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School Profile - Class of 2017 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 Biology II, Honors Calculus, Honors English 12 and College Composition. Approximately 82% of the Class of 2016 pursued higher education.

Post Secondary Destinations: Class of 2016

4 year colleges:	46.0%	Workforce:	4.0%
2 year colleges:	33.0%	Military:	1.0%
Business/Technical colleges:	3.0%	Undecided:	13.0%

The Class of 2016 earned over \$7.8 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, and American Law, Sociology and History of Psychology, are available.

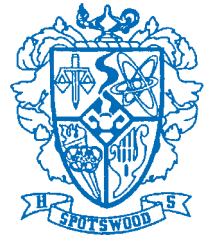
Mathematics: Three years are required. A full sequence of college preparatory courses is offered. Students are encouraged to enroll in a mathematics course each year of high school. Additional mathematics courses offered are AP Statistics, AP Calculus, Algebraic Systems, Honors Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, 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 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 French, German, and Spanish. There is a 10 credit minimum graduation requirement. Students are encouraged to take Level III, and Honors Level IV courses 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
- Dickinson College
- Hofstra University
- Mount Ida College
- San Diego State University
- University of Maryland
- Alvernia University
- Delaware Valley College
- James Madison University
- Muhlenberg College
- St. Elizabeth College
- University of Massachusetts
- American University
- DeVry University
- John Jay University
- New Jersey City University
- St. John's University
- University of Miami
- Appalachian State University
- Drew University
- Johns Hopkins University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- St. Joseph's University
- University of Michigan
- Arcadia University
- Drexel University
- Johnson & Wales University
- St. Peter's University
- University of New Hampshire
- Arizona State University
- Duquesne University
- Kean University
- Seton Hall University
- University of North Carolina
- Art Institute of Philadelphia
- East Carolina University
- Kutztown University
- South Virginia University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Berkeley College of Music
- East Stroudsburg University
- Lafayette College
- State University of NY
- University of Rhode Island
- Binghamton University
- Elizabethtown College
- LaSalle College
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- University of Scranton
- Bloomfield University
- Elon University
- Lehigh University
- Syracuse University
- University of Vermont
- Boston University
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Lincoln Technical Institute
- Temple University
- Villanova University
- Brandeis University
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Long Island University
- The College of New Jersey
- Virginia Tech
- Brigham Young University
- Felician College
- Loyola University
- Towson University
- Wagner University
- Brookdale College
- Flagler College
- Manhattan College
- Ursinus College
- West Chester University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Florida Atlantic University
- Marist College
- University of Alabama
- Western Carolina University
- Caldwell University
- Florida State University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- University of Arizona
- Westminster Choir College
- Castleton State College
- Fordham University
- Richard Stockton College of NJ
- University of Central Florida
- West Virginia University
- Centenary College
- Franklin and Marshall College
- University of Chicago
- Widener University
- Citadel
- Full Sail University
- University of Connecticut
- Wilkes University
- Coastal Carolina University
- George Washington University
- University of Dayton
- William Paterson University
- College of St. Elizabeth
- Georgian Court University
- University of Delaware
- Wilson College
- Columbia College Chicago
- Gettysburg College
- University of Florida
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Cornell University
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Moravian College
- Salisbury State University
- 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 2016-2017 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 Marketing III, Honors Marketing IV, Honors Spanish I, II, III, IV, Honors German IV, Honors French IV, Honors Fine Arts II and III, Honors Wind Ensemble, and Honors Music Theory.

Advanced Placement courses available for the 2016-2017 academic school year include:

English Language-Comprehension, Psychology, Calculus, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Art Studio, US Government, US History, Human Geography, and Environmental Science.

There are 202 students in the Class of 2017.