



**HEAD OF SCHOOL**  
**Portsmouth Abbey School**  
**Portsmouth, Rhode Island**

Portsmouth Abbey School, located on 525 acres on the beautiful shore of Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island, is seeking its next Head of School to carry forth its Benedictine heritage and commitment to academic excellence in the Catholic tradition. This position will begin July 1, 2022. Founded 1926, Portsmouth Abbey School is a premier co-educational, boarding and day, college preparatory school serving more than 350 students in grades 9 through 12.

The incoming Head of School will be exceptionally positioned to lead the school through its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026 and into its second century. Graced with the close-knit Portsmouth Abbey School family, the Head will be supported by intellectually talented faculty and staff, an engaged and invested Board of Regents, and the Portsmouth Institute for Faith and Culture, the school's own think tank to encourage the restoration of Christian culture in the spirit of St. Benedict. The selected candidate will have ample resources and opportunities to further the exemplary reputation and impact of Portsmouth Abbey and do so in a location of incomparable beauty and history.

The Head is privileged to champion a school that cares deeply about young adults coming to know the good, the true, and the beautiful; that seeks academic excellence and spiritual flourishing; that is multigenerational, international, Catholic, and Benedictine to its core.

The Head of School must be a practicing Catholic who endorses and can passionately articulate and sell the mission. He/she must understand or be willing to learn the Benedictine tradition and support the Monastery's governance role and involvement in the life of the school.

***Qualifications***

- Mission driven with a gracious, welcoming, and outgoing personality.
- Strategic and visionary leader grounded in the values and mission of Portsmouth Abbey School, able to integrate historic Benedictine values with 21<sup>st</sup> century-vision.
- Proven success leading within an educational institution, as well as serving as a visible and credible leader and ambassador with external constituencies.

- Familiar with and capable of discerning academic excellence in the Catholic intellectual tradition at the secondary school level.
- Commitment to contemporary excellence and innovation in academics, athletics, and student life; attentive to evolving student needs and advances in education.
- Collaborative and empowering management style with track record of cross-functional teams successfully executing on a common set of priorities in keeping with the school mission.
- Capable of building strong relationships with and among students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni, universities, and the local community.
- Superb communication and networking skills.
- Boarding school with international enrollment experience a plus.

The full position profile is available [HERE](#). Interested and qualified candidates should submit **electronically** in a consolidated format a letter of introduction; a resume; five professional references (names, email addresses and telephone numbers); and a written essay of no more than 500 words answering the question: *In an increasingly secular world, how can the Head of School “sell” the mission of an authentically Benedictine school that is both invitational and intentionally Catholic?* to:

**Portsmouth Abbey School Head of School Search  
Catholic School Management**

**Attn: Mary J. Foley at [csmoffice@cbservices.org](mailto:csmoffice@cbservices.org)**

**The deadline for applications is October 29, 2021.** For more information about Portsmouth Abbey School, please visit [www.portsmouthabbey.org](http://www.portsmouthabbey.org).