






SENECA HIGH SCHOOL
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School Narrative

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 <p>Highlights:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM programs are an integral part of the academic programming including Project Lead the Way, FIRST Robotics, Women in Engineering Workshops, Technology Students of America and STEM Club. • An ADL "No Place For Hate School" incorporates students and peer mentors to build a supportive and inclusive community. • Seneca inspires students to take responsibility for their actions by promoting "Upstander" characteristics through curricular and co-curricular activities, and workshops run by faculty and students.
 <p>Mission, Vision, Theme:</p>	<p>The recognition of academics, athletics, the arts, and community service are integral to the school's success. Seneca offers students a wide range of programs to meet every student's talents and interests. Students excel academically as measured by assessments such as SATs, AP tests and graduation rates, which are consistently above state and national averages. One of Seneca's hallmarks is a family atmosphere that fosters responsibility, collegiality, collaboration and academic risk</p>
 <p>Awards, Recognition, Accomplishments:</p>	<p>Seneca is proud to have received many awards for a variety of outstanding academic achievements. Seneca was honored as a "No Place for Hate School" for its continual effort to fight against violence and hate. Seneca's Student Council was recognized statewide for their "Prom House 110 Carranza" initiative by the New Jersey State Student Council Association.</p>



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Courses, Curriculum, Instruction:

Through more than 241 course offerings, 24 AP courses and 66 College Acceleration Program courses, 61 at Rowan College at Burlington County (RCBC) and 5 at Rowan University (RU), complemented by summer enrichment programs, the Lenape District offers academic tracks to meet every student's needs. In the 2017-18 school year, 1373 students district-wide applied for RU and RCBC dual credit; on average, each student earned 7.47 college credits.
<https://www.lrhdsd.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)

With a full menu of different athletic programs, Seneca is proud to have earned Sectional Championships in Girls' Winter Track, Field Hockey, Baseball, and Golf and competed for a State Championship in Boys' Bowling and Field Hockey. What separates Seneca's athletic program from other schools is its travelling fan section called, "The Bird's Nest." The Bird's Nest gives all students at Seneca the opportunity to participate in our school's athletic program through their celebration of school spirit.



Clubs and Activities:

Seneca is proud to have a plethora of school clubs, which cover student government, academics, the arts, and community service. The school is most proud of its peer mentorship programs, which includes partnerships with the four surrounding communities of the high school. The peer mentorship programs focus on anti-drug and alcohol platforms, anti-bullying platforms, and working alongside students with special needs.

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Before and After School Programs:

Seneca offers a variety of after school activities including tutoring, remediation, and student support. Seneca teachers are in charge of running each program. Student advisors are available both before and after school to provide additional support to students in need of help.



Staff and Professional Learning:

In addition to the entire Lenape Regional High School District, Seneca hosts a variety of in-service events throughout the year. Seneca uses the Research For Better Teaching Professional Development Model, which requires all certified staff to participate over a three-year period and use common planning time, which allows PLC's to formulate and discuss better teacher practices.



Postsecondary Information:

During the 2017-18 school year, 1,373 students earned 10,061 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 96.1% graduation rate, its SAT scores consistently above state and national averages, and its 91% of graduates attending over 280 colleges and universities.



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Student Supports and Services:

Seneca offers a large variety of student support services. Two areas to highlight are the peer mentorship programs and the small group counseling support groups. Seneca's peer mentorship programs utilize student support from fellow students in the areas of substance abuse, harassment, intimidation, and bullying. The counseling support groups offer additional help to students struggling with a particular issue.



Student Health and Wellness:

There are a number of opportunities for students to engage in healthy activities during the day, including physical education and interscholastic athletics. Seneca also offers a wide variety of activities during the Lunch and Learn period. Activities available to students during this time include basketball, ping pong, and weight room privileges. Seneca offers a nutritious breakfast and lunch to students.



Parent and Community Involvement:

Seneca is proud to utilize email, Genesis Gradebook, a mobile app, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram in order to connect with families. A volunteer parent group, the Seneca Parent Group, acts as an additional link between the school and community. The Seneca Parent Group's main focuses are to communicate the different events taking place in the school and to encourage safe and healthy life choices for Seneca students.






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 <p>Climate Surveys:</p>	<p>Is a Climate Survey Used: Yes; Who is surveyed: Students, Parents, Teachers</p> <p>School climate surveys have been used through the Middle States Accreditation Process.</p>
 <p>Facilities:</p>	<p>The Seneca High School building is 15 years old and located in the Pine Barrens National Preserve. The facilities match the beauty of where the school is located. The building includes dedicated rooms for the arts, family and consumer science, business, science, STEM, and technology. A television studio, a woodshop, and an auto shop are available to be used by students. The school is up to date with modern technology needed to support the school's curriculum</p>
 <p>School Safety:</p>	<p>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 are 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. In 2018 LRHSD was approved for a \$3,438,000 security grant to enhance and develop new safety initiatives for all LRHSD schools.</p>



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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 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. 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 with other schools.



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Other Information:

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