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Mission, Vision, Theme:

The Lenape Regional High School District (LRHSD) serves the eight municipalities. Encompassing an area of 350 square miles, the Lenape District is the largest school district in Burlington County. The mission of the Lenape Regional High School District, a leader in progressive education, is to develop physically and emotionally healthy students who excel in an ever-changing world. <https://www.lrhdsd.org/Domain/802>



Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:

All schools were designated a No Place for Hate by the Anti-Defamation League of South Jersey and Philadelphia for the 8th consecutive year. The program helps schools to challenge anti-Semitism, racism, homophobia and all forms of bigotry. LRHSD has the distinction of being the first complete No Place for Hate school district in New Jersey. LRHSD is proud that it had multiple National Merit Commended Scholars and Semifinalists who have applied for finalist status.

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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:

Through more than 241 course offerings, 24 AP courses and 67 College Acceleration Program courses, 40 at Rowan College at Burlington County (RCBC) and 27 at Rowan University (RU), complemented by summer enrichment programs, the Lenape District offers academic tracks to meet every student's needs. In the 2019-20 school year, 1355 students district-wide applied for RU and RCBC dual credit; on average, each student earned 7.31 college credits. <https://www.lrhds.org/Page/679>



Sports and Athletics:

Sports Offered: Baseball (Boys), Basketball (Boys & Girls), Bowling (Boys & Girls), Cross Country (Boys & Girls), Field Hockey (Girls), Football (Boys), Golf (Boys & Girls), Gymnastics (Girls), Lacrosse (Boys & Girls), Soccer (Boys & Girls), Softball (Girls), Swimming (Boys & Girls), Tennis (Boys & Girls), Track and Field - Spring (Boys & Girls), Track and Field - Winter (Boys & Girls), Volleyball (Girls), Wrestling (Boys)

LRHSD offers over 25 Athletic Programs; 135 State Championships won by LRHSD teams.

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Clubs and Activities:

Each high school offers over 60 clubs that appeal to a wide range of student talents and interests. Here are some of the awards LRHSD students earned this past year: All-State Chorus, Tournament of Bands Regional 1 Championship, and 2 Marching Band State Championships.



Before and After School Programs:

As a district with a wide breadth of special education offerings, LRHSD has worked to develop innovative programs to meet the specific needs of special needs students and to develop life-long job skills. The district is also proud to offer additional learning opportunities in the form of the Extended School program and summer classes to help students prepare for the SATs, college and their math classes. The district also offers various forms of after school tutoring.

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Staff and Professional Learning:

The LRHSD faculty takes part in professional development through Research for Better Teaching (RBT), Understanding by Design (UbD), and Common Planning Time. These programs are dedicated to improving and building upon classroom instruction. Common Planning Time has been developed in a teacher's schedule to maximize collegial opportunities such as analyzing data, discussing pedagogy, and designing assessments while focusing on the results.



Postsecondary Information:

During the 2019-20 school year, 1355 students earned 9948 college credits through the dual credit program. LRHSD is proud to offer the PSAT to all students in grades 9, 10, and 11, as the district believes that opportunity better prepares them for the SAT. LRHSD's success as a high-achieving district is exemplified by its 97.4% graduation rate, its SAT scores consistently above state and national averages, and its 80.4% of graduates attending over 256 colleges and universities.

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Student Supports and Services:

LRHSD has programs to meet the specific needs of special needs students and to develop life-long job skills including: morning cafés, in which students develop hands-on experience making, selling, and serving café patrons; Wii Tournaments between each of the schools; special holiday events and the Annual Special Needs Prom. Additionally, LRHSD Special Education program successfully placed dozens of students in nearly 55 different work sites, providing students with job development opportunities, through High School innovative Transitions to Adulthood program.



Student Health and Wellness:

The LRHSD believes that a safe and caring environment is vital to an individual's optimal growth and well-being. Programs are offered to encourage students to live healthy lives through physical activity, make responsible life decisions, and self-assess their personal decisions to improve their wellness. These programs include: the Defy the Issue campaign, No Place for Hate initiative, Heads Up-Eyes Forward, Step Up & ID HIB and comprehensive Health and Physical Education Curricula. As a new addition this year, and an outcome of the strategic plan, each school has created a wellness room that students can visit during the day.

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Parent and Community Involvement:

LRHSD fulfills its mission through the cooperation among a host of stakeholders including administrators, teachers, parents, municipal officials, and community members from the sending townships' K-8 school districts. All schools utilize email, Genesis Gradebook, a mobile app, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to connect with families. Each school also has parent volunteer groups that are links from school to community. Several booster clubs also support and promote athletics and activities



Climate Surveys:

Is a Climate Survey Used: Yes; Who is surveyed: Students, Parents, Teachers.

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Facilities:

Lenape High School opened in 1958 on a 53-acre plot of land in Medford, NJ. Situated on a parcel of land in the southeastern end of Medford Township, in the heart of the Pinelands, Shawnee High School was dedicated in 1971. Cherokee High School was opened on a 71-acre site in Evesham Township in September 1975. The Seneca High School building is 17 years old and located in the Pine Barrens National Preserve. The District also has the Sequoia Alternative Program and Transitions to Adulthood Program, both are located in Evesham Township.



School Safety:

The Safety and Security of all LRHSD students and staff is a top priority which is evidenced by the following security initiatives already in place at all LRHSD schools. Police officers with marked vehicles are assigned to each school reinforcing high visibility police presence. All LRHSD schools have Security Staff (several retired Law Enforcement Officers) assigned to assist with maintaining a safe school environment. All exterior doors are secured and locked during the school day. Main office vestibules were constructed to limit direct entry into the school. All schools are equipped with 24/7 interior and exterior surveillance systems. Lockdown buttons and a new phone system were installed at all schools to initiate and expedite lockdown procedures. Portable radios are assigned to key personnel to expedite communications in the event of an emergency. New classroom and office locks were installed to expedite the lockdown process and intruder film was added to all exterior doors.

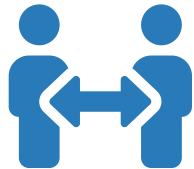
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Technology and STEM:

The LRHSD has a variety of technology and STEM opportunities for students. A wide-range of technology courses offered include a 3 year Television Broadcasting path with a 4th year option to intern in the District Television Studio. Technical courses expose students to industry-standard software. Also offered is an Automotive shop at Seneca and Cherokee and a Metal Shop at Lenape High School. The LRHSD has also partnered with Project Lead the Way a nationally recognized STEM program to offer a pre-engineering pathway where students work collaboratively in a cohort to take an engineering elective each year of their high school experience. This will expose them to different facets of a STEM related career. The LRHSD has two district Robotics teams which compete locally and nationally. Members of the LRHSD Robotics teams report that the project based problem solving design of each challenge deepens their understanding of the concepts behind the designs necessary to compete.



Learning During COVID-19:

When the COVID-19 pandemic threatened to move the 2020 graduation ceremonies online, the LRHSD proposed "Diploma to Door" ceremonies on the district's original graduation date of June 16, as well as socially distant ceremonies later in the summer in mid-July in hopes that the state would raise its limit for outdoor gatherings. In the end, the New Jersey Governor did raise the limit to 500 people, and the district happily went through with both events. Through "Diploma to Door," school administrators personally delivered students' diplomas to their homes, where family and friends looked on safely from a distance. The district presented 1,058 diplomas through this carefully coordinated event. To adhere to the 500-person limit in July, the district planned a total of 12 in-person graduation ceremonies over two days at four different high schools to ensure that each graduate could invite two guests. LRHSD celebrated 1,321 total students through the in-person ceremonies.

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Other Information:

LRHSD has a wonderful partnership with local law enforcement agencies. LRHSD has a School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to each school. All of the SROs play a vital role in the daily safety and security of all students, staff and visitors at each school. LRHSD has a 4-Day Rotating Schedule. Measurable outcomes include increased instructional time, improved average daily attendance, an increase in average daily punctuality and a decrease of discipline incidents and suspensions. The District's high expectations for its students is one of the ingredients to its success. During the 2019-20 school year each high school celebrated students' college acceptances in a variety of ways as a strategy for raising expectations. We are proud that our students are Prepared to Succeed. <https://www.lrhdsd.org/Domain/802> Active community involvement is a hallmark of the Lenape District. LRHSD also appreciates the consistent and generous support it receives from its communities. In 2019-20 alone, LRHSD received donations totaling \$488,415 towards enhancements for educational programming. Through its award winning television program, LDTV, the district provides high quality community-oriented programming from athletics to performing arts.