

Little Compton School Department Annual Update to the Citizens of Little Compton



Total Student Population: 309 / Wilbur & McMahon Schools - 219 / Portsmouth High School - 75 / CTE, MET + Other - 15

We are pleased to report on the status of the schools to the Citizens of Little Compton. *The proposed PreK through Grade 12 school budget for Fiscal Year 2026 shows an increase in expenditures of \$210,713 (2.6%) over the last year's budget. The town appropriation requested to support the Fiscal Year 2026 budget is \$8,261,138. The Little Compton School Department (LCSD) and Wilbur and McMahon Schools (WMS) offer a vibrant, inclusive, rigorous yet nurturing learning experience for all PreK through Grade-8 students. The LCSD's high schoolers are "tuitioned out" to Portsmouth High School (ranked #4 in RI, U.S. News & World Report 2024).

Scholastic Highlights

Wilbur and McMahon, in recent years, has emerged as a top school in the state — with two #1 spots (ELA and Math achievement, RICAS 2024), a 5-STAR rating (two years running!) by the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), and the distinction as the only public International Baccalaureate (IB) certified World School in Rhode Island, offering the prestigious Middle Years Programme. These extraordinary achievements are due to the town's strong support of the school department, which affords our students a PK-8 education supported by excellent teachers and specialists, optimal class-sizes, beautiful green spaces, a well-maintained facility/formal Capital Improvement Plan, and continuous investment in high-quality curriculum materials as well as state-of-the-art instructional technology.

Curriculum Offerings

At Wilbur and McMahon, rigor and relevance drive the curriculum: Eureka Math² K-5; EnVision Math 6-8; Grade 8 "Pre-AP" Pathways - Algebra 1 and Spanish 1; EL Education K-8 Language Arts from Open Up Resources; FOSS (Full Option Science System) & Carolina OpenSciEd Curriculum K-8; RIDE's new Social Studies Standards - 2024/McGraw-Hill; Co-curricular offerings in Art, Music, Band, Piano, History of Music, Journalism, Physical Education, Health, Library Media Skills, Spanish and Design. IB MYP 8th Grade Community Project, 8th Grade Advocacy Day, 7th Grade Engineering Exposition, 6th Grade Solution Symposium.

Instructional Technology

Wilbur and McMahon's IT is cutting edge: interactive whiteboards (Promethean) in every classroom, 1-to-1 ratio of Chromebooks for all K-8 students, state-of-the-art AV system in flex space "gymnasium" (gymnasium-auditorium), and digital signage throughout the building.

*Navigate here <https://www.lcsd.k12.ri.us/finances> for "Finances" section of the LCSD web site.



Field Trips and On-Campus Events

In addition to offering rigorous, supportive, and achievable educational programs, Wilbur and McMahon values the arts and civic engagement and collaborates within our school and local community to offer school assemblies, workshops and field trips (both on and off campus), including: Buck Hill (4 days of 18th Century camping), RI State House, Newport Contemporary Ballet, RI Resource Recovery Center, Fort Adams, Roger Williams Zoo, Newport Volvo Ocean Race Village, Block Island, Washington DC, Boston Freedom Trail, Boston Science Museum, Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, RI School of Design Museum, Plimoth Patuxet Museum, Trinity Repertory Theater, Save the Bay, Body Works in Boston, South Shore Beach, Historic Simmons Mill, Old Stone Orchard, Young Family Farm, Providence Bruins (chorus sings patriotic songs), Little Compton Historical Tour, Biomes, Audubon Society Presentations, New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, Zeiterion Theater, Atwater & Donnelly, Lloyd's Center, local Garden Club classroom programs and holiday greens, Law Day, Author Talks, Story Tellers, Dodgeball Tournament, Student-Faculty Basketball Game, Field Day, Literacy Week, 4th-Grade Parade of History, National Civics Bee@/Rhode Island State Finals, Art Expositions, Scripps Spelling Be, Spirit Week, Student Council, and so much more.

Athletics and After-School Offerings

With the whole child in mind, after-school activities include: Soccer (photo above), Cross Country/Track, Basketball, and Lacrosse; Beginner Ballet, Green Team (environmental club), Glee Club/Chorus, Beginner Band and Individual Band Lessons, Drama/Musical Theater, FIRST Tech Challenge, FIRST LEGO League, and After-School Library Hours. We also partner with community organizations that sponsor and/or bring programs into the school: LC Makers, Girls on the Run, local garden clubs, Sakonnet PTO, Up With School Arts, Newport Contemporary Ballet, Little Compton Community Center, Little Compton Prevention Coalition, and the Little Compton Education Foundation.

Facilities and Campus Highlights

Our beautiful campus includes: Library/Media Center with over 8,000 books + RILINK + RICAT; State-of-the-art performance space (for town use, as well); Science Lab, Art, Music, and Band Suites; Outdoor Classroom (Eco-Oasis) and Greenhouse; Gymnasium (town Rec. Department use, as well) and access to athletic fields and walking trails; Caf/Servery - offering hot breakfast and lunch.