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COMMUNITY

Spotswood Borough is a small suburban residential community located in central New Jersey midway between New York City and Philadelphia. Our 8,500 residents live on 1,472 acres located in the southern half of Middlesex County. The residents understand the value of an excellent education and have high aspirations for their children.

SPOTSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Spotswood High School has served our residents and the districts of Helmetta and Milltown since 1976. The school is accredited by the New Jersey Department of Education. A rigorous curriculum offers Advanced Placement, Honors, College Preparatory, and Career/Technical Arts courses.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Spotswood High School, in conjunction with Fairleigh Dickinson University and Middlesex County College, offers the opportunity for exceptional students to earn college credits when registered in the following courses: Honors College Accounting, Honors Principles of Business, Honors College Marketing, Honors Anatomy and Physiology, Honors Pre-Calculus CP, Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry, Probability & Statistics, Ap Statistics, Honors Calculus, AP Calculus, Honors English 12, AP English Language-Composition, and College Composition.

SEAL OF BILITERACY

Spotswood High School students have the opportunity to earn the New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy. The Seal of Biliteracy certifies that a student is able to speak, read, listen and write at a high level of proficiency in both English and a second language.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

English: Successful completion of four years of study is required. Comprehensive, College Preparatory, and Honors courses are available at each grade level as well as AP Literature and Composition and AP English Language-Comprehension. Students may also select an elective course such as Drama, Creative Writing, Mythology, Journalism, Public Speaking and Debate.

Social Studies: Three years are required. All students must take Modern World History, US History I, and US History II. Students may elect to study AP Psychology, AP Human Geography, AP US History, or AP Government. Electives such as Criminal Justice, American Law, Sociology, History of Psychology, Economics, the American Experience through sports, Holocaust Studies, and Gender Studies are available.

Mathematics: Three years are required. A full sequence of college preparatory courses is offered. Students are encouraged to enroll in a mathematics course each year of high school. Additional mathematics courses offered are AP Statistics, AP Calculus, Honors Calculus, Algebraic Systems, Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry, Honors Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus CP, and Probability and Statistics for this year's graduating seniors.

Science: Three years are required, including one year of Biology and one year of either Chemistry, Physics or Environmental Science. College bound students are encouraged to take four years of lab science. Students have the opportunity of electing honors level courses in Biology, Chemistry and Anatomy and Physiology. Students may elect to take AP courses in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Environmental Science and may also elect to take Forensic Science, Meteorology, and Astronomy.

World Language: Spotswood High School offers four years of instruction in Spanish and German. There is a 10 credit minimum graduation requirement. Students are encouraged to take 4 years of a world language in order to better prepare themselves for success in today's rapidly changing world. Advanced Placement Spanish is available.

Physical Education and Health: Four years of Physical Education and Health are required. Our curriculum is timely and interesting, providing valuable information so that students may make wise choices for a positive lifestyle.

Art, Business, Family & Consumer Science, Music and Technology: Spotswood High School offers a wide range of superior elective courses in these areas to suit the needs of all students. AP courses are available in Computer Science A, Art Studio, and Music Theory.

HONORS COURSES

Honors courses available for the 2022-2023 academic school year include: Biology I, Chemistry I, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Algebra II, Geometry, World History, US History I, US History II, English 9,10,11, and 12, Computer Programming, Special Topics in Computer Science, College Accounting, College Marketing, Advanced Marketing, Principles of Business, Spanish I, II, III, IV, German IV, Fine Arts II, Wind Ensemble, and Music Theory.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Advanced Placement courses available for the 2022-2023 academic school year include: English Language and Composition, Psychology, Calculus, Statistics, Biology, Physics, Environmental Science, Music Theory, Art Studio, Spanish, and Human Geography.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

125 credits (grades 9-12) which include the following: 20 credits of English, 10 credits of US History, 5 credits of World History, 16 credits of Physical Education and Health, 15 credits of Mathematics, 15 credits of Science, 10 credits of World Language, 2.5 credits of Financial Literacy, and 5 credits of Fine, Performing or Practical Arts.

GRADING SYSTEM

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	F
	100	96	92	89	86	82	79	76	72	69	66	64
	99	95	91	88	85	81	78	75	71	68	65	OR
	98	94	90	87	84	80	77	74	70	67		LOWER
	97	93			83			73				
GPA	4.33	4.0	3.67	3.33	3.0	2.67	2.33	2.0	1.67	1.33	1.0	0.0
(H) GPA	4.83	4.5	4.17	3.83	3.5	3.17	2.83	2.5	2.17	1.83	1.5	0.0
(AP) GPA	5.33	5.0	4.67	4.33	4.0	3.67	3.33	3.0	2.67	2.33	2.0	0.0

Withdraw:
W

Withdraw Failing:
WF

Pass/Fail:
P/F

Withdraw Passing:
WP

Note: If a student attends an institution of higher learning while attending SHS and registers for a course which is not offered at our school, the student will not receive high school credit for the course nor will any grade be averaged into the student's GPA.

CLASS RANK

Grade point average (GPA) based upon all subjects attempted in grades 9-12 determines class rank. Students are ranked at the end of their sophomore, junior and senior years.

POST SECONDARY DESTINATIONS: Class of 2022

4 year colleges: 63%

2 year colleges: 20%

Business/Technical colleges: 5%

Military: 2%

Workforce/Other: 10%

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Spotswood High School offers a wide variety of extracurricular programs. Our programs include academic competition, performing arts, and community service to promote increased awareness and improved inter-group relations in the school and the community, acceptance, creativity, leadership, social responsibility, global citizenship, and social emotional learning. These programs create informed advocates, peer leaders, mentors, global citizens, and involved community members. Spotswood High School's co-curricular activities include Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Honors Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Pep Band.

The Spotswood School District Athletic Department considers athletics to be an important extension of the academic day. The Spotswood Athletic Philosophy is to promote a winning mindset with all athletes. The coaching staff is charged with the responsibility of teaching the values of accountability, citizenship, sportsmanship, tolerance, leadership, persistence, responsibility, sacrifice, self-discipline, and teamwork. Coaches will enthusiastically motivate athletes to develop the skills necessary for excellent achievement in sport. The primary focus of Spotswood athletics is to cultivate the overall development of the student in the classroom and on the playing field. The coaches will check students' academic progress during the season and offseason, enhance athletic skills, sharpen their competitive edge and prepare each student for success at the next level of play. Students will be placed in competitive situations in practices, scrimmages, and games to strive to be the best. High School head coaches will take a leadership role with their prospective sport for the district.