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### Highlights:

- The Football Team won their third consecutive South Jersey State Group IV Championship.
- Shawnee students continue to excel on the AP exams with 87% of its students receiving a score of 3 or higher.
- 90% of the Class of 2020 went on to attend a 2 or 4-year post-secondary program.



### Mission, Vision, Theme:

Shawnee's mission is to recognize that academics, athletics, culture and the arts as well as community service are integral to success in high school and beyond. Shawnee High School offers students a wide range of programs to meet every student's talents and interests. The high school's goal is to offer an academic and extra-curricular program that exceeds national standards and develops students into life-long learners.

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### **Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:**

Shawnee is proud to be designated a No Place for Hate school for the 8th consecutive year by the Anti-Defamation League. Shawnee High School student academic achievement is consistently above state and national averages, which is reflective of the district as a whole. 11 members of the Class of 2020 were recognized for their performance on the PSAT by being named commended scholars.



### **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>

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### 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)

Shawnee student-athletes have received regional and state team awards. 4 Olympic Conference divisional championships and 1 Sectional Championship (Football) - 40 student athletes from the Class of 2020 will participate in Collegiate Athletics.



### Clubs and Activities:

Shawnee's athletics, arts and extra-curricular programs encourage students to participate in activities that broaden their horizons beyond the classroom. Shawnee Marching Band finished in the Top 10 of the Tournament of Bands Group III and earned a Silver Award in the Atlantic Coast Championships. Shawnee had 12 students selected and performed with the South Jersey Chorus and 5 students selected and performed with the All-State Chorus.

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### **Before and After School Programs:**

Shawnee offers various options for students' academic and emotional support through its counseling center. Teachers are available before, during, and after school for extra help. The counseling center runs a variety of support groups designed to address the various need of students. Shawnee opened its Wellness area as a drop-in location for students who need a break from the emotional rigors of the school day.



### **Staff and Professional Learning:**

Shawnee teachers make the most of their Common Planning Time to further individualize professional development, such as the creation and implementation of progress assessments and grading rubrics. Each of the school's curriculum writers are trained in the Understanding by Design (UbD) format and all teachers are trained in the Research for Better Teaching model to allow for the most effective instruction.

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### 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.



### Student Supports and Services:

Shawnee has a peer-tutoring program that is run through the National Honor Society to help students with academic struggles. Shawnee also utilizes its Intervention and Referral System (I&RS) and counseling support groups to assist its students. Teachers are available for students to provide extra help during the School's 50 minute Community Lunch and Learn each day. Shawnee's Multiple Disabled and Autism programs are thriving, providing each student with specific supports and services.

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### **Student Health and Wellness:**

Shawnee offers a variety of opportunities for students to engage in activities that promote a healthy lifestyle in the mandated Health and Physical Education program. Shawnee also offers a nutritious breakfast and lunch throughout the school day.



### **Parent and Community Involvement:**

Shawnee has a very active booster club for its sports and activities. Parents can have access to their child's academic progress via the Genesis Gradebook online information portal. Shawnee helps keep the information about the school's happenings available through the uses of Twitter and Instagram, as well as weekly emails updating the Five Things You Need to Know at Shawnee. Shawnee is also proud to engage parents through its parent group.

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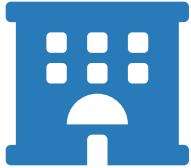
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### Climate Surveys:

Is a Climate Survey Used: Yes; Who is surveyed: Students, Parents, Teachers. Shawnee implemented a school climate survey during its Middle States Accreditation process.



### Facilities:

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. A construction project in the early 1990s expanded the facilities. In 2009, the district completed a second construction and renovation project, which included the addition of an auditorium, art and band rooms, and science labs. Shawnee is up to date with modern technology needed to support the school curriculum.

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### **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.



### **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.



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### Other Information:

Shawnee operates on a 4-day rotating period schedule with periods of 57 minutes in duration. The day is split in two wheels around a 50-minute Community Lunch and Learn period. This period allows students to develop time management skills as they are given the freedom to use their time on campus as they see fit. Shawnee High School recognizes the importance and need of technology within a school environment. In order to keep students acclimated with the constant advancements of technology, Shawnee offers unique technology courses. These courses include Architectural Design, Drafting and Design, Electronics Technology, Engineering Drawing, Technology Today, and many more. Shawnee's Media Center also provides students with all of the technology resources that they need, including, online research databases, quick references, and other professional links. Shawnee clubs that also support education in technology include the Media Tech Club and the Technology Student Association (TSA). Student members of these clubs are given extra time outside of the classroom to express their passions and interests in the field of technology. Shawnee strives to continue to keep co-curricular activities a place where students can apply academic discipline, develop and test career goals, be of service to themselves and others, and, in short, make long strides in maturing into a healthy, well-rounded person. In addition, activities are a great source of social contact and enjoyment for Shawnee students.