math Proficiency	MASS ELA Proficiency	MA Math Proficiency	Barrington ELA	Barrington Math
3	47.9%	36.1%	56%	49%	73%	65%
4	37.2%	32.6%	52%	50%	62%	49%
5	39.1%	32.6%	52%	48%	60%	58%
6	39.1%	27.9%	53%	52%	81%	73%
7	31.5%	27.6%	48%	48%	80%	75%
8	36.3%	24.5%	52%	46%	80%	61%
3-8	38.5%	29.8%	52%	49%	73%	65%

The District is proud of the work of our educators and students in achieving strong growth and achievement on our RICAS assessment. While we are measuring the same learning standards, RICAS has a rigorous performance standard. The District will now begin the process of thoroughly analyzing [our assessment results](#) to create action plans for continuous improvement. It is important to note, however, this initial analysis will not include trend data, as we only have two years of RICAS data to review. Rhode Island, and Barrington specifically, can learn from the lessons of Massachusetts over the past 20 years. Using the same assessment tool allows us to more closely chart progress as we make additional investments and improvements to teaching and learning in our state.





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Parents will receive a copy of their child’s report in the mail. The [RICAS reports](#) will be mailed out on Monday, October 28th. In addition, scores will be uploaded into ASPEN under the assessment tab for review and comparison with previous state and local assessment scores.

It is important to remember that high school students are not administered the RICAS assessment. The high school state assessment score is measured by the School Day SAT. On October 3, 2019 the Rhode Island Department of Education released the 2018-2019 administration of the Statewide SAT and PSAT scores. Please see the chart below outlining our students’ performance on the [School Day SAT results](#) for all juniors who took the SAT in the spring;

2019 SAT Results - 99% of the Seniors at BHS Participated

BHS RI National

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 610 503 531
Math 623 492 528

SAT School Day Results for the Class of 2020 - 99% of the Juniors at BHS Participated

BHS RI National

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 593 483 NA
Math 602 474 NA

In addition last July 2019, Barrington received the results for the 2018-2019 school year Advanced Placement Test Scores. Please see the [AP Assessment Results](#) below:

354 Students took at least one Advanced Placement Assessment

825 Total Enrollment across AP Courses

793 Assessments taken

732 (88%) of the scores were a 3 or higher

A smaller percentage of BHS students also take the ACT. Scores of 18 on English Composition, 22 on College Algebra, and 22 on Social Science Reading, and 23 on Science are college success benchmarks.





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Grad Year	BHS Count	State Count	BPS EL A	RI EL A	BPS Math	RI Math	BPS Reading	RI Reading	BPS Science	RI Science	BPS Composite	RI Composite
2015	139	2015	25.5	23	25.6	22.6	25.7	23.8	24.4	22.5	25.4	23.1
2016	113	2076	25.5	23.1	26	22.9	27.2	24	25.3	22.8	26.2	23.3
2017	120	2121	26.9	24	27	23.3	27.8	24.7	26.1	23.4	27.1	24
2018	142	1554	26.2	24.4	26.3	23.6	27.3	25	26	23.5	26.5	24.2
2019	86	1324	27.2	25	27	23.9	28	25.5	26.4	24	27.3	24.7

Please see the full reports by following these links.

[District Report](#)

[2019 All Student SAT](#)

[Class of 2020 School Day SAT](#)

[2018-2019 Advanced Placement Scores](#)

Beyond test scores, Barrington Public Schools will continue to create opportunities for our students to grow in their demonstration and application of real-world learning through deep learning, project-based learning, and service learning. We will continue to support our students' social-emotional well-being as well as encouraging our students' development as ethical, global citizens. As always, we remain focused on empowering all of our students to excel.

Thank you.

Michael Messoro

