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School Profile - Class of 2018 **The 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. This is a solid middle class community where both parents in most families are employed. 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 many challenges: Advanced Placement, Honors, College Preparatory, and Career/Technical Arts courses. 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 Biology II, Honors Calculus, Honors English 12 and College Composition. Approximately 81% of the Class of 2017 pursued higher education.

Post Secondary Destinations: Class of 2017

4 year colleges:	50.0%	Workforce:	4.0%
2 year colleges:	27.0%	Military:	1.0%
Business/Technical colleges:	4.0%	Undecided:	14.0%

The Class of 2017 earned over \$2.9 million in scholarships.

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 I, II, III, 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 and History of Psychology, 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, Algebraic Systems, Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry, Honors Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, Honors Calculus, and Probability & 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 Physics. 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 German, and Spanish. There is a 10 credit minimum graduation requirement. Students are encouraged to take Level III Spanish or German and Honors Level IV Spanish in order to better prepare themselves for success in today's rapidly changing world.

Physical Education and Health: Four years of PE 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.



Recent SHS graduates were accepted at the following institutions of higher learning:

- Albright College
- Alvernia University
- American University
- Appalachian State University
- Arcadia University
- Arizona State University
- Art Institute of Philadelphia
- Berkeley College of Music
- Binghamton University
- Bloomfield University
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Brigham Young University
- Brookdale College
- Bryn Mawr College
- Caldwell University
- Castleton State College
- Centenary College
- Citadel
- Coastal Carolina University
- College of St. Elizabeth
- Columbia College Chicago
- Cornell University
- Dickinson College
- Delaware Valley College
- DeVry University
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- Duquesne University
- East Carolina University
- East Stroudsburg University
- Elizabethtown College
- Elon University
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Felician College
- Flagler College
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- Franklin and Marshall College
- Full Sail University
- George Washington University
- Georgian Court University
- Gettysburg College
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Hofstra University
- James Madison University
- John Jay University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Johnson & Wales University
- Kean University
- Kutztown University
- Lafayette College
- LaSalle College
- Lehigh University
- Lincoln Technical Institute
- Long Island University
- Loyola University
- Manhattan College
- Marist College
- Marshall University
- Middlesex County College
- Millersville University
- M.I.T.
- Monmouth University
- Montana State University
- Montclair State University
- Moravian College
- Mount Ida College
- Muhlenberg College
- New Jersey City University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- New York Institute of Technology
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University
- Pace University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pratt Institute
- Princeton University
- Quinnipiac University
- Ramapo College of NJ
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Richard Stockton College of NJ
- R.I.T.
- Rider University
- Rowan University
- Rutgers, The State University of NJ
- Sacred Heart University
- Salisbury State University
- San Diego State University
- St. Elizabeth College
- St. John's University
- St. Joseph's University
- St. Peter's University
- Seton Hall University
- South Virginia University
- State University of NY
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- The College of New Jersey
- Towson University
- Ursinus College
- University of Alabama
- University of Arizona
- University of Central Florida
- University of Chicago
- University of Connecticut
- University of Dayton
- University of Delaware
- University of Florida
- University of Hartford
- University of Maryland
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of New Hampshire
- University of North Carolina
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Scranton
- University of Vermont
- Villanova University
- Virginia Tech
- Wagner University
- West Chester University
- Western Carolina University
- Westminster Choir College
- West Virginia University
- Widener University
- Wilkes University
- William Paterson University
- Wilson College
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- York College of PA

Grading System

Starting with the 2015-2016 academic year, Spotswood High School instituted a new grading system. The grades reflect using the following letter system with the coordinate numerical values:

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	F
	100	97	93	89	86	82	79	76	72	69	66	64
	99	96	92	88	85	81	78	75	71	68	65	OR
	98	95	91	87	84	80	77	74	70	67		LOWER
		94	90		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

From 2009-2015 grades were awarded using the following letter system with the coordinate numerical values:

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	F
	100	97	93	90	87	83	80	77	73	70	67	64
	99	96	92	89	86	82	79	76	72	69	66	OR
	98	95	91	88	85	81	78	75	71	68	65	LOWER
		94			84			74				
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

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 G.P.A.

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.

Fully-weighted subjects available for the 2017-2018 academic school year include:

Honors Biology I, Honors Biology II, Honors Chemistry I, Honors Physics, Honors Pre-Calculus, Honors Calculus, Honors Algebra II, Honors Geometry, Honors World History, Honors US History I, Honors US History II, Honors English 9,10,11, and 12, Honors Computer Programming, Honors College Accounting, Honors College Marketing, Honors Principles of Business, Honors Spanish I, II, III, IV, Honors Fine Arts II, Honors Wind Ensemble, and Honors Music Theory.

Advanced Placement courses available for the 2017-2018 academic school year include:

English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Psychology, Calculus, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science A, Art Studio, US Government, US History, Human Geography, and Environmental Science.

There are 171 students in the Class of 2018.