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East Greenwich High School Launches First Pre-Medicine CTE Program in RI

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East Greenwich, R.I. – October 22, 2026 – The East Greenwich School Department is launching the state’s first Pre-Medicine Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program with \$710,000 in funding from the Rural Health Transformation Program grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the US Department of Health and Human Services. In September, the McKee Administration announced more than \$5.48 million was awarded to 14 Local Education Authorities to expand rural healthcare-focused CTE opportunities for students across the state.

“This significant investment represents an important step forward in our commitment to preparing students for the careers of tomorrow,” said East Greenwich School Department Superintendent Dr. Thomas Kenworthy. “East Greenwich is creating a model for how public education, higher education, and healthcare institutions can collaborate to address critical workforce needs. This funding will allow us to introduce students to healthcare careers earlier, expand access to innovative learning experiences, and establish meaningful pathways from our classrooms to postsecondary education and careers in medicine and healthcare.”

East Greenwich will use the grant to invest in career awareness and exploration in grades K-8, modernize its healthcare learning environments, purchase state-of-the art medical simulation and AI-supported clinical learning tools, and expand work-based learning opportunities to create a locally anchored healthcare pipeline. The new Pre-Medicine CTE Program has partnerships with the University of Rhode Island College of Health Sciences, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Brown Health, and New England Institute of Technology to offer students clinical experiences.

Dr. Patrick Vivier, Dean of URI College of Health Sciences, supported the creation of the Pre-Medicine CTE program at East Greenwich High School, stating, “We need to develop high-quality educational experiences in high schools, such as the Pre-Medicine CTE program at East Greenwich High School, to help address the important health workforce need in Rhode Island.”



Science Chair Frank Lenox emphasizes the benefits of modernizing the science spaces to support the new state-of-the-art equipment and materials to expand hands-on learning experiences, healthcare simulations, skills development, and credential attainment. "There is no question our students and community will benefit from this grant. It will create new opportunities for high-quality educational experiences in this building and beyond our walls, and will inspire students to pursue post-secondary medical pathways."

Students in Anatomy and Physiology class will have the added tool of an Anatomage Table, a human-based, life-sized 3-D integrated human anatomy, physiology, and pathology platform allowing a new level of interactive learning.

Teacher James Mire and students in the Anatomy and Physiology class explore the hemispheres of the brain utilizing the Anatomage Table.

"The Pre-Medicine CTE Program represents an exciting expansion of opportunities for our students to explore careers in healthcare," noted Dr. Patricia Page, Principal, East Greenwich High School. "By connecting classroom instruction with advanced medical technologies, hands-on experiences, and partnerships with leading healthcare institutions, we are creating meaningful pathways to postsecondary education and careers."

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About East Greenwich High School

East Greenwich High School (EGHS) is a comprehensive public high school serving students in grades 9–12. Recognized among the nation's leading public high schools by U.S. News & World Report, EGHS has earned numerous distinctions for academic excellence, inclusive educational practices, and student achievement. These include designation as a National Unified Champion School in 2023, recognition as a 2018 Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, and inclusion on the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) School Honor Roll. EGHS is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

The foundation of the school's culture is reflected in the district's mission:

The mission of the East Greenwich Public Schools is to genuinely know, support, and celebrate all students in meeting their full potential. We are committed to meaningful collaboration among faculty, staff, students, families, and the community, recognizing our collective responsibility to continue to deliver a high-quality education system for all.

Additional Photos are found [here](#).