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School Profile - Class of 2016

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 83% of the Class of 2015 pursued higher education.

Post Secondary Destinations: Class of 2015

4 year colleges:	42.0%	Workforce:	4.0%
2 year colleges:	40.0%	Military:	4.0%
Business/Technical colleges:	1.0%	Undecided:	9.0%

The Class of 2015 earned over \$6,206,000.00 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 and Journalism.

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 Human Geography, AP US History or AP Government. Electives such as Criminal Justice, Sociology and History of Psychology, and AP 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.

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
- Curry College
- Gwynedd-Mercy College
- Moravian College
- University of Maryland
- Aivernia University
- Dickinson College
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Mount Ida College
- University of Massachusetts
- American University
- Delaware Valley College
- Hofstra University
- Muhlenberg College
- University of Miami
- Appalachian State University
- DeVry University
- James Madison University
- New Jersey City University
- St. John's University
- University of Michigan
- Arcadia University
- Drexel University
- John Jay University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- St. Joseph's University
- Arizona State University
- East Carolina University
- Johns Hopkins University
- New York Institute of Technology
- St. Peter's University
- Selon Hall University
- Drexel University
- East Carolina University
- Johnson & Wales University
- South Virginia University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Berkeley College of Music
- East Stroudsburg University
- Kean University
- Northwestern University
- State University of NY
- Binghamton University
- Elizabethtown College
- Kutztown University
- Northwestern University
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Bloomfield University
- Lafayette College
- Ohio State University
- Syracuse University
- Boston University
- Elon University
- Pace University
- Temple University
- Brandeis University
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- The College of New Jersey
- Virginia Tech
- Brigham Young University
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Towson University
- Wagner University
- Brookdale College
- Felician College
- Ursinus College
- West Chester University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Flagler College
- University of Alabama
- Western Carolina University
- Caldwell University
- Florida Atlantic University
- University of Arizona
- Westminster Choir College
- Castleton State College
- Florida State University
- University of Central Florida
- West Virginia University
- Centenary College
- Fordham University
- University of Chicago
- Rider University
- Wilkes University
- Citadel
- Franklin and Marshall College
- University of Connecticut
- University of Dayton
- William Paterson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- Full Sail University
- University of Florida
- College of St. Elizabeth
- George Washington University
- University of Delaware
- Columbia College Chicago
- Georgian Court University
- University of Florida
- Cornell University
- Gettysburg College
- Montclair State University
- Salisbury State University

Grading System

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

Withdrew: W

Withdrew Failing: WF

Pass/Fail: P/F

Withdrew Passing: WP

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

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 2015-2016 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 Spanish I, II, III, IV, Honors German IV, French IV, Honors Fine Arts II and III, Honors Wind Ensemble, and Honors Music Theory.

Advanced Placement courses available for the 2015-2016 academic school year include:

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

There are 202 students in the Class of 2016.