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## Spotswood High School

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### School Profile - Class of 2019 **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. 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 87% of the Class of 2018 pursued higher education.

### **Post Secondary Destinations: Class of 2018**

4 year colleges:	46.0%	Workforce:	3.0%
2 year colleges:	32.0%	Military:	1.0%
Business/Technical colleges:	9.0%	Undecided:	9.0%

The Class of 2018 earned over \$2.5 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, 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, and the American Experience through sports, are available.

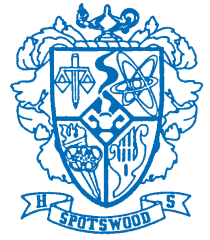
**Mathematics:** Three years are required. A full sequence of college preparatory courses is offered. Students are encouraged to enroll in a mathematics course each year of high school. Additional mathematics courses offered are AP Statistics, AP Calculus, Algebraic Systems, Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry, 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 or German 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
- University of Massachusetts
- American University
- DeVry University
- John Jay University
- New Jersey City University
- St. Elizabeth College
- University of Miami
- Appalachian State University
- Drew University
- Johns Hopkins University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- St. John's University
- University of Michigan
- Arcadia University
- Drexel University
- Johnson & Wales University
- New York Institute of Technology
- St. Peter's University
- University of New Hampshire
- Arizona State University
- Duquesne University
- Kean University
- New York University
- Seton Hall University
- Art Institute of Philadelphia
- East Carolina University
- Kutztown University
- Northeastern University
- South Virginia University
- Berkeley College of Music
- East Stroudsburg University
- Lafayette College
- Northwestern University
- State University of NY
- Binghamton University
- Elizabethtown College
- LaSalle College
- Ohio State University
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Syracuse University
- Bloomfield University
- Elon University
- Lehigh University
- Pace University
- Temple University
- Boston University
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Lincoln Technical Institute
- Pennsylvania State University
- The College of New Jersey
- Brandeis University
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Long Island University
- Pratt Institute
- Towson University
- Brigham Young University
- Felician College
- Loyola University
- Princeton University
- Ursinus College
- Brookdale College
- Flagler College
- Manhattan College
- Quinnipiac University
- Ramapo College of NJ
- University of Alabama
- Bryn Mawr College
- Florida Atlantic University
- Marist College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- University of Arizona
- Caldwell University
- Florida State University
- Marshall University
- Richard Stockton College of NJ
- University of Central Florida
- Castleton State College
- Fordham University
- Middlesex County College
- R.I.T.
- University of Chicago
- Centenary College
- Franklin and Marshall College
- M.I.T.
- Rider University
- Citadel
- Full Sail University
- Monmouth University
- Rowan University
- Coastal Carolina University
- George Washington University
- Montana State University
- Rutgers, The State University of NJ
- College of St. Elizabeth
- Georgian Court University
- Montclair State University
- Sacred Heart University
- University of Connecticut
- Columbia College Chicago
- Gettysburg College
- Moravian College
- Salisbury State University
- University of Delaware
- University of Florida
- Cornell University
- Hawaii Pacific University
- 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**

	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					
<b>GPA</b>	4.33	4.0	3.67	3.33	3.0	2.67	2.33	2.0	1.67	1.33	1.0	0.0
<b>(H) GPA</b>	4.83	4.5	4.17	3.83	3.5	3.17	2.83	2.5	2.17	1.83	1.5	0.0
<b>(AP) GPA</b>	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

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 2018-2019 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 German IV, Honors Fine Arts II, Honors Wind Ensemble, and Honors Music Theory.

**Advanced Placement courses available for the 2018-2019 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, Human Geography, and Environmental Science.

**There are 182 students in the Class of 2019.**