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## **Spotswood High School**

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## **School Profile - Class of 2010**

### **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. The curriculum is challenging and rigorous including Advanced Placement, Honors, and Career/Technical Art 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: College Accounting, Honors Biology II, Honors Chemistry II, Honors Calculus, and College Composition. Approximately 90% of the Class of 2009 pursued higher education.

### **Post Secondary Destinations: Class of 2009**

4 year colleges:	53.0%	Workforce:	4.0%
2 year colleges:	35.0%	Military:	2.0%
Business/Technical colleges:	2.0%	Undecided:	4.0%

**The Class of 2009 earned over \$3,800,000.00 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 for seniors. Students may also select an elective course such as Creative Writing and Journalism.

**Social Studies:** Three years are required. All students must complete World History and two years of United States History. Seniors may elect to study AP U.S. History or AP Government. Electives including Criminal Justice, Sociology and History of Psychology, and AP Psychology are available.

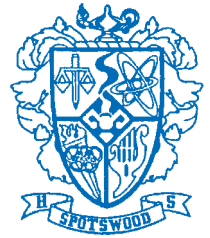
**Mathematics:** Three years are required. A full sequence of college preparatory courses are offered. Most college bound students study at least four years of college preparatory math. Additional mathematics courses offered are AP Statistics, AP Calculus, Honors Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, Honors Calculus, and Probability/Statistics and Discrete Math for this year's graduating seniors.

**Science:** Three years are required; however, college bound students normally elect three or four years of lab science. Students have the opportunity of electing honors courses in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Students may elect AP Chemistry, and/or AP Biology.

**World Language:** Spotswood High School offers four years of instruction in French, German, and Spanish. Beginning with the class of 2012, there will be a 10 credit minimum graduation requirement. Students are encouraged to take Level II, 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:** SHS 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, Computer Science AB, Art Studio, Music Theory and Art History.



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

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Albright College              | Coastal Carolina University     | Gettysburg College         | Monmouth University                | Rider University                    | University of Delaware       |
| Alvernia College              | Curry College                   | Green Mountain College     | Montclair State University         | Rowan University                    | University of Hartford       |
| Appalachian State University  | Dean College                    | Gwynedd -Mercy College     | Mount Ida College                  | Rutgers, The State University of NJ | University of Maryland       |
| Arizona State University      | DeVry University                | Hawaii Pacific University  | Mount St. Mary of Maryland         | Salisbury State University          | University of Miami (Ohio)   |
| Art Institute of Philadelphia | Drew University                 | Hofstra University         | Muhlenberg College                 | St. Elizabeth College               | University of Michigan       |
| Art Institute of Washington   | Drexel University               | John Jay University        | New Jersey Institute of Technology | St. Peter's College                 | University of Massachusetts  |
| Arcadia University            | Duquesne University             | Johns Hopkins University   | New York Institute of Technology   | St. Joseph's University             | University of North Carolina |
| Berkeley College of Music     | East Stroudsburg University     | Johnson & Wales University | New York University                | Seton Hall University               | University of Pennsylvania   |
| Binghamton University         | Elizabethtown College           | Kean University            | Northeastern University            | South Virginia University           | University of Rhode Island   |
| Bloomfield University         | Fairleigh Dickinson University  | King's College             | Northern Illinois University       | St. John's University               | University of Scranton       |
| Boston University             | Flagler College                 | Kutztown University        | Northwestern University            | State University of NY              | University of Vermont        |
| Brookdale College             | Fashion Institute of Technology | Lafayette College          | Ohio State University              | Stevens Institute of Technology     | Villanova University         |
| Bryn Mawr College             | Felician College                | Lehigh University          | Oral Roberts University            | Stockton State College              | Wagner University            |
| Caldwell College              | Florida Institute of Technology | Loyola College             | Pace University                    | Syracuse University                 | Wilkes University            |
| Centenary College             | Florida State University        | Marist College             | Pennsylvania State University      | Towson University                   | West Chester University      |
| Central Pennsylvania College  | Fordham University              | Marshall University        | Prince George College              | Ursinus College                     | West Virginia University     |
| Citadel                       | Franklin and Marshall College   | Miami University           | Ramapo College of NJ               | University of Central Florida       | Widener University           |
| College of St. Elizabeth      | George Washington University    | Middlesex County College   | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute   | University of Chicago               | William Patterson University |
| College of New Jersey         | Georgian Court University       | Mercer County College      | R.I.T.                             | University of Connecticut           | York College                 |

**Grading System**

From 2006 - 2008 grades were awarded using a letter system with the following numerical equivalents:

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|--------------|---------------|---|
| A = 90 - 100 | Outstanding   | WP = Withdrew Passing   |
| B = 80 - 89  | Above Average | WF = Withdrew Failing   |
| C = 70 - 79  | Average       | W = Withdrawn ( prior to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in September) |
| D = 65 - 69  | Below Average | NM = No Mark  |
| F = Below 65 | Failure       | NC = No Credit  |

At the end of the 2007- 2008 academic year, Spotswood High School instituted a new grading system. Beginning with the 2008-2009 academic school year, grades reflect 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				
<b>GPA</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.67</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.67</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.67</b>	<b>1.33</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>(H) GPA</b>	<b>4.83</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.17</b>	<b>3.83</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.17</b>	<b>2.83</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>1.83</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>(AP) GPA</b>	<b>5.33</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.67</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.67</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.67</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Excellent – Masters all course standards/  
cumulative progress indicators:

Good – Masters a major portion of course  
standards/cumulative progress indicators:

Fair – Masters a minimum portion of course  
standards/cumulative progress indicators:

Poor – Completes the minimum:

Failing:

- A+ 98-100
- A 94-97
- A- 91-93

- B+ 88-90
- B 84-87
- B- 81-83

- C+ 78-80
- C 74-77
- C- 71-73

- D+ 68-70
- D 65-67

- F 64 or Below

Incomplete Work: INC Withdrew: W \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrew Failing: WF \_\_\_\_\_ Pass/Fail: P/F \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrew 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 G.P.A. However, the course will be noted on the student's high school record.

**Class Rank**

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

**Fully-weighted subjects available for the 2009-2010 academic school year include:**

Honors Biology I, Honors Biology II, Honors Chemistry I, Honors Chemistry II, 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, Pre -AP English 11, Honors Computer Programming, and Applications II, Honors Advanced Computer Networking, College Accounting, Honors Accounting II, Honors Marketing III, Honors Spanish I, Honors Spanish 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 2009-2010 academic school year include:**

English Literature and Composition, U.S. Government, Psychology, Calculus, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Music Theory, Computer Science, Art Studio, and Art History.

**There are 198 students in the class of 2010.**