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- · Cherokee offers 22 Advanced Placements courses.
- . Cherokee's chapter of DECA had 155 regional qualifiers out of our 158 members. 35 of these students qualified for the NJ state competition and 4 advanced to DECA's National competition.
- · Cherokee had 13 Commended students through the National Merit Scholar Program.



Cherokee High School serves the community of Evesham in Burlington County. Cherokee's North/South layout provides students with the distinct advantage of a large high school with two smaller learning communities. This arrangement allows Cherokee to join in the LRHSD mission to maintain high expectations while providing students with unlimited educational experiences, which exceed the NJCCS, and integrate technology while working with our families and community.



Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:

Cherokee had 13 Commended Students through the National Merit Scholar Program. Three Cherokee students have been chosen to participate as Boys and Girls state delegates. Two Cherokee students were accepted into the Governor's School of Engineering and Technology at Rutgers University and presented their work at the 2022 IEEE MIT Undergraduate Technology conference. One Cherokee student was accepted into the Governor's School of Science at Drew University. Cherokee's Jazz Band is a NJ State Finalist and along with our Wind Ensemble and Orchestra are recognized among the best musical groups in the state earning invitations to the Metropolitan Wind Bad Invitational, South Jersey Band Invitational and the South Jersey Band and Orchestra Directors' Association Festival. Cherokee's Choir program performs at the Philadelphia Phillies and Sixers games, Longwood Gardens and many other locations throughout the community.



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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:

Through more than 236 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 2021-22 school year, 887 students district-wide applied for RU and RCBC dual credit; on average, each student earned 6.7 college credits. https://www.lrhsd.org/Page/679



Sports and Athletics:

Sports Offered: Baseball (Boys), Basketball (Boys & Girls), Bowling (Boys & Girls), Cheerleading (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)

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Cherokee offers 70 extracurricular activities. These clubs promote school pride, community service, and learning.



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Cherokee offers access to the weight room after school to promote and sponsor students' health and well-being.





Staff and Professional Learning:

All of the LRHSD teachers are trained by the in-house Research for Better Teaching (RBT) trainers. RBT offers professional development, which takes place during a teacher's first three years at Cherokee, with refreshers offered at various intervals. Cherokee teachers are also trained in Understanding by Design (UbD). Cherokee provides its teachers with an uninterrupted common planning time, which allows for greater collaboration and collegiality.



During the 2021-22 school year, 874 students earned 5954 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 97.2% graduation rate, its SAT scores consistently above state and national averages, and its 79.9% of graduates attending over 272 colleges and universities.



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Cherokee's Intervention and Referral Services are designed to assist students experiencing learning, behavior or health difficulties. Cherokee offers a complete range of programs for students who have been determined to be "Eligible for Special Education and Related Services," including resource center programs, inclusion, and self-contained programs.

Student Supports and Services:



Cherokee provides a nutritious breakfast and lunch throughout the school day. All students, regardless of grade, take part in a physical education class. Cherokee adopted the concept of a Wellness Room, with a focus on the social and emotional well-being of our student population. The Wellness Room opened in the Fall of 2020.



Cherokee High School hosts 22 booster clubs that support and promote Cherokee athletics and activities as well as our parent sponsored Foundation for Education. Parents are able to access students grades and information through the Genesis Grading Portal, the LRHSD app, Cherokee's Twitter and Instagram accounts and our Blackboard Email communication portal.

Parent and Community Involvement:



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Climate Surveys:

Is a Climate Survey Used: Yes; Who is surveyed: Students, Parents, Teachers. All students are given a survey regarding the school climate at the end of every school year. The survey focuses on the school's Core Values of Accountability, Integrity, and Respect (AIR). The results are shared administratively and are part of the protocol for the Middle States Excellence by Design Accreditation. Cherokee has seen an increase in student ownership and empathy towards others as the students' progress from 9th to 12th grade.



Cherokee High School was opened on a 71-acre site in Evesham Township in September 1975. In the early 1990s a construction and renovation project was completed to meet the educational needs of the growing Evesham Township community. In December 1997, voters approved a referendum for the construction of Cherokee South to house students in grades 9-10 and the Lenape District Performing Arts Center. Cherokee is up to date with modern technology needed to support the school curriculum.



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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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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Cherokee has served Evesham Township since opening its doors in 1975. Cherokee, along with the entire LRHSD, operates using a 57-minute class period, rotating schedule. The rotating schedule has a morning wheel and an afternoon wheel with a 50-minute Community Lunch and Learn period in the middle. This schedule more closely mirrors what Cherokee students will experience in college, as classes rotate and drop off within a 4-day cycle. Important academic, athletic, and extracurricular information can be found on the Cherokee Website or the Cherokee Facebook page. For the most up to date information, you can follow @Cherokee_HS or any of our numerous club, team, and activity Twitter accounts or follow us at cherokee.hs on Instagram. Cherokee High School, as well as the entire district, is proud to participate in a Cyber-Safety Coalition. The Cyber-Safety Coalition informs students, parents and stakeholders about the importance of being a responsible and safe online citizen who can excel in this growing fast paced, digitally connected community. Cherokee High School is proud to host a Technology Student Association (TSA) for students. Cherokee High School's chapter focuses on completing various technology projects during their meetings throughout the year. Cherokee's TSA also focuses on completing projects for the New Jersey TSA State Competition held every spring at The College of New Jersey. It is recommended that students are enrolled in technology education classes at Cherokee High School.