



Chariho Regional School District

2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

All Kids. All of the Time.



WE ARE CHARIHO



Mission: The Chariho Regional School District ensures that all students meet high academic standards and are prepared for lifelong learning and productive global citizenship.



Vision: With a commitment to continuous improvement, the District's highly-qualified staff engages with students in state-of-the-art facilities to master challenging content, to promote creativity, and to foster critical thinking. The District is recognized by the community as its greatest asset.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

ASHAWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADES: K-4

CHARLESTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADES: K-4

HOPE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADES: K-4

RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADES: K-4

CHARIHO REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADES: 5-8

CHARIHO REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
GRADES: 9-12

CHARIHOTECH
GRADES: 9-12

CHARIHO ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ACADEMY
GRADES: 5-12



A Message from our new Superintendent

"As a district we will also learn and grow through this global crisis and ensure we continue to provide a high quality and rigorous public education for all students in Chariho"

As we prepare for our new school year we recognize that many of our families and community members continue to persevere during this unprecedented time. There is national focus on education as communities across the globe realize that our schools are the hub of our economy.

There is no doubt that school will inevitably look different this year. We will continue to partner with our families, students, staff, administrators and community to plan a thoughtful reopening. This collaborative effort will be led using all stakeholders feedback and input. We are reimagining and redesigning what education looks like for our students. We must create spaces for our students to excel and grow while always considering the importance of their social emotional well being. As a district we will also learn and grow through this global crisis and ensure we continue to provide a high quality and rigorous public education for all students in Chariho.

Our Annual Report is designed to provide you with important information on policy, events and our calendar. This report is used to showcase all of the amazing accomplishments of our students and staff. If you would like to receive a paper copy

of this Annual Report, please call 401-364-7575 and one will be sent to you. Please feel free to reach out to me for any reason. I can be reached by phone at 401-364-7575 or by email at gina.picard@chariho.k12.ri.us. Remember to follow us on Twitter @CharihoRegional and for all updates and district information you can visit us at our District website at www.chariho.k12.ri.us.

On behalf of the Chariho Regional School District, please know our commitment is to remain focused on communication, transparency and equity as we all strive for another successful school year.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gina M. Picard". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Gina M. Picard
Superintendent**

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**Important Announcement!**

Annual RI Background Checks are required of ALL Volunteers. Forms are available in all school offices, at the central administration building, and at the following [link](#).

The Chariho Regional School District Committee



Ryan Callahan, Chair



Craig Louzon, Vice Chair



George Abbott



Donna Chambers



William Day



Catherine Giusti



Sheila Grover



Clay Johnson



Linda Lyall



Linda McAllister



Lisa Macaruso

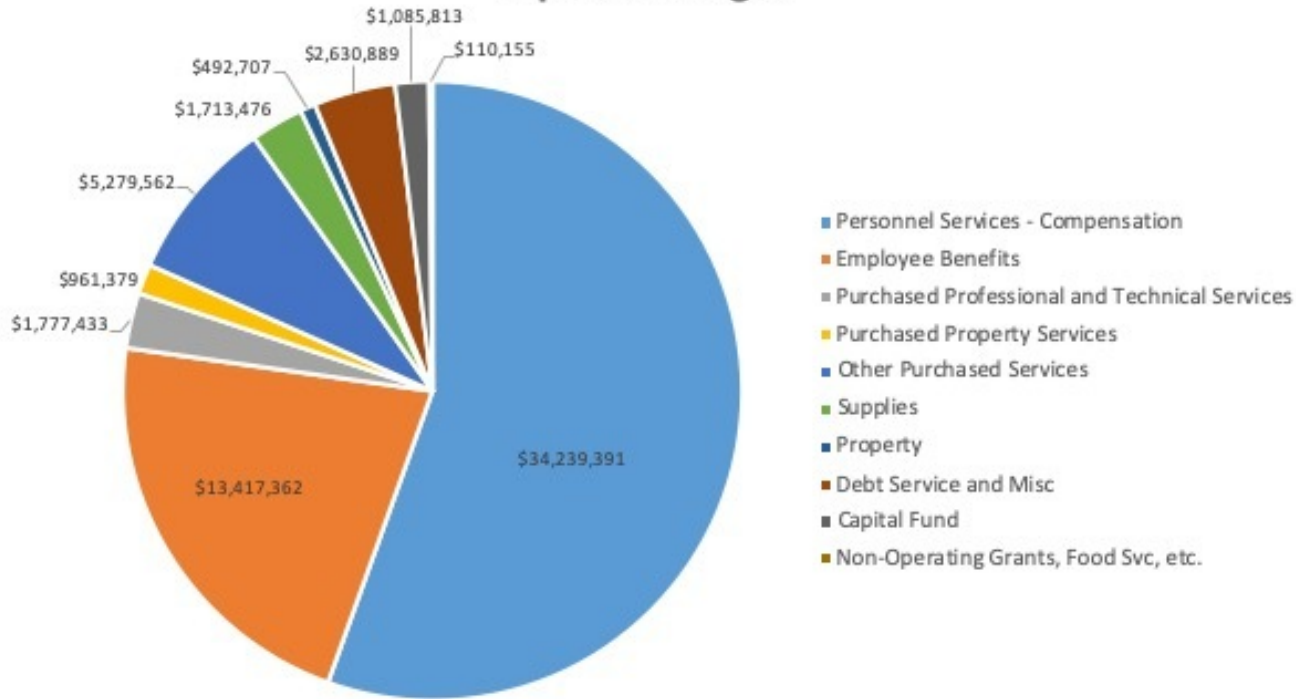


David Stall

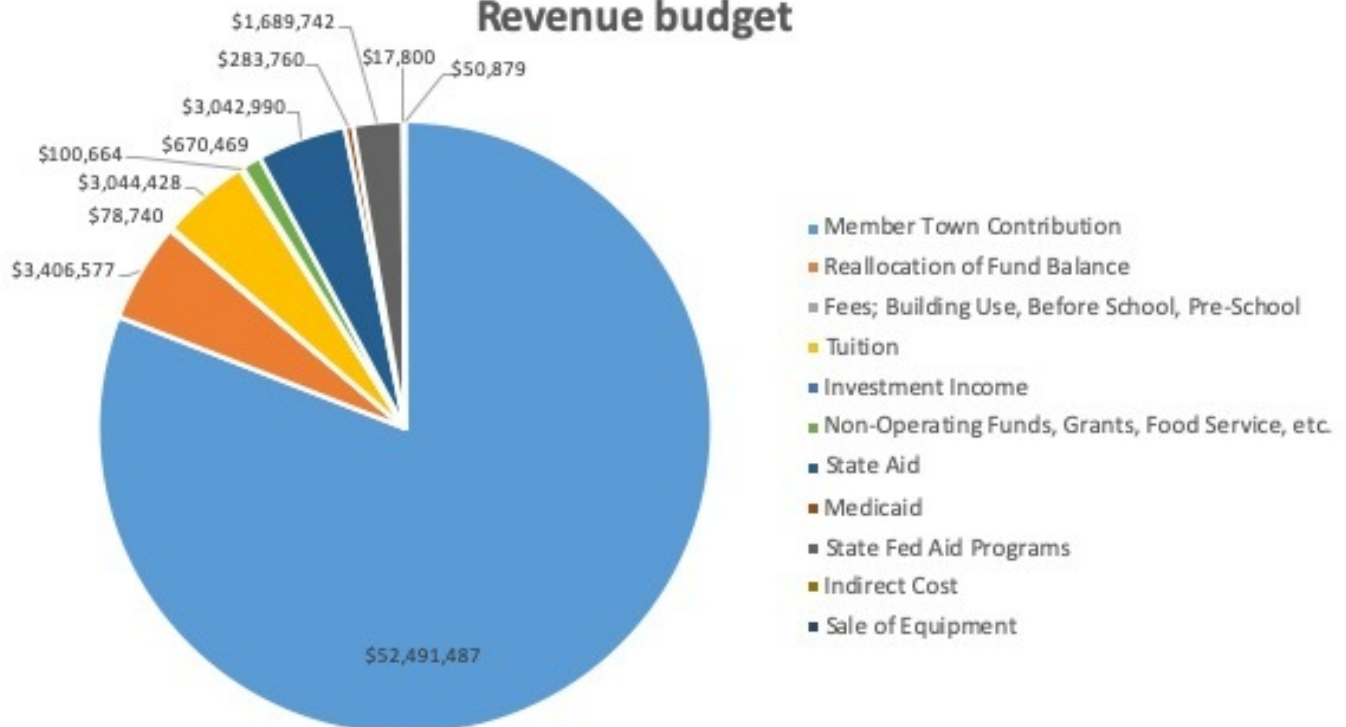
Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Members Murat Dymov, Stephen Huzyk and Sylvia Stanley for their many years of service to the Chariho School District.

Our 2019-2020 budget

Expense budget



Revenue budget



Vision 2023-Strategic Plan

Priority Area 1: Striving for Excellence

Priority Area 2: Healthy, Safe, & Flexible Learning Environments

Priority Area 3: Voice and Choice for Students and Staff

Priority Area 4: Improve Postsecondary Outcomes

Priority Area 5: Global Citizenship

Priority Area 6: Partnerships Across the Community



Members of the District and school community came together in the Fall of 2018 to draft the above strategic plan, Vision 2023, which focuses on six priority areas over the next five years.

Read the full strategic plan, including outcomes and action steps, [here](#).

Enacting our strategic plan is a group effort. We welcome community ideas and support as we work to implement our plan over the coming years.



Attention Alumni & Friends

Connect with...

THE CHARIHO ALUMNI & FRIENDS NETWORK

CHARLESTOWN • RICHMOND • HOPKINTON



Follow us on FaceBook at "**Chariho Alumni and Friends Network**".
Follow us on Twitter at **@chariho_pride**

To join us, please complete this short **form**.

Spread the word and help us reach out to others.

Stay tuned for special updates on the District website for
our **60th anniversary** spanning the '20-'21 school year.



For more information, email
katie.kirakosian@chariho.k12.ri.us

Safety and Technology Updates

The safety and security of our students and staff are a top priority. The past year has seen many changes and additions in the District to ensure our students are safe and secure on and off school grounds:

- Added a Visitor Management System to every school
- Updated our notification system with School Messenger, which is integrated with our website and PowerSchool
- Added additional surveillance cameras within the District to increase our coverage
- Safe Stop (new App used by Ocean State Transit)
- Two Blue Lights installed on the main campus
- Participating in the Sandy Hook Promise "Say Something" Anonymous Reporting System



AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY

In accord with Rhode Island General Law 28-5.1, and applicable federal law, it is the policy of the Chariho Regional School District not to discriminate on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, religion, genetic information, national origin, color, political affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or disability (including pregnancy) in its employment practices. Employment practices include, but are not limited to, posting of vacancies, recruitment, hiring, training, transfers and promotions. Inquiries regarding compliance with equal opportunity and affirmative action may be directed to Kristen Merritt, Human Resources Administrator, 455A Switch Road, Wood River Junction, RI 02894 (364-7575 x2029); (364-1171 TDD); the Office of Equity and Access, 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903, or US Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 5 Post Office Square, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109-3921.

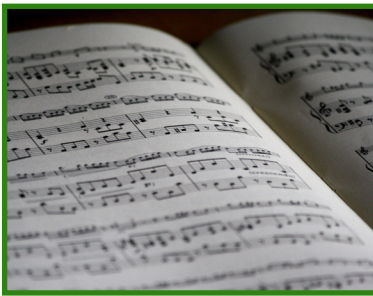
2019-20 Curriculum Revisions

The following curricula were revised and updated for Grades K-12:



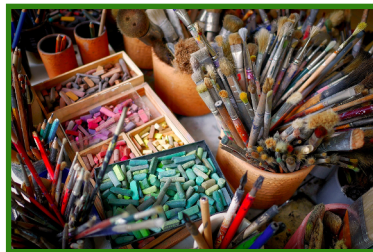
Comprehensive School Counseling

Curriculum approved in August 2020 and can be found [HERE](#)



Music

Curriculum approved in July 2020 and can be found [HERE](#)



Visual Arts

Curriculum approved in March 2020 and can be found [HERE](#)



World Language

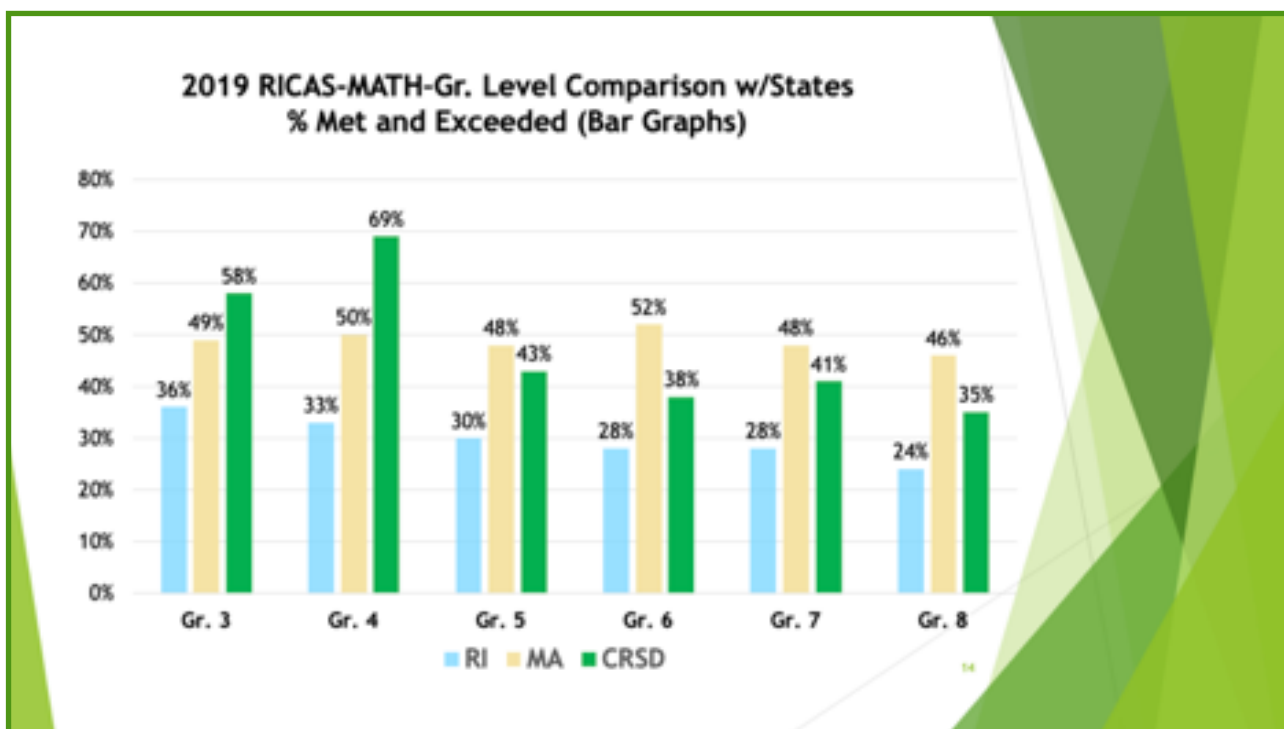
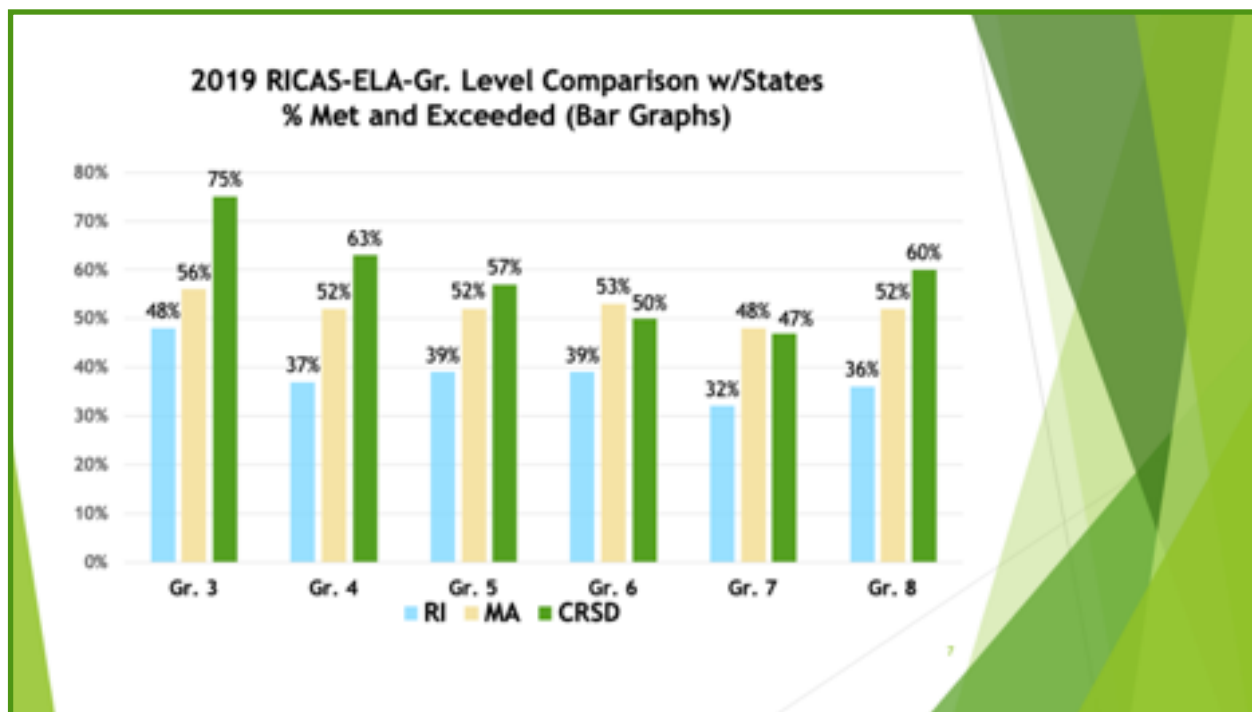
Curriculum approved in October 2019 and can be found [HERE](#)

Be on the lookout! During the 2020-2021 school year there will be revisions to the following two curricula: Physical Education and Science.

We invite interested parents/guardians to join a revision committee by contacting the Assistant Superintendent's Office.

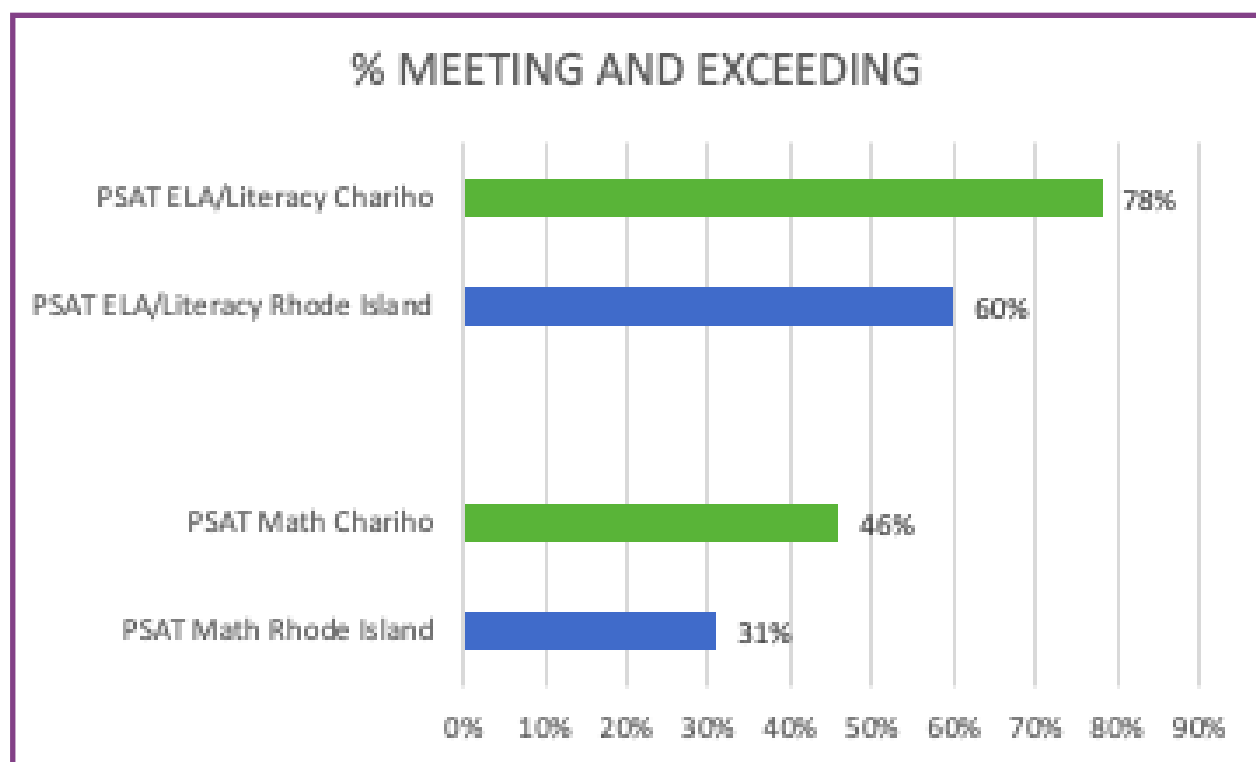
2018-19 RICAS Results

Our goal at Chariho Regional School District is to prepare all of our students for academic excellence. While there is more to student learning than test scores, we know these are important markers of student learning. We are particularly proud of our student achievement this past year, while we always strive to improve each year. Every year Grade 3 through Grade 8 students complete an English Language Arts and a Math assessment. We are excited to share our District's most recently reported results with you!

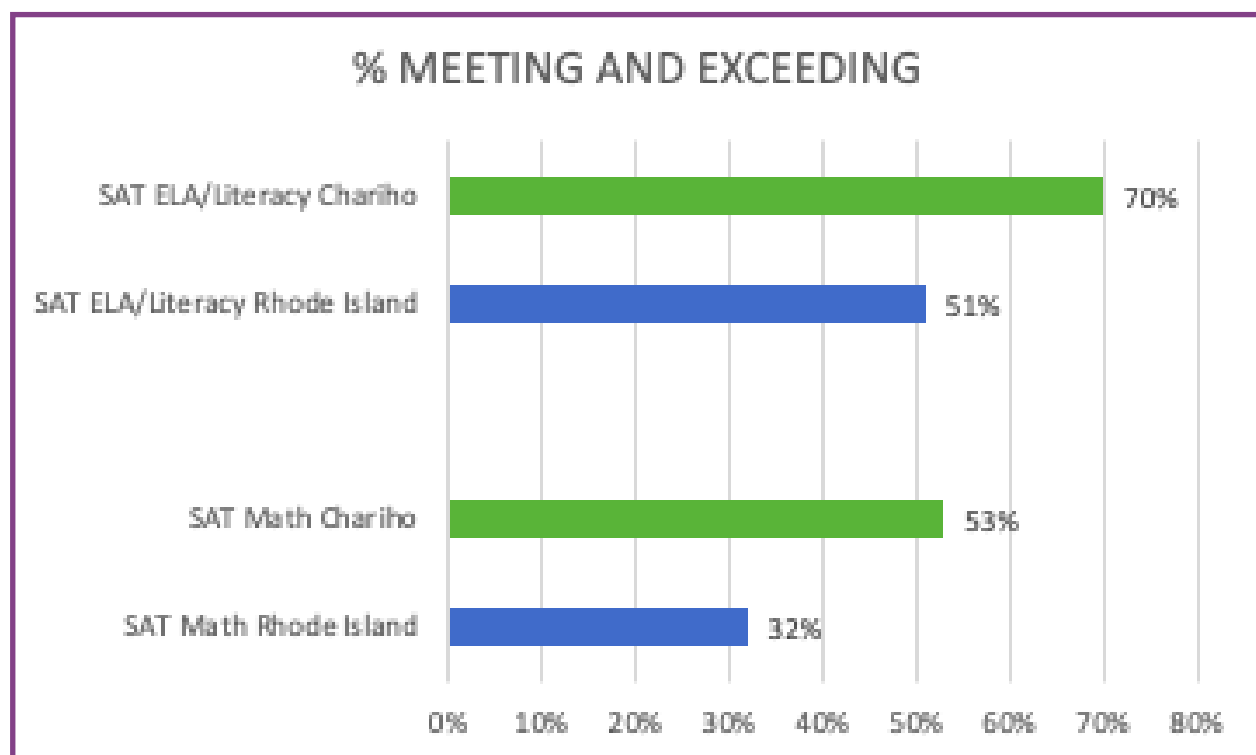


2018-19 PSAT/SAT Results

The PSAT and SAT tests are Rhode Island State tests that are given during the school day. The PSAT is taken by all 10th graders and the SAT is taken by all 11th graders. We are excited to share our District's most recently reported results with you! Official 2019-2020 results are expected this Fall.



**PSAT
RESULTS**



**SAT
RESULTS**

2019-2020 AP[®] Results

Chariho High School is proud to offer 22 Advanced Placement (AP)[®] courses, which is one of the highest numbers of offerings in any high school in the state. Our AP enrollment is open to all students who want to challenge themselves without the need for a teacher recommendation.

Here is a listing of Chariho's AP course offerings:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. AP Research | 13. AP US History |
| 2. AP Language and Composition | 14. AP European History |
| 3. AP Literature and Composition | 15. AP Art History |
| 4. AP Microeconomics | 16. AP US Government |
| 5. AP French Language and Culture | 17. AP Calculus AB |
| 6. AP Spanish Language and Culture | 18. AP Statistics |
| 7. AP Computer Science Principles | 19. AP Music Theory |
| 8. AP Computer Science A | 20. AP Studio Art: Drawing |
| 9. AP Physics 1 | 21. AP Studio Art: 2D Design |
| 10. AP Physics 2 | 22. AP Studio Art: 3D Design |
| 11. AP Biology | |
| 12. AP Chemistry | |

In 2020, 194 AP students took 306 AP exams. Due to COVID-19, this was the first year students took their AP exams online, which have been taken at URI since the 2017-2018 School Year.

In 2019 and 2020, 100% of AP DRAWING students at CHS have scored 3 or higher! In 2020, the Rhode Island average was 83.8% and globally average was 89.1%.

In 2020, 81% of students passed their AP exams with a 3 or higher. This is a 3% increase from 2019 and a 33% increase from 2015!

The School Committee reimburses families for exam fees when students score a 3 or higher.

Student Recognitions

Our District is so proud to have such exceptional students that excel in their academics and extracurricular activities.



Postseason Awards: High School Softball – Kate Powers (1st Team All-State and 1st Team All-Division I Sullivan); Caitlin O’Leary (1st Team All-State, 1st Team All-Division I Sullivan and All-Academic Team – she also set a school record for 43 hits); Chloe Joslin (3rd Team All-State and 2nd Team All-Division); Haylie Wellman (2nd Team All-Division); Shelby Roode (3rd Team All-Division); Annaliese Kenney (All-Division Honorable Mention).

High School Baseball – Cam Anderson (Division I-South 1st Team).

High School Boys’ Track – Tim Champlin (All-Southern Division 2nd Team in the 800 and Class A 3rd Team in the 1500); Finn Weeden (All-Southern Division 2nd Team in the 3000); Kyle Merritt (All-Southern Division 2nd Team in pole vault); James Penhallow (All-Southern Division 3rd Team in the 1500); Matt Dickerman, John Tripodi, Tim Champlin, James Penhallow (Class A 3rd Team 4x400 Relay).

High School Girls’ Track – Abby Cole (2nd Team in both Class A and Southern Division in the 3000); Margaret Weeden (Class A 2nd Team and Southern Division 3rd Team in the high jump); Anna LaCroix (Southern Division 2nd Team in the 1500).



High School Baseball Team received the Sportsmanship Award from the State Coach’s Association.

Grade 12 student Claire Knez – National Merit Scholarship Commended (top 50,000 students in the country).



Grade 12 student Simon Manlove – National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist (top 16,000 students in the country).



High School Senior Nicole Carnevale, RIHEF’s (Rhode Island Hospitality Education Foundation) Hotel & Tourism Management Student of the Year.

High School Repurposed Fashion & Design Workshop (Advisor Dana Hall) selected to receive one of the After School Program of the Year Awards from the Rhode Island After School Network. They were recognized at the Lights On After School Summit on October 24, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick.

North Kingstown High School Senior Renee Fontaine assisted a Chariho Cross Country runner who had a medical emergency while running.



High School Unified Volleyball Team – Division 5 Champions: Grace Gagner, Aidan Golden, Max Feeney, Emma Lacas, Mallory Scherza, Taylor Wood, Beatrice Caryl Cuevas, Michaela Prucha, Andrew Haynes, Jessica Daniels, Skylar Johnson, CJ Haynes, Skyla Palumbo, Emma Pimer, London

Bromell, Katie Taylor, Alliyah Bunnell, Taryn Opalka, Sky Laurent-Kingsley, Cale Drummond, Mykal Yeskewicz, Ryan Koons, Shawn Eddy-Joost, Matt Tiernan, Matthew Crossen. Coaches: Gabriella Dadamio, Pam Miller, Kim Rondeau, Gayle Laurent-Reposa.



High School athletes Jacob Linacre and Megan Dickerman, nominated for RIL Student-Athlete of the month for Chariho.



Post-Season Awards: High School Girls’ Volleyball – Jessica LaValley (1st Team All-Division II), Kate Powers (2nd Team All-Division II), Jasmine Babbitt (2nd Team All-Division II).

High School Girls’ Tennis – Alexandra Buckley (1st Team All-Division), Megan Dickerman (2nd Team All-Division), Mae Felkner (Sportsmanship Award), Molly Newman and Jillian Geer (All-Division Doubles), Bridget Fox and Sabrina Rubenstein (All-Division Doubles).



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High School Field Hockey – Montanna Carrier (All-Academic), Alyssa Scuncio (All-Academic) Talia Sauro (All-Academic), Keely McCue (Honorable Mention).

High School Girls' Cross Country – Abigail Cole (1st Team Southern Division, 1st Team Class B, 2nd Team All-State), Anna LaCroix (1st Team Southern Division, 1st Team Class B, 3rd Team All-State), Julia Fortune (2nd Team Southern Division, 2nd Team Class B, 3rd Team All-State), Paige Grissom (Coaches Award).

High School Boys' Soccer – Devan Jessop (1st Team All-Division), Jacob Linacre (2nd Team All-Division and All-Academic), Nathan Allamby (3rd Team All-Division).



High School Girls' Soccer – Tianna Sardelli (1st Team All-Division, Academic All-League Award), Daria DiBiasio (3rd Team All-State, 1st Team All-Division, All-Tournament Team), Spencer Shiels (1st Team All-Division, All-Tournament Team), Rebekah Sullivan (2nd Team All-Division, All-Tournament Team), Emma Hughes (2nd Team All-Division), Emily Seekell (2nd Team All-Division), Alison Klein (3rd Team All-Division), Tessa Azzinaro (3rd Team All-Division), Meagan Butler (Sportsmanship Award).

High School athletes Sullivan Cummins and Spencer Shiels, nominated for RIIL Student-Athlete of the month for Chariho.

High School Senior Kyle Merritt placed 1st in his weight class at the George Bossi Lowell Holiday Tournament in Lowell, MA and placed 1st in his weight class and named

Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Chad Antoch Memorial Tournament in Westerly.

High School Junior James Dougherty placed 1st in his weight class at the Chad Antoch Memorial Tournament in Westerly.



High School Boys' Cross Country – Sullivan Cummins (2nd Team All-State, 1st Team All-Southern Division); Simon Manlove (2nd Team All-Class B, 2nd Team All-Southern Division, Academic All-State); CJ Elwell (2nd Team All-Class B, 2nd Team All-Southern Division); Dan Nimiroski (3rd Team All-Class B, 2nd Team All-Southern Division, Academic All-State); Joe Golas (2nd Team All-Class B, 3rd Team All-Southern Division), Sam Steere (3rd Team All-Class B, 3rd Team All-Southern Division); Finn Weeden (3rd Team All-Southern Division); Luke Gillett (Coach's Award); Kyle Merritt, Matt Power, Josh Smitley (Academic All-State).

High School Junior Hannah Benavides won the 100 Breaststroke at the Bay View Invitational Swim Meet at Brown University.



High School Senior Kate Powers scored her 1,000th point in her January 9th game against Cranston East.



High School Robotics Team, winners of the Connect Award. They advanced to the State Competition.



The following High School students received Honorable Mention in the RI Scholastic Art Competition: Katherine Dubay (Photography), Luke Gillett (Photography), Alison Klein (Mixed Media), Camryn Olf (Ceramics & Glass), Trinity Yee (Mixed Media).

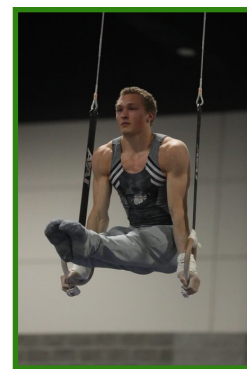
The following High School Wrestlers took 1st place in their respective weight class at the Griswold Invitational: Wade Husing (113); Kyle Merritt (145); Dominic Bonanno (152); James Dougherty (170) and Nate Marchione (195). Kyle Merritt was named Most Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament as well.

Samantha Snyder (grade 11) and Kyle Merritt (grade 12) selected as RI Interscholastic League Students of the Month for Chariho.

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Student Recognitions

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High School Senior Dalton Stone, winner of the 7th Annual Shakespeare Speaking Competition. He represented Chariho at the State Competition on February 23.

Grade 5 student Greyson Moffitt, winner of the Middle School Spelling Bee.



Grade 8 student Rachel Williams, winner of the Silver Key Award in the Scholastic Art Competition.

High School Girls' Indoor Track Team won the Dwyer Division Championship with a regular season dual meet record of 10-0. Abby Cole finished first in three races (the 3,000, the 1,500 and the 1,000) and Brooke Kanaczet won the 600.

Grade 8 student Grayson Snyder won the Middle School State Wrestling Tournament for his weight class.

High School Wrestling Team won the Mountie Invite for the 3rd straight year. Kyle Merritt and Dominic Bonanno were 4-0; Wade Husing, James Dougherty and Nate Marchione were 3-0. Merritt won the award for most pins in the quickest time for the fourth straight year. Allie Nelson was the first female Chariho wrestler to place in the top

three in a varsity tournament with a 4-1 record.



Dominic Bonanno and Kyle Merritt both placed 1st in their respective weight class at the Smithfield Invitational with records of 4-0.

Kyle Merritt set the school mark for career wins with 169 on January 30th (he ended with 189 High School career wins!).



Four Chariho High wrestlers: Kyle Merritt, Dominic Bonanno, Wade Husing and James Dougherty each finished with a 5-0 record during the Falcon Duals at Minnechaug Regional (MA) on Saturday.

Grade eight student Emily Myers selected as RI top Middle Level Youth Volunteer for the 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. She also qualified for the President's Volunteer Service Award.



High School Senior Dalton Stone, 2nd place winner in the 2020 State Shakespeare Competition.

CTC Hospitality Teams competed and placed in the 9th Annual Pro Start Competition (hosted by the RI Hospitality Association): Hotel Management 1st Place - Chariho Blue Diamond Hotel (Isabela Segura, Meghan Reilly, Nicole Carnevale); Hotel Management 2nd Place - Fly Away Hotel (Madison Berlam, Jenna Nadolny, Alyssa Scuncio).



Sophomore Bella Santos qualified for the New England Championships at the Midge Palmer Individual Gymnastics Championships.

Grade 12 student Alexandra Buckley, winner of the ARTESSY Logo Contest.

High School students Madison Berlam and Meagan Butler for all their help with ARTESSY.



High School Senior Laura Donnelly, selected as one of eleven Rhode Island students to participate in the 15th Annual Poetry Out Loud Competition.

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High School Student Dan Nimiroski won the 3000 in the Boys' Indoor Track Junior Varsity State Championship.



High School Girls' Indoor Track Team, winners of the Dwyer Division Championship with a regular season dual meet record of 10-0. Team Members and Awards: Abigail Cole (All-Division 3000m, 1500m, 1000m and All-Class 3000m), Alison Klein, Althea Grandchamp, Anna LaCroix (All-Division 1500m Run); Bella Couri, Brooke Kanaczet (All-Division 600m Run), Caitlynn Allenson (All-Division 4x800 Relay), Cali Conklin, Carlie Bentley, Chelsea Flynn, Chelsea Lopes, Dalmina Martins DeMelo, Emily Stevens (All-Division 4x800 Relay), Emma Hughes, Jillian Tierney, Julia Fortune, Margaret Weeden (All-State High Jump, All-Division High Jump; Qualified for New England Championships), Maya Weathers, Maria Mykhaylyshyn, Meghan Reilly, Paige Grissom, Rebekah Sullivan (4x800 Relay), Samantha Snyder, Stacia Del Bonis (Coaches Award – Leadership, Dedication), Talia Sauro, Tianna Sardelli (All-Division 600m Run), Anna Golas (4x800 Relay), Coach Jonathan Sayer.

Grade 9 student Emma Wilusz received Notable Mention in the 2020 Write RI Competition and High School Senior Andrew Ackroyd is the only student in Rhode Island to have had a story selected for the Write RI Short Fiction Competition in each of the four years the competition has taken place. Both will have their works published in the

Write RI Anthology.



High School Junior Spencer Shiels scored her 1,000th point in the State Tournament Sweet 16 game against South Kingstown.



Postseason Awards: High School Girls' Basketball – Kate Powers (3rd Team All-State, 1st Team All-Class, 1st Team All-Division, finished with 1,302 total points and 1,083 career rebounds); Spencer Shiels (2nd Team All-Class, 1st Team All-Division); Lucie Willett (All-Division Honorable Mention).

High School Boys' Basketball – Levi King (1st Team Division II-C); Nathaniel Felicetti (2nd Team Division II-C).

High School Boys' Indoor Track – Alexandro Yaccord (All-Class 55 Meter Dash); Daniel Nimiroski (All-Division 3000 Meter Run); Joshua Smitley (All-Division 600 Meter Run); Perry Sabourin (All-Class and All-Division Long Jump).

High School Wrestling – Wade Husing (113 lbs – 2nd Team All-Division IA, 3rd Team All-State); Kyle Merritt (145 lbs – 1st Team All-Division IA, 1st Team All-State, 4th in New England Championships, Academic All-State (all four years), RI Wrestling Coaches Association (RIWCA) Wrestling

Sportsmanship Award), Dominic Bonanno (152 lbs – 1st Team All-Division IA, 2nd Team All-State, Academic All-State), James Dougherty (170 lbs – 1st Team All-Division IA, 1st Team All-State, 4th in New England Championships, Academic All-State), Nate Marchione (195 lbs – 1st Team All-Division IA, 1st Team All-State). The Team finished 5th in the State Championships and 15th in New England. Congratulations to STATE Champions: Kyle Merritt, James Dougherty and Nate Marchione.

High School Students selected to the Senior All-State Chorus: Melanie Boger (grade 12), Catherine Fugere (grade 12) and Brynn McCarthy (grade 11).



High School Students selected to the Junior All-State Chorus: John Boger (grade 9) and Maisie Datson (grade 9).

CTC Graphic Arts Student Kaitlyn Burns on her selection as the SkillsUSA 2020 Judge Pin Design Winner.

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SkillsUSA Career Essentials:
Assessment Certificate Earner
(Individuals) – Welding: Dale Allard,
Owen Brayman; Culinary Arts:
Arianne Anagnos; Criminal Justice:
Danielle Aubee, Alyssa Kinney;
Carpentry: Chris Bliven, Lance
DelBonis; Commercial Baking: Marisa
Boss; Graphic Design: Ally Buckley,
Kylia Van Horn; Technical Drafting:
Riley DeCoursey, Sean Goulet,
Preston Simpkins; Nail Care
Assessment: Emily Fish, Conner
Pierce; Electrical Construction Wiring:
Robert Impellitteri, Matthew Palmer;
Customer Service: Vera Judkins, Lia
Kelvington; Architectural Drafting:
Brendon O'Rourke, Caden Wilson;
Computer Maintenance Technology:
Mark Wightman; Nurse Assisting:
Nicole Wrzesien.

SkillsUSA Career Essentials:
Assessment Certificate Earner (Team
Events) – Crime Scene Investigation:
Dreydan Cianci, Hunter Humeston,
Chelsea Lopes, Jacob Linacre, Kyle
Merritt, Joshua Smithey, Jasmine
Babbitt, Sabrina Rubenstein, Victoria
Smith.

SkillsUSA Rhode Island
Championships – Medal Winners:
Criminal Justice: Danielle Aubee
(Silver), Alyssa Kinney (Bronze);
Esthetics:
Christa Holland and Model
Sarah Felicetti
(Bronze);
Nail Care:
Emily Fish and Model
Abigail Standeven
(Silver).

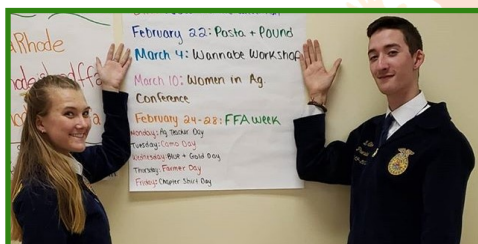


Reese Hathaway selected to Rhode
Island All-State Band and Southern New
England Honor Band; Austin Thorp
selected to Rhode Island All-State Band
and Matthew Masse selected to
Southern New England Honor Band.

Grade eight
Student Rachel
Williams
earned the 1st
Chair position
(clarinet) in the
All-State
Orchestra.



RI FFA Association Annual State
Convention Winners: Employment Skills
Leadership Development Event – Ella
Krause (1st Place) and Dalton Stone (2nd
Place); Agriculture Skills Demonstration
Event – Jessica Shalloo (2nd Place) and
Lela Berry (3rd Place); Agriculture
Illustrated Talk Event – Maya Fredette
(2nd Place); Floriculture Team Career
Development Event – Trianna Burdick,
Olivia Ferrazza, Maya Fredette and
Jessica Shalloo (2nd Place Team) and
Jessica Shalloo (2nd Place Individual).



Class of 2020
Valedictorian
Matthew
Gouvin



Class of 2020
Salutatorian
Simon
Manlove

High School students Isabelle
Sullivan-Rackliff, Cordelia Calbersen,
Emily Stevens, Abby Ditomasso and
Autumn Liguori-Bills for the
extraordinary job they did in
organizing and overseeing the Black
Lives Matter peaceful protest on
Monday, June 8th at Richmond Town
Hall.



Staff Recognitions

Our District is fortunate to have an incredible cohort of talented and dedicated staff and inspiring alumni.



High School Softball Coach Dave Petrocelli named

Division I Softball Coach of the Year.

Tami Neill accepting her award



Tami Neill selected as Chariho's 2019 Teacher of the Year.



Ellen Hoxsie accepting her award

Ellen Hoxie selected as Chariho's 2019 (ESP) Educational Support Professional of the Year.

Amanda DiFranco, Jenny Parker, Clare Ornburn, Sandra Cook, Susan Rice, Donna Sunderland, Jill Keating and Tammy Pride selected as 2019 Distinguished Educators.

Barbara Browning and Deb Zonfrilli selected as Employees of the Month.

Middle School Teacher Dan Potts named Hope Valley Grange's Teacher of the Year.

Ashaway School Teacher Lindsay Bliven and Middle School Teacher Kristina Sparfven, recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science.

Dr. Arthur Nelson for his service to Chariho.



Congratulations, Bryan!

Middle School Teacher Bryan Lucas named the 2019 Rhode Island Computer Science (CS4RI/CSTA) Education Leader.

Ashaway School recognized as an Exemplary High Performing Schools National Blue Ribbon School for 2019 by U.S. Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos.

September Employees of the Month – Courier/Clerk Ann Dowling and Ashaway School Lead Teacher Kelly Vocatura.

October Employees of the Month – Middle School Technology Teacher Paul DeRita and High School Agriculture Science Teacher Stacie Pepperd.

November Employees of the Month: CALA Teacher Danielle Bruneau and Richmond Teacher Sheri McCue.

December Employees of the Month: Hope Valley Teacher Jeanine Mankoff and Hope Valley Teacher Assistants Sally Andreozzi and Loren Ciringione.

Charlestown Police Sergeant Christopher Bruso and Officer Scott Perrin were recognized and thanked for their assistance during a bad storm. They physically cut and removed trees from the roads so that Bus 6 could get children home safely.

Special thanks to High School English Teacher Sandra Laub for her work with High School Senior Dalton Stone, who placed 2nd in the 2020 State Shakespeare Competition.

Special thanks to High School English Teacher Rebecca Burns for advising/coaching students Emma Wilusz and Andrew Ackroyd. Both had works selected for the Write RI Short Fiction Competition and published in the Write RI Anthology.

February Employees of the Month: Ashaway School Custodian John Zielski and CALA Custodian Karen Johnston for their work with Clinical Day students.

March Employee of the Month: Richmond School Special Educator Laurie Gigliotti for all she has done to service the needs of her students.

April Employees of the Month: Tech Fellows Jessica Geremia and Rene Rosivach for all their assistance with Distance Learning.



Congratulations, Dana!

High School Humanities Specialist Dana Hall Golden Apple Award Recipient

High School Principal Craig MacKenzie named RI Secondary Principal of the Year for 2020.



May Employees of the Month: High School Guidance Counselor Pattee Dipollino and Early Childhood Educator Michele Merlino.

June Employees of the Month: Middle School Dean/Guidance Counselor Gianni Petteruti and High School Guidance Counselor Karen Fontes.

2019-2020 Retirees: Certified Staff – Kelly Gordon, Cynthia Potter, Holly Manchester, Pamela McKeen, Nikki Scott, Robert Tamboe, Sal Augeri, Lynn Larned, Jeanne Garr. Support Staff: Gloria Piti, Douglas Barker, Lynn Roberts. Administrators: Douglas Lander and Susan Rogers.

Special thanks to Dr. Mario Andrade for serving as Interim Assistant Superintendent and Jane Daly for serving as Interim Superintendent during our time of need.

National Junior Honor Society

7th Grade

Mackenzie Adams
Benjamin Bacon
Rachael Barrette
Jakob Bennett
Jocelyn Bentley
Matthew Boyd
Kyle Brodeur
Emily Brown
William Bryson
Mia Cleary
Juliet Costa
Brianna Critcher
Alessandra Cunha
Charlie Edmunds
William Ellis
William Fritz
Sophia Gagner
Owen Golden
Lola Hernandez
Maya Iskander
Lilah Jennings
Kaden Kelly
Charlotte Kona
Travis Liese

Sierra Maggs
Julianne Manlove
Keira McCallig
Liam McIntosh
Reese McIntosh
Cassidy Moyer
Fiona Mulligan
Faith Owren
Molly Palmisciano
Keira Pearce
Kya Perrin
Hayden Puglia
Ashley Simmons
Zoe Stratton
Olivia Swanson
Ruby Taylor
Brandon Thorp
Jaxson Trudell
Rachel Ullucci
Jasey Vachon
Gracie Vuono
Julia Washor
Cole Weathers

8th Grade

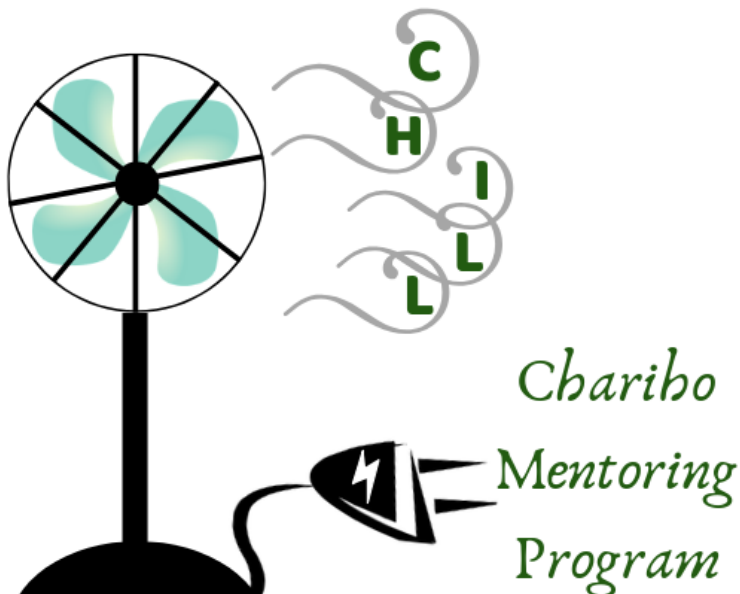
Lillian Asci
Tori Babineau
Emily Ballard
Nathan Ballard
Victoria Barrette
Finleigh Callahan
Elle Clark
Darren Clarke
Alexis Cole
Kaitlyn Daniels
Elena DeAngelis
Noah Dinucci
Sophia Dionne
Elizabeth Francoeur
Keira Frias
Anna Gingerella

Catalina Grandchamp
Sadie Grissom
Jackson Hernandez
Kylie Hoffman
Wyatt Holt
Emma Kocab
Jack Loring
Gabrielle Macaruso
Isabella Macaruso
Megan Marcille
Evan-Paul Medenciy
Kylie Stubbs-Reynolds
Amanda Way
Jules White
Katherine Wood



Chariho's Student Mentoring Program

CHarged to **I**nspire
Learners to become **L**eaders



Please consider becoming a mentor for
a middle or high school-aged
Chariho student.

We are now taking applications for
mentors and 5th-12th grade mentees
attending the Middle School, High
School and CALA.

For more information, visit

<https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/mentoring>.

RI and National Honor Society

Andrew Ankroyd*
William Allen
Johanna Bailey
Madison Berlam
Hyla Betts
Hanna Bill
Melanie Boger*
Dominic Bonanno
Sarah Bubar*
Alexandra Buckley
Gizelle Cabral
Andrew Campbell
Sommer Choiniere
Dreydan Cianci*
Rachel Clark
Riley DeCoursey
Sarah Dzwil
Shawn Eddy-Joost*
Mackenzie Feeney*
Mae Felkner*
Gina Foley*
Catherine Fugere
Luke Gillett
Anna Golas
Madison Gonsalves
Brian Gouvin
Matthew Gouvin*
Jackson Harrison
Layne Hart
Reese Hathaway*
John Haxton
Anna Holzinger
Olivia Hood
Hunter Humeston
Reilly Jarret
Kyle Johnson*
Skylar Johnson
Chloe Joslin
Rohan Kelley
Alyssa Kinney
Alison Klein
Claire Knez*

Naiya Krom*
Sky Laurent-Kingsley*
Jessica LaValley
Riley Lenihan
Jacob Linacre*
Abigail Longley
Chelsea Lopes
Elle Lyons*
Simon Manlove*
Morgan Martin*
Matthew Masse
Nicole McKenna
Kyle Merritt*
Samuel Miller
Connor Montague
Sage Mylek
Jenna-Rose Nadolny
Samuel Nendze*
Daniel Nimiroski*
Sara Nunes*
Thomas O'Horo
Brendon O'Rourke
Taryn Opalka*
Avery Pagliuso
Everett Palmer
Ethan Patt
Ava Pearsall
John Pellegrino
Ahnya Pelletier
Corey Pennington
Jillian Pepler
Coleman Pepperd*
Conner Pierce*

Matthew Power*
Kate Powers*
Lindsey Pride
Jenna Proulx*
Meghan Reilly*
Megan Romano
Perry Sabourin
Tianna Sardelli*
Talia Sauro
Mallory Scherza*
Alyssa Scuncio
Isabela Segura
Chloe Shilale*
Noelle Shilale*
Preston Simpkins
Jasmine Skalin
Joshua Smithey*
Ryan Snow
Rose Spencer
Lauren Stanley*
Samuel Steere
Erin Stolgitis
Rebekah Sullivan*
Sara Sweisford
Gianna Tretton
Kylia Van Horn
Mark Wightman
Coval Wild
Taylor Wood*

*Member of both
RI and National
Honor Society



National Honor Society, New Inductees

Nathan Berry
Olivia Brown
Alexandra Buckley
Morgan Chatell
Kaitlynn Clavet
Abigail Cole
Ethan Cole
Kiley Cook
Jessica Daniels
Ava DiBiasio
Daria DiBiasio
Megan Dickerman
Faith Ells
Kassandra Fisher
Paige Grissom
Emma Hughes
Elizabeth Johnson
Alexa Kielytyka
Ella Krause
Madison Lawing
Abigail Levcowich
Liam Manni
Casey Mastin
Brynn McCarthy
Logan McCue
Andrew Poirer
Sabrina Rubenstein
Cosette Salaun
Spencer Shiels
Cassandra Simpson
Adam Tarasuk
Lexi Trenn
John Tripodi
Alexis Weisensee
Julianne Wood

2020 Graduation Diploma Seals

Andrew Ackroyd

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Hyla Betts

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Hanna Bill

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Melanie Boger

Diploma Seal for Biliteracy

Megan Bradley

Diploma Seal for Biliteracy

Sara Bubar

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Alexandra Buckley

Distinguished Career Program Endorsement Diploma Seal

Diploma Seal for Excellence in English

Gizelle Cabral

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Andrew Campbell

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Nicole Carnevale

Distinguished Career Program Endorsement Diploma Seal

Montanna Carrier

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Sommer Choinere

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Distinguished Career Program Endorsement Diploma Seal

Diploma Seal for Biliteracy

Dreyden Cianci

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Diploma Seal for Biliteracy

Rachel Clark

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Diploma Seal for Biliteracy

Isabella Couri

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Distinguished Career Program Endorsement Diploma Seal

Emma Dinucci

Distinguished Career Program Endorsement Diploma Seal

Sarah Dzwil

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Diploma Seal for Biliteracy

Joshua Ells

Distinguished Career Program Endorsement Diploma Seal

Mackenzie Feeney

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Mae Felkner

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Anthony Ferri

Distinguished Career Program Endorsement Diploma Seal

Catherine Fugere

Diploma Seal for Biliteracy

Luke Gillett

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Madison Gonsalves

Diploma Seal for Biliteracy

Matthew Gouvin

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Ryan Koons

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Sky Laurent-Kingsley

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Diploma Seal for Biliteracy

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Elle Lyons

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Sage Mylek

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Samuel Nendze

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Daniel Nimoroksi

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Sara Nunes

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Samuel Steere

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Erin Stolgitis

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Rebekah Sullivan

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Kathryn Taylor

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Gianna Tretton

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Taylor Wood

Diploma Seal for Academic Excellence

Nicole Wrzesien

Diploma Seal for Excellence in English

Alexandro Yaccord

Diploma Seal for Biliteracy

Diploma Seal for Excellence in English

Our 2020 Graduates are attending...

Anna Maria College (MA)
Arizona State University
Assumption College (MA)
Babson University (MA)
Bentley University (MA)
Blinn College (TX)
Bridgton Academy (ME)
Brigham Young University (UT)
Bryant University (RI)
Coastal Carolina University (SC)
Colgate University (NY)
Community College of Rhode Island
Curry College (MA)
Electrical Trade School
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College (MA)
Endicott College (MA)
Fairfield University (CT)
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
George Washington University (DC)
Hunter College (NY)

Husson University (ME)
Johnson & Wales (RI)
Keene State (NH)
Kent State University (OH)
Liberty University (VA)
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Monroe College (NY)
Nichols College (MA)
Norwich University (VT)
Plymouth State College (NH)
Rhode Island College
Roanoke College (VA)
Roger Williams University (RI)
Rollins College (FL)
Seton Hall University (NJ)
St. Leo University (FL)
SUNY Stony Brook (NY)
Temple University (PA)
United States Air Force Academy (CO)
United States Coast Guard Academy (CT)
University of Alabama

University of Albany (NY)
University of Central Florida
University of Evansville (IN)
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven (CT)
University of Rhode Island
University of Tampa (FL)
Valencia College (FL)
Warren Wilson College (NC)
Wellesley College (MA)
West Chester University (PA)
Western New England University (MA)
Woodstock Academy (CT)
Worcester Polytech Institute (MA)

Military Branches

Air Force
Army
Coast Guard

2019-20 District Grants

The District had a successful year in terms of grants as well. These grants allow for additional experiences and opportunities for our students and teachers, not covered by our school budget. All eight of our schools received at least one grant, which is an accomplishment worth celebrating!

- Chariho Middle School--A Community 2000 grant to support a Digital Makerspace
- CHARIHOTech--A Community 2000 grant to support the Automotive Program
- Richmond Elementary School--A Community 2000 grant to support "Richmond on the Move," a fitness tracker program
- Hope Valley Elementary--A Community 2000 grant to support a Reading Week initiative
- Chariho High School and CHARIHOTech--A RISCA grant to support Arts Talk
- Ashaway Elementary School--A Community 2000 grant to purchase heart rate monitors for a "Heartzones" program
- Chariho High School--A Community 2000 grant to support student participation in the National English Speaking Union's Shakespeare Competition
- CHARIHOTech--A Westerly Community Credit Union grant to purchase cake turntables
- Charlestown Elementary School--a Walmart local community grant to participate in the Energy Fair
- Chariho High School--a Teachers of Critical Languages Program Critical Language Project grant for Chinese curriculum materials
- Chariho High School--A United Way grant to support the Repurpose Runway afterschool program
- Chariho High School and CHARIHOTech--A Rhode Island Department of Education and XQ Institute planning grant to redefine high school
- The District--a Community 2000 grant for lunchbags for all Kindergarteners.
- Charlestown Elementary School and Hope Valley Elementary School--A RISCA Big Yellow Bus grant to attend the Rhode Island Philharmonic

All Freshmen Go to College Day supported by an XQ grant



Community 2000 support helps fund fitness trackers at Richmond Elementary School

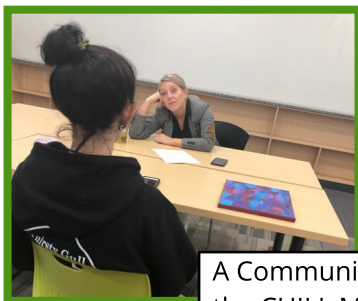
Charlestown and Hope Valley Elementary students visit the Rhode Island Philharmonic thanks to RISCA



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2019-20 District Grants

- Chariho Alternative Learning Academy and Chariho High School--A Community 2000 grant to support the CHILL Mentoring Program
- The District--funding from the Rhode Island Department of Education for the CALA School Improvement process.
- CHARIHotech--an equipment grant through the Rhode Island Department of Education
- Hope Valley Elementary School--A Crayola Champion Creatively Alive Children Grant
- Chariho Middle School--A Career Exploration Grant for 6th grade advisory through the Rhode Island Department of Education
- Chariho High School and CHARIHotech--A Rhode Island Department of Education and XQ Institute Momentum grant to redefine high school
- Chariho High School--Community 2000 grant for a Book Mark contest
- Chariho High School--A Community 2000 grant to support a field trip to Salem
- Chariho Middle School and Chariho High School--Rhode Island Department of Education Additional Targeted Support and Improvement grants subgroup launch mini grants
- Charlestown Elementary School--A Rhode Island Foundation grant to visit the RI State House
- CHARIHotech-- A Community 2000 grant to purchase carpentry tools
- Chariho High School--A Community 2000 grant to support Student Advisory Board initiatives
- Chariho High School--An AllState Foundation grant to support volunteer projects
- Chariho High School--A Community 2000 grant to fund graduation signs for Seniors
- Chariho High School--A Community 2000 grant for a Sensory Garden



A Community 2000 grant supported the CHILL Mentoring Program at CALA and Chariho High School



Crayola grant supports Pen Pal project with students in Spain

The Carpentry Program recently received support from Community 2000 and an equipment grant through RIDE



Signs to celebrate graduating seniors



Donations to the District

The District is incredibly grateful for the generosity of our extended community partners. These donations have supported our students in many ways and helped beautify our community as well. Donations are always appreciated. If you are considering donating to the Chariho Regional School District, please contact the school's administration directly.



Michael and Shannon St. Louis, Hope Valley, RI donated three (3) school backpacks filled with school supplies to students in need at Chariho Middle School and three (3) school backpacks filled with school supplies to students in need at CHS.

An anonymous donor provided \$150.00 to the Chariho Alternative Learning Academy School Store.

Chariho Youth Task Force donated two (2) 4 ml doses of NARCAN® to each of the four elementary schools, totaling \$832.40.

Progeny Systems, Groton, CT provided the school district with two (2) boxes of three-ring binders, white out tape and hanging folders.

Murat Dymov, Richmond, RI donated two (2) moto/auto racing helmets, valued at @ \$50 for both, to the CTC Automotive Program.

Arnold Lumber, West Kingston, RI donated a large assortment of hardware, valued at @ \$3,750, to the CTC Construction Technology Program.

Kenneth Mitchell, Wood River Jct., RI, offered two (2) graduation gowns and caps (1 green and 1 white) for students in need.

Grandscape (Peter Grandin), South Kingstown, RI provided Richmond Elementary School one (1) October Glory Maple Tree, valued at approximately \$95.

Ryan Saunders, Chorus of Westerly, donated the George Kent Performance Hall to the CHS Chorus for their benefit concert in memory of Sylvia Overend and Dave DeAngelis.

Linda Lawrence, Charlestown, RI, donated one (1) Sunfish sailboat (valued at \$450) and Sunfish sailboat rigging (valued at \$200) to the CTC Marine Technology Program.

High School Student Matthew Thayer collected over 3,000 toys in his Annual Toy Drive and donated them to Rhode Island children in need.



Amy and Kyle Roode (RPE Disposal) for their continued support of the District's Gingerbread Express Program and for their annual sponsorship of the Middle School Holiday Basketball Tournament.

Chariho Rotary (Frank Hopkins) of \$3,000 to the YMCA with a portion of this money to be used to offset YMCA Mentee Memberships for the remainder of the school year.

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Donations to the District



Brenda Dimon (Aqua Salon and Spa) offered to the CTC Cosmetology Program, color products and tubes, hair styling products, capes, smocks and aprons, valued at \$2,000.

Ocean State Job Lot, Wyoming, RI provided three (3) cases of plastic grocery bags for the Grab & Go meal distribution.

Wood River Health Services (Dr. Tiffanie Waldeck and Helen Bell) of 250 Dental "Smile Bags" (which include dental supplies/reminders) to be distributed with Grab and Go meals since many preventative visits have been cancelled due to COVID-19.

The Westerly Community Credit Union gave \$2,438.40 (proceeds from the Credit Union's Annual Holiday Tournament) to the Chariho Sports Boosters with 20% of this allocated to both the High School Boys' Basketball Team and the High School Girls' Basketball Team.



Stop & Shop (James McCaughey) provided Richmond School with 500 paper bags, valued at \$30.00 to be used to gather personal items of students at the end of the school year.



Books Are Wings donated 400 free books to be distributed with the Grab and Go Meals.



Stephen Chiaradio, Westerly, RI donated a white 2001 Ford Ranger (VIN# 1FTYR10DX1TA80344), valued at \$500, to the CTC Automotive Program.

Ashaway Elementary School



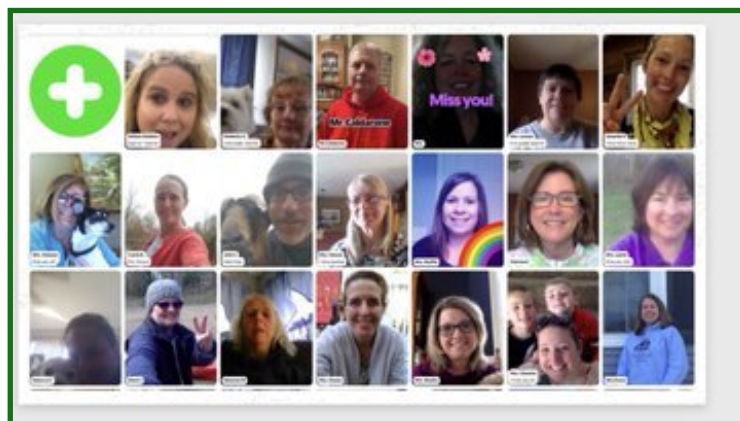
What are some highlights from 2019-2020?

1. Named a National Blue Ribbon School
2. Received a 5-Star ranking from RIDE for the 2nd year in a row
3. Hosted the Third Annual Veteran's Day Recognition Ceremony honoring over 50 local veterans
4. 3rd grade teacher, Lindsey Bliven, was awarded the Presidential Excellence Award for Science, Mathematics, and Engineering
5. Continued a fourth year of Girls on the Run with teachers and TA support
6. Continued work focused on our school specialty of Robotics and Engineering

What are we looking forward to in 2020-2021?

1. Improving our Maker's Space
2. Hosting PTO and School Improvement Team (SIT) events for Ashaway students and families
3. Finding new ways to connect the local community to Ashaway School

Charlestown Elementary School



What are some highlights from 2019-2020?

1. The PTO added a new asphalt pad and cooperative games to our outdoor learning spaces.
2. In the fall, our students raised money with Run for Funds towards a rock climbing wall in the gym.
3. In December, we held our annual holiday concert which included the only performance by our 4th grade chorus (due to school closures) and a special performance by the staff.
4. Our school was nominated by RIDE for a National Blue Ribbon Award. We expect to receive the award in the fall.

What are we looking forward to in 2020-2021?

1. Continued enhancements and use of our Outdoor Learning Spaces in collaboration with our amazing PTO.
2. Continuing our before school running program

Hope Valley Elementary School



Super Miles Day, November 2019



What are some highlights from 2019-2020?

1. Received a top ranking from RIDE for the 5th year in a row, including a second 5-Star Rating in 2019
2. Hosted a 7th Annual Chariho Elementary Poetry Out Loud Event, which was virtual in June
3. Partnered with CHS students and Rhode Island Youth Theatre to perform an original virtual musical
4. Received a Nationally Recognized Crayola/NAESP Champion Creatively Alive Children Grant
5. Provided students with authentic regional, national, and international cultural Arts experiences
6. Completed a successful second year as a Performing and Visual Arts Specialty school

What are we looking forward to in 2020-2021?

1. A continued focus on cultural Arts with increased student engagement
2. Expanding our specialty focus and embodying our motto, "Make Hope Valley a more creative place"
3. Implementing the revised Visual Arts and Music curricula
4. Hosting multiple PTO-sponsored events (i.e. Halloween Trunk or Treat, Movie nights, Pasta dinner)
5. Continuing the Drama After School Club

Richmond Elementary School



We love our RES Staff.
We miss you so much.
Thank you for all of
your hard work. We
will see you all very
soon. Love, All Your
RES Stars!



What are some highlights from 2019-2020?

1. Named a 4-Star School Ranked School by RIDE
2. Had 79% of Grade 3 students score proficient on the 2019 RICAS ELA assessment.
3. Had a grand opening of our "Storybook Path" and launched "Richmond on the Move" Fitness Tracker program, and School-wide Monthly Wellness Focus, "Unplug Challenge"
4. Recognized by RIDE for our school's "Reducing Problem Behavior Initiative" designed to intervene and support students with behavioral challenges.

What are we looking forward to in 2020-2021?

1. Continued focus on rigorous instruction and personalized learning to meet the needs of all students.
2. Explore additional opportunities to tap into community resources to support our school's Health and Wellness Specialty.
3. Increase teacher leadership opportunities through School Improvement Team, Data Review Team, and Professional Learning Communities.

Chariho Regional Middle School



Chariho Middle School receives Title I funds. Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015, parents of children attending the Middle School may request the professional qualifications of their child's teacher(s). Parents may request information related to state certification and licensing criteria, emergency certification, and degrees held as well as information about the qualifications of paraprofessionals. This information is available by calling the Superintendent's office at 364-7575. Section 1111(h)(6)(B)(ii) of the Title I statute requires that schools provide timely notice that a parent's child in a participating Title I school has been assigned to, or taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet state qualifications and licensing criteria.

What are some highlights from 2019-2020?

1. Aligned our instruction to the RICAS and NGSA requirements
2. Incorporated Google Classroom into all of our learning experiences
3. Transitioned smoothly and successfully to virtual instruction
4. Kristina Sparfven received the Presidential Excellence Award for Science, Mathematics and Engineering
5. Celebrated Bryan Lucas, named the 2019 CS4RI/CSTA-RI Computer Science Education Leader
6. Engaged the community on social media to promote physical education

What are we looking forward to in 2020-2021?

1. Incorporating Middle School Learner Qualities into daily instruction
2. Continuing our Response to Intervention process for Math, Reading, and non-academic behaviors
3. Working with a new and more diverse School Improvement Team (SIT)
4. Engaging students and staff in rigorous learning

Chariho Regional High School



What are some highlights from 2019-2020?

1. Received a 4-Star rating, Mr. MacKenzie named Principal of the Year, and Dana Hall received a Golden Apple Award
2. Piloted new programs through an XQ grant (i.e. All Freshman Go To College, Peer Mentoring Program)
3. Collaborated with diverse local and international partners: Hope High School, Tomaquag Museum, Tri-County Community Action, URI, , and the #1 High School in Liuyang, China
4. Had students, parents, and teachers show resilience in developing meaningful instructional opportunities for students despite the obstacles of distance learning

What are we looking forward to in 2020-2021?

1. Having a Summer Learning Leap open to all students for summer credit-bearing opportunities
2. Working with our new School Improvement Team
3. Continuing our XQ+RI work through a Momentum grant
4. Growing our network of community partners in support of unique learning experiences
5. Celebrating the High School's 60th anniversary

CHARIHotech



What are some highlights from 2019-2020?

1. Increased our internship opportunities for our students
2. Hosted Community Partner breakfast, Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon, and an Alumni Luncheon
3. Engineering, Drafting & Design students collaborated to design and create resources that helped local hospitals respond to COVID-19
4. Celebrated with the Hospitality & Event Planning Student of the Year, Nicole Carnevale
5. Experienced exciting advances in our Computer Technology program, including a new instructor, a renovated classroom with cutting edge resources, and an increase in female participation

What are we looking forward to in 2020-2021?

1. Working with local community members to place our students in internships in southern Rhode Island
2. Continue to update classrooms to reflect industry expectations
3. Meeting the next group of 8th graders in southern Rhode Island who want to have the best education available in South County

Chariho Alternative Learning Academy



What are some highlights from 2019-2020?

- Graduation of 4 CALA Seniors
- Continued community outreach work with RICAN, DEM, and the Historical Graveyard project
- Partnered with the Providence Animal Rescue League and began a new hands-on project focused on researching and constructing Adirondack chairs
- Students and teachers concluded their partnership with the Gates Improvement Network and the Center for Leadership and Educational Equity (CLEE) for 9th grade Algebra I

What are we looking forward to in 2020-2021?

- Receiving a CALA van to be used for community outreach work and other initiatives
- Implementing a revised Response to Intervention (RtI) and Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)
- Working on attendance and course completion as focus areas
- Continuing our School Improvement work
- Welcoming our new Director - Brian Tetreault



EDUCATE. EMPOWER. ENGAGE.

Our Driving Force: The Chariho Youth Task Force is an organization made up of youth advocates, community members, parents, faith-based leaders, first responders, and more! New members are always welcome!

Our mission is to educate, empower, and engage youth and adults to create a sense of community, to promote wellness, and to sustain opportunity for Chariho voices to be heard. **We envision** a society driven toward physical and mental well-being created through collaboration, education, and activism to promote positive community climate.

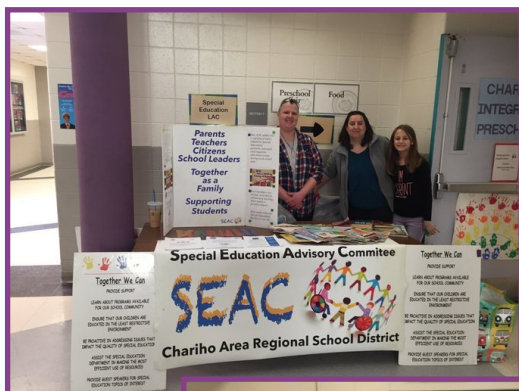
Chariho Youth Task Force Highlights:

- Youth Ambassador's ages 10+ – always welcoming new members
- Strong Arm Support Group – meets twice each month
 - For those with a loved one struggling with substance use or who is lost in the throes of addiction. Finding hope through sharing and caring
 - Run by two master's level counselors
- Stand Up to Stigma: Let's Talk About Mental Health
- Every Body Is Beautiful Campaign
 - Community showcase, educational materials in schools, elementary school interactive educational program, children's book to launch by 2020
- Educational information, community events, prevention retreat, and more



For more information, visit <https://www.charihoyouth.org/>

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)



The Special Education Advisory Committee is composed of individuals involved in or concerned with the education of children with disabilities. Parents of such children compose the majority of the committee membership. Other members include school personnel and representatives of the community. Students with disabilities may also be important members of the committee.



All ready for Unified Prom

SEAC meets four times a year. In 2019-2020, they spread the word about their work through information tables at the High School's Open House. New members are always welcome to attend any meeting. All meetings are at 6 PM in the Middle School Library and are posted on their [webpage](#) at least a week in advance.

Chariho in the News

The District is fortunate to have had a very successful year, as is evident by the numerous Westerly Sun news stories about our varied initiatives and successes. Below are all of the Chariho news stories covered over the past year. For more information, visit <https://www.thewesterlysun.com>.



July to December 2019

Jul 9: Chariho High Pursues Sister School Relationship in China
Jul 15: Chariho Tech Team Wins Gold at SkillsUSA
Jul 15: Chariho Gets Grant for Job Exploration in 6th Grade
Jul 24: Chariho Improves Results in AP Tests
Jul 25: Chariho to Join Tip Line System to Prevent Harm
Jul 26: Chariho Aim: Achieving World Class Performance
Aug 7: Cellphone, Drug Policies Tightened
Aug 14: Chariho Principal Finds Happy Place in Berries
Aug 17: New Teacher Takes Over Chariho's Growing Class in Chinese
Aug 31: Ricci Message: 'We Know What Works'
Sep 3: Richmond Elementary Bus Loop Has New Look
Sep 4: New Richmond School Entrance Gets High Marks
Sep 9: Chariho to Talk Future of Elementary Schools
Sep 23: Chariho to Continue Consolidation Talks
Sep 25: Chariho Names Facilities Study Group
Oct 4: Top Honor for Chariho District School (Ashaway)
Oct 7: Chariho to Welcome Chinese Scholars
Oct 20: Chariho Moves to Fix Richmond Fields
Oct 22: Local School Wins National Arts Grant (Hope Valley)
Oct 23: Test Scores Moving up in Westerly, Chariho
Oct 23: Richmond Facilities Question Persists
Oct 26: Grant Will Aid Chariho Learning Academy
Oct 30: Two Teachers from Chariho Win National Recognition
Nov 15: Area Schools Move Up in R.I. Ratings
Nov 19: Celebrating Veterans
Nov 20: Storybook Path Leads to Wellness
Nov 21: Raucous Start to School Day
Nov 26: All Hands on Deck for Annual Feast
Nov 27: Hopkinton Enrollment Rising Again at Chariho
Dec 3: Spreading a Little Warmth to Richmond Students



Chariho in the News

December 2019 to April 2020

Dec 6: Chariho, Turning 60, Contact Alumni

Dec 7: Chariho's Version of 'Christmas Carol' This Weekend

Dec 8: Chariho, Hope Project About Relationships

Dec 9: A Blue-Ribbon Day

Dec 11: Committee Settles 3 Suits on R.I. Open Meetings Act

Dec 11: State Legislation Changes

Dec 11: Mattie Potts Memorial Field House Progress

Dec 13: District Seeks Partners for Work-Based Instruction

Jan 8: Pay, Benefits Pushing Up 2020 Chariho Budget Plan

Jan 9: Hopkinton, Richmond Demand Big Cuts in Chariho Budget

Jan 15: Chariho Cuts \$351,000 But Hopkinton Wants More

Jan 16: Chariho Tech Boosts Efforts to Interest New Students

Jan 17: Chariho Cuts \$463,000 as Budgeting Work Goes On

Jan 18: Language Makes Connections (Hope Valley)

Jan 22: Town Calls for School Efficiency Study

Jan 23: More Budget Cuts

Jan 28: Chinese Students' Chariho Visit Nixed

Jan 26: In Revamped Club, Art is 'Every Day' at Chariho

Feb 13: Renewing Acquaintances

Feb 26: A Week to Whet Appetites for Reading

Feb 28: Dancing, More Recess? Why Not? Principal for a Day.

Mar 3: 'Frozen Jr.' Honors a Tradition

Mar 4: Sharp Words at Chariho Budget Hearing

Mar 11: Chariho Picks Firm to Consult in Search

Mar 16: It's All on the Wrist (Richmond School)

Mar 17: Chariho Scrambles to Finalize Plans for Learning

Mar 18: Public was Online for Vote on Budget

Mar 18: Chariho Submits Plan for Virtual Learning

Mar 26: Home Learning a Hit - Laptop Lessons

Apr 9: Chariho's Distance Learning a Success

Apr 14: 2 Chariho Students Win WriteRI Awards

Apr 15: CMS, Richmond Elementary Students Get Into the Spirit Virtually



Chariho in the News

April to June 2020

Apr 16: Chariho Expands Its Food Program

May 11: MacKenzie Recognized as Top Principal

May 11: Medical Devices Built by Chariho Students are Helping Save Lives

May 12: Chariho Announces Plans for Graduation

May 26: Chariho's Abby Cole Steps in When Pandemic Cancels Special Olympics

May 27: Dreydan Cianci Immersed Herself During Time at Chariho

May 28: Chariho Taps Providence Educator as Schools' Chief

Jun 2: Chariho Valedictorian, Matthew Gouvin, and Salutatorian, Simon Manlove

Jun 4: Chariho Budget Vote Set for June 30

Jun 6: Chariho Students Plan Black Lives Matter Protest

Jun 9: Finally, A Chance to Celebrate - 244 Seniors Honored During Car Parade

Jun 11: Hopkinton Schools' Vote Raises More Questions

Jun 11: A Pal for the Pandemic - Gabrielle Macarusso Training Puppy for Guiding Eyes for the Blind

Jun 23: Goals Denied - Nate Allamby's Hopes for Better Lacrosses Season Dashed

Jun 23: Grant Would Fund a CMS Center for Mindfulness

Grab N' Go Meals



Mimi and Abby Cole

Gabby and Citron



Black Lives Matter Protest



Medical devices built by CTC Engineering Students
Preston Simpkins, Lindsay Pride, Riley DeCoursey and
Instructor Jeff Domingoes

A special thanks to Cynthia Drummond for reporting on so many Chariho activities and events and to Student Intern Matthew Gouvin (Class of 2020) for his editorial contributions.

Chariho Regional School District 2020-2021 School Calendar

SC approved 1/21/20; Revised and approved 7/21/20; Revised and approved 8/18/20

Progress Reports Issued

Secondary	Elementary
1st 10/16/20	10/23/20
2nd 1/8/21	1/29/21
3rd 3/19/21	5/7/21
4th 5/21/21	

End of Grading Period

Secondary	Elementary
1st 11/20/20	12/11/20
2nd 2/3/21	3/19/21
3rd 4/16/21	6/23/21
4th 6/23/21	



Report cards will be issued five school days following the close of the quarter or trimester at the elementary and middle school levels and six school days following the close of the quarter at the high school level.

August

M	T	W	Th	F
NTD				

31 NTO - New Teacher Orientation

September 13 days

M	T	W	Th	F
	NTD	DPD	DPD	SO
X	X	PDNS	PDNS	PDNS
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	Cumulative Days 13	

1 NTO - New Teacher Orientation AM only
 2-3 District PD Staff - No School Students
 4 Staff Orientation
 7 Labor Day - No School
 8 Primary Election Day - No School
 9-11 State PD Staff - No School Students
 14 First Day of School

October 21 days

M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
X	13	14	15	16
SPD	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

Cumulative Days 34

12 Columbus Day - No School
 19 State PD Staff-Distance Learning Students

November 16 days

M	T	W	Th	F
2	DPD	4	5	6
9	10	X	12	13
SPD	17	18	19	20
23	24	X	X	X
30				

Cumulative Days 50

3 Election Day - District PD Staff-No School Students
 11 Veterans' Day - No School
 16 State PD Staff-Distance Learning Students
 25-27 Thanksgiving Recess - No School

December 17 days

M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	X	X
X	X	X	X	

Cumulative Days 67

24-31 Holiday Recess - No School

January 19 days

M	T	W	Th	F
				X
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
X	19	20	21	22
SPD	26	27	28	29

Cumulative Days 86

1 New Year's Day - No School
 18 Martin Luther King Day - No School
 25 State PD Staff-Distance Learning Students

February 15 days

M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
X	X	X	X	X
22	23	24	25	26

Cumulative Days 101

15-19 Winter Recess

March 23 days

M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
SPD	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

Cumulative Days 124

15 State PD Staff-Distance Learning Students

April 16 days

M	T	W	Th	F
			1	X
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
X	X	X	X	X
26	27	28	29	30

Cumulative Days 140

2 Good Friday - No School
 19-23 Spring Recess - No School

May 20 days

M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
SPD	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
X				

Cumulative Days 160

17 State PD Staff-Distance Learning Students
 31 Memorial Day (No School)

June 17 days

M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	X	(24)	(25)

Cumulative Days - Students 177 / Staff 180

Graduation - To be Determined
 23 Last Day of School
 24-25 Make-up Days (if needed)

No School for Students

DPD - District Professional Development Days for Staff - No School for Students

SPD - State Professional Development Days for Staff - Distance Learning for Students

PDNS - State Professional Development Days for Staff - No School for Students

School Offender Registration and Community Notification Act

At the beginning of each school year, the Chariho Regional School District is required, under Rhode Island's Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act (R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37.1-1 et seq.), and in compliance with guidelines issued by the Department of the Attorney General, to submit to local law enforcement agencies a directory of the names and addresses of parents who have children attending schools in Chariho.

The Rhode Island Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act requires certain offenders to be registered with law enforcement agencies and, in certain instances, requires local law enforcement agencies to provide notification to the community.

The Rhode Island Attorney General's Department has issued guidelines for the procedures to be utilized in connection with community notification. Under the Attorney General's guidelines, the Chariho Regional School District is required to submit a directory listing of the names and addresses of parents whose children attend school in the district. In keeping with Chariho's responsibilities under the law and the Attorney General's guidelines, Chariho will be submitting a directory listing of all parents who have children attending schools in Chariho to the local law enforcement authorities.

In the event that a local police department determines that it is appropriate to provide community notification to the parents of children attending school, this directory will be utilized; and you may receive offender fact sheets from the law enforcement agency unless and until you notify Chariho that you wish your name(s) to be removed from the directory or until you no longer have children attending school within the district, whichever comes first.

Below is a form which you may utilize if you choose not to have

your name(s) and address(es) included in the directory and you do not want to receive offender fact sheets from the law enforcement agency. If it is your preference not to be listed in the directory and not to receive any offender fact sheets should the need arise, please complete the form, indicating the name(s) of your child or children, your address, and affix your signature(s). **Please return the form to your child's school by the end of September or within one week from date of registration.** Your name(s) and address(es) will be included in the directory unless we receive this form, signed by you.

For more information on sexual offender notification, please visit the State of Rhode Island Parole Board and Sexual Offender Notification Unit website at <http://www.paroleboard.ri.gov>.

Student Photos

Many times throughout the year, the District prints newsletters and fliers that include images of some of Chariho's students. Pictures may also be included on the District website or on social media. At other times local, regional, or national media may request to publish pictures or articles about our students. If you do not wish your child's picture to be included in any publications or if you are the guardian of a child in DCYF custody and approval is needed for photos to be taken, please inform the school principal by using the form below.

Armed Forces Recruiting

To: Parents/Guardians of 11th and 12th Grade Students:

Federal Law requires school districts to provide the names, addresses, and telephone listings of junior and senior class students to Armed Forces recruiters. The legislation also includes a provision that allows parents to have their child's information exempted from that list. In accordance with the provisions of that legislation, if you **do not** wish to have the above referenced information provided to Armed Forces recruiters, please complete and return the form below.

- ☐ I do not want my child's name and address disclosed to law enforcement agencies and do not wish to receive offender fact sheets.
- ☐ I do not want directory information released about my child.
- ☐ Each school in the District has a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). If you do not wish your name, address, phone number, email address and your child's classroom information released to your school's PTO, please check on the line.
- ☐ I do not want my child's picture to be included in any publication.
- ☐ At times, food is made available to classes from a source other than our food service provider or from the Career and Technical Center kitchen. Please check on the line if you do not want your child to partake of food brought to school from the homes of other students or from other sources.
- ☐ I am directing that information regarding my child be excluded from the list provided to Armed Forces recruiters.

Child(ren) First/Last Name(s)	Grade	Parent/Guardian Name
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<div></div>	<div></div>	Parent/Guardian Signature
<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
<div></div>	<div></div>	Student Signature (if over 18)
<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
<div></div>	<div></div>	Address
<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)

A federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's education records, FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student, or former student, who has reached the age of 18 or is attending any school beyond the high school level. Students and former students to whom the rights have transferred are called eligible students. Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review all of the student's education records maintained by the school. Parents and eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records believed to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record commenting on the contested information in the record.

Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student before releasing any information from a student's record. However, the law allows schools to disclose records, without consent, to the following parties:

1. School officials who have a need to know;
2. Other schools to which a student is transferring;
3. Certain government officials in order to carry out lawful functions;
4. Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
5. Organizations conducting certain studies for the school;
6. Accrediting organizations;
7. Individuals who have obtained court orders or subpoenas;
8. Persons who need to know in cases of health and safety emergencies;
9. State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific state law; and
10. Another school in which a student enrolls.

Parents have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Chariho Regional School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 260-3887
www.ed.gov/FPCO

Schools may also disclose, without consent, directory type information such as a student's name, address, email address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, photographs and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them.

Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights (PPRA) Amendment

PPRA affords parents, students who are 18, or emancipated minors ("eligible students") certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) -

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Income, other than as required by law, to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of -

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law; and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

Inspect, upon request and before administration or use -

1. Surveys of students;
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

The School District has developed a policy, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, and has made arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. The School District will directly notify parents and eligible students of this policy at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes are made. Parents of students who believe their rights under PPRA may have been violated may file a complaint with ED by writing the Family Policy Compliance Office. Complaints must contain specific allegations of fact giving reasonable cause to believe that a violation of PPRA occurred.

For additional information or technical assistance, you may call 202-260-3887 (voice). Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Or you may contact the following:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

Here's to a successful
2020-2021 School Year!

Go Chargers!



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