

Scituate School Department

2024-2025 Annual Report



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District Overview

The Scituate School Department is committed to preparing all students for lifelong learning and success in an ever-changing world. Through high-quality, engaging, and meaningful educational experiences, we believe every student can reach their full potential. This work is strengthened by the strong partnerships with families and our community, all working together to support student growth from Pre-Kindergarten through graduation.

Strategic Plan Updates



1. Preparing Students For Future Success

The Scituate School Department is committed to providing a rigorous curriculum, quality instruction, and support to ensure each and every student is prepared for post-secondary success, no matter what they choose to pursue.

NEASC Accreditation

Scituate High School has received continued Accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), based on excellence in student learning, curriculum development, inclusive leadership, and community engagement. In addition, SHS has met the requirements for all eight Foundational Elements of the NEASC Standards for Accreditation.

New CTE Academy

Students across Rhode Island interested in pursuing a career in education can now apply to enroll in a new CTE Academy for Childhood Education at Scituate High School. The Academy offers hands-on experience in child development, classroom management, educational strategies, and more, with opportunities for internships and collaboration with the district's three elementary schools.

RIDE 5 Star Rating

The Rhode Island Department of Education awarded North Scituate Elementary a five star rating, signifying that North Scituate is among the top performing schools in the state. All other schools within the Scituate School Department received improved ratings or saw improvements in specific categories.

Strategic Plan Updates



2. Ensuring Safe and Welcoming Schools

The Scituate School Department prioritizes safe, healthy, and inclusive schools where students and other stakeholders feel supported to learn and cultivate a growth mindset for lifelong learning.

New Fire Alarm Systems

We are happy to share that new fire alarm systems have been installed in every school building across the School Department. This critical update ensures that each school is equipped with modern, reliable technology that meets all safety standards. This investment reflects our commitment to providing safe, secure learning environments.

Updates to Radiators

As part of our continued efforts to prioritize student safety, we added radiator covers to the radiators at Hope Elementary. While this may seem like a small change, upgrades like these demonstrate how our strategic plan is being put into action – focusing on the details that make a real difference in the day to day experience of our students.

High Five Fridays

As part of our plan to foster a more inclusive and supportive environment, high school students have continued to initiate High Five Fridays at each elementary school. High Five Fridays are a positive and engaging practice that helps to boost morale and confidence and build community throughout the school department.

Strategic Plan Updates



3. Encouraging Professional Learning and Continuous Improvement for Educators

We take pride in our efforts to recruit, support, and retain highly qualified staff members who are at the forefront of delivering instruction and support to all learners. Their hard work and dedication shape the educational experience for every student.

End of the Year Celebration

We celebrated the incredible dedication and hard work of our teachers and staff at our End of the Year Celebration on the last day of school. Every achievement across the Scituate School Department is a direct result of our staff's passion, perseverance, and commitment. Our Teacher of the Year was Vanessa Mezzancella, from Hope Elementary, and our Support Staff of the Year was Helen Dichiario, who also works at Hope. Both Vanessa and Helen have contributed to creating impactful learning environments for Hope Elementary students, and we are proud to have them making a difference in our schools.

Professional Development

Elementary teachers have completed STAR training as their universal screener to help better identify students needing additional supports in reading and math. Scituate Middle School Principal Dana Morel will be completing training from the National Institute for School Leadership (NISL). The training aims to prepare leaders to create high performing schools, and includes instructional coaching and data driven decision making. We have also developed a committee of teachers who work on assessing student writing to ensure alignment of instruction and assessment, and have integrated social and emotional trainings throughout recent professional development for all teachers and staff.

Strategic Plan Updates



4. Fostering Robust Community Partnerships

The Scituate School Department takes opportunities to engage families and community members as equal partners to support each and every student in developing the knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed for success in school and beyond.

PACT

Our Administrative Team developed the Superintendent's Parent and Administrator Communications Team (PACT) to give parents/guardians a better line of communication to the Superintendent and school principals. The team participates in monthly discussions and has covered topics ranging from special education, our five year capital improvement plan, and building projects.

Recycling Program

Each elementary school is now a part of a recycling program that started at North Scituate Elementary. Through the generous volunteer work and support from the Scituate Sustainability Committee, the program works to help students understand the importance of reducing waste, reusing products where they can, and recycling and composting.

Climate & Culture Survey

In April, we invited families and staff to share their experiences through climate and culture surveys. The results reflected a strong, respectful, and supportive school community, where students feel safe and families feel confident in the academic direction of the district. Staff feedback reflected a desire for clearer communication and more opportunities to contribute to decision-making. These insights will help guide our next steps in our work to continue fostering a positive and connected school community.

Scituate High School



Enhancing Educational Opportunities

Scituate High School continues to make exceptional progress in expanding educational opportunities for all students. From advancing through the NEASC Accreditation process and launching a new CTE Academy to earning national recognition for STEM curriculum through Project Lead the Way, SHS is a place where innovation and education go hand in hand. Teachers, staff, and administrators are committed to building a vibrant, inclusive learning community where every student can grow and succeed.

Project Lead the Way

For the second consecutive year, Scituate High School was named a Distinguished High School by PLTW. This national recognition highlights the school's continued commitment to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in STEM education and career readiness. Scituate is one of only five school districts in Rhode Island to have schools that received this designation in 2024-2025.

Teddy Bear Clinic

Scituate High School's Biomedical Academy and Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) Club brought a Teddy Bear Clinic to Kindergarten and First Grade students at North Scituate Elementary School as a fun, hands-on way to introduce young students to the medical field to support them in building confidence around going to doctors visits and helping them learn about various healthcare professions and medical procedures through interactive play. This event served as a fantastic way for our high school students and elementary students to learn together and continue our school department's mission to foster strong community bonds.

Scituate Middle School



Fostering Inclusive Learning Environments

Scituate Middle School is a supportive, high performing learning community where students grow both academically and socially as they prepare for high school. Classrooms integrate technology to personalize learning and equip students with the skills they will need for future success. Teachers provide a thoughtful balance of support and challenge, creating an environment where students feel confident, engaged, and ready to learn.

Spartan Shout-Outs

Scituate Middle School's positive behavior recognition initiative, "Spartan Shout-Outs," continues to play a key role in supporting students social and emotional growth. By recognizing and reinforcing positive behaviors, Spartan Shout-Outs help students gain a strong sense of self awareness, accountability, and empathy. Students also learn how to make respectful choices, and aids the middle school in fostering a safe and inclusive environment.

CTE Shadow Day

Scituate Middle School and Scituate High School continue to partner to introduce 8th grade students to Career and Technical Education at the high school. Middle school students have the opportunity to spend a school day in high school classrooms with high school educators exploring the unique CTE academies offered at SHS, including Biomedical Science, Computer Science, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, and now Childhood Education. Students have the chance to learn about unique projects, clubs, and potential career opportunities.

Clayville Elementary School



A Vision for Improvement & Success

Students begin their educational journey in a supportive and inclusive environment at Clayville Elementary School. Rooted in the school's core values of being respectful, responsible, safe, and problem solvers, Clayville empowers young learners to grow both academically and socially. As part of the Scituate School Department, Clayville plays a vital role in laying the foundation for lifelong learning, preparing students to successfully transition to Scituate Middle and High School as they grow within a unified, supportive, and student-centered school department.

Clayville is Growing

Clayville Elementary is gaining more room to grow! With plans to relocate the Central Office to the Scituate Town Offices located at 195 Danielson Pike, this move will not only strengthen collaboration between school and town leaders, it was also open up valuable space within the school. These newly available areas will allow for more flexible, innovative learning environments where students and teachers can thrive.

Principal Boutiette

In 2024, Lori Boutiette became Clayville Elementary's Interim Principal, and we are thrilled that she will continue to lead the school in 2025 as Clayville's permanent school Principal. In her first year, Lori has already made an impactful difference. Along with developing a set of core values for Clayville students, she has held several successful school events to continue to foster an inclusive, supportive, and engaging community, and she continues to build strong relationships with families and students.

Hope Elementary School



Knowing Students and Their Individual Needs

At Hope Elementary School, students are welcomed into a nurturing and engaging learning environment where their academic and social development is thoughtfully supported. Guided by shared values of respect, responsibility, and readiness to learn, Hope encourages students to become confident learners and caring community members. As an essential part of the Scituate School Department, Hope Elementary helps lay the groundwork for future success, preparing students to thrive as they move on to Scituate Middle and High School.

Expanding Kindergarten

Following a vote from the School Committee, Hope Elementary will be adding an additional kindergarten classroom for the upcoming school year. This strategic decision reflects the Scituate School Department's ongoing commitment to provide high quality education. By reducing class sizes, we create a more personalized and supportive learning environment where students can receive increased one on one attention from their teachers.

Husky Bucks

Hope Elementary has launched a new positive behavior support system known as "Husky Bucks," designed to strengthen students' emotional learning in a fun and engaging way. Through this initiative, students earn Husky Bucks by being respectful, responsible, and ready to learn. The program not only reinforces positive actions but also helps students develop important life skills such as goal setting, self regulation, and decision making. Students are able to redeem their Husky Bucks for a prize from the school store or save them up for admission to a special monthly community event.

North Scituate Elementary School



Progress Through Partnership and Purpose

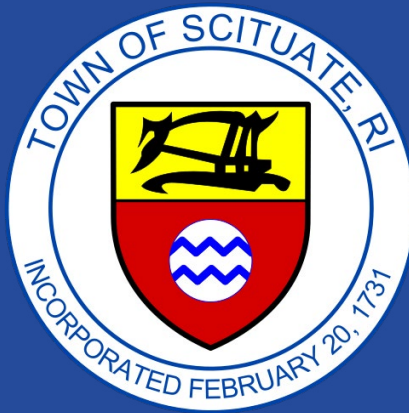
North Scituate Elementary offers a vibrant and welcoming learning environment where students are encouraged to explore, create, and grow. With a strong emphasis on building strong social and emotional skills, such as developing a growth mindset, problem solving, managing emotions, kindness, effort, and goal setting, the school sets all young learners up for a successful transition to Scituate Middle and High School.

Welcome Principal Gallivan

The entire Scituate School Department is excited to welcome Principal Kyle Gallivan to North Scituate Elementary School. Principal Gallivan will be taking on the role previously held by Principal Kaitlin Soccio. Principal Gallivan most recently served as the Principal of Gallagher Middle School in Smithfield, Rhode Island, and has worked as a middle school history, social studies, and geography teacher. We are thrilled to welcome him to our school and know that he will be an incredible asset as we continue to foster a strong community of excellence, inclusion, and growth.

Walkathon Fundraiser

North Scituate Elementary School raised \$11,500 during the 2024-2025 Walkathon. The funds were generously donated by families through the fundraiser that took place on November 8, 2024. We are thankful for the hard work of the PTO members and the North Scituate teachers and staff who volunteered to help make this event so successful. The funds will be used to pay for enriching educational experiences.



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