

SOUTH BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE



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The South Brunswick High School community values the pursuit of excellence, the celebration of diversity, and a safe and supportive learning environment. SBHS empowers students to develop character, skills, and perseverance as they explore their passions and prepare for the future.

South Brunswick Township is a large residential and commercial community encompassing nearly 42-square miles in southern Middlesex County, New Jersey. The township is one of the fastest-growing communities in central New Jersey and is located between New York City and Philadelphia, making it a desirable area for families to relocate. Over the past 25 years, the township population has grown considerably. There are about 46,565 residents who call South Brunswick their home.

There are currently about 7,544 students enrolled in the district's school communities. This includes two Pre-K schools added in 2023; seven elementary schools, ranging from K through grade 5; a two-campus middle school for students in grades 6-8; and a high school for students attending grades 9-12.

The school district considers its racial, ethnic, and religious diversity a significant asset. Presently, 45 native languages other than English are spoken in the homes of our students. Although the district has grown in size, it has maintained its status as one of the finest public school systems in New Jersey. It is recognized for its innovative academic programs, dedicated and talented teaching staff, extensive co-curricular and athletic programs, and varied support services for students and their families.

South Brunswick High School is proud of its exceptional staff of teachers and counselors, and a majority of the nearly 225 certified staff members have advanced degrees.

South Brunswick High School is approved by the New Jersey Department of Education and accredited by the Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools.



Mr. Scott Feder
Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Peter Varela
Principal



South Brunswick is located in central New Jersey approximately one hour from New York City and Philadelphia. The community is less than 15 miles from Rutgers and Princeton Universities. Central New Jersey is home to a vibrant pharmaceutical industry.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION: STATE AND DISTRICT

NJGPA

The state graduation requirement for assessment is that all students must pass the NJGPA Math and ELA assessments. Graduation requirements may be found here: https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/requirements/2023_2025.shtml

ASSESSMENT GRADUATION OPTIONS

*Minimum Passing Score Requirements

Credit Requirement

Students must earn 125 credits, of which 107.5 must come from the following required courses:

English	4 years
Mathematics	3 years (must include a year of Algebra and a year of Geometry)
PE/ Health	1 year for each year of high school (typically PE/Adol. Issues/Drivers Ed/Adult Issues/Senior Health)
Social Studies	3 years (American Government/US History/ Global Studies)
Science	3 years (Physical Science, Biological Science, and an additional Lab Science Elective)
World Language	2 years (same language)
Fine/Performing Art	1 year
21st Century Skills	1 year
Financial Literacy Course	1 semester

GRADING SYSTEM

Grading and calculation of cumulative Grade Point Average is based upon the following system:

Grade	Numeric Range	Standard Grade Points	Honors Grade Points	AP Grade Points
A	93-100	4.00	4.5	5
A-	90-92	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	87-89	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	83-86	3.00	3.5	4.00
B-	80-82	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	77-79	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	73-76	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70-72	1.67	2.17	2.67
D	65-69	1.00	1.00	1.00
F	0-64	0.00	0.00	0.00

Rank in Class: The academic environment at South Brunswick High School is very challenging with the majority of our students earning exemplary grades. We do not believe that reporting class rank fairly communicates our students' achievements and abilities. Therefore, South Brunswick Board of Education policy precludes the reporting of rank in class.

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

Business Organization and Management
College Accounting I: Financial Accounting
College Accounting II: Managerial Accounting
College Calculus
College Computer Applications & Systems
College Public Speaking
Concepts of Business Management
CS Topics: Mobile App Development
English IV College Composition
Small Business Management
US History
Psychology
African American Studies

HONORS COURSES

Artists Helping Artists II	Honors Field Experience Elementary Ed.	Honors Public Speaking
Chamber Orchestra	Honors Field Experience In Education	Honors Spanish For Heritage Speakers II
Hon Field Experience In Education	Honors French III	Honors Spanish III
Honors Algebra II	Honors French IV	Honors Spanish IV
Honors American Government	Honors French V	Honors Spanish V
Honors Art Portfolio I	Honors Global Studies	Honors String Orchestra
Honors Art Portfolio II	Honors Human Anatomy & Physiology	Honors Symphonic Winds
Honors Biology I	Honors Latin III	Honors U.S. History
Honors Chemistry I	Honors Latin IV	Latin IV:Pre-Advanced Placement
Honors Chorale	Honors Latin V	Student Leadership III
Honors English I	Honors Percussion Ensemble	Theatre Arts II
Honors English II	Honors Personal Financial Management	Theatre Arts III
Honors English III	Honors Physics	Theatre Arts IV
Honors English IV	Honors Pre-AP Calculus	Wind Ensemble

SAT SCORES

Average Score Grades 9-12 (all test administrations)	Math Mean	Critical Reading Mean*	Total Average Combined
2023-2024	634	613	1247
2022-2023	649	621	1270

*Mean Evidence-Based Reading and Writing

ACT SCORES

Average Score Grades 9-12 (all test administrations)	English Mean	Math Mean	Reading Mean	Science Mean
2024	28.1	27.9	27.5	26.6
2023	27.7	27.4	28.4	27.1

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION SCORES 2023-2024

*AP Test Scores by Subject Area

AP Test Subject Area	# of Tests	5	4	3	Total # of Tests (5-4-3)	% of Pass
Art 2D Design	17	9	6	2	17	100%
Art History	6	1	3	1	5	83.3%
Biology	99	43	35	15	93	93.9%
Calculus AB	72	35	21	5	61	84.8%
Calculus BC	140	80	28	14	122	87.1%
Chemistry	116	53	41	18	112	96.6%
Comparative Government & Politics	13	6	5	2	13	100%
Computer Science A	232	65	59	65	189	81.5%
Computer Science Principles	100	22	26	41	89	89.0%
Drawing	16	7	7	2	16	100%
English Language & Composition	221	44	93	64	201	91.0%
English Literature & Composition	73	17	29	23	69	94.5%
Environmental Science	79	19	40	12	69	87.3%
European History	13	2	3	7	12	92.3%
French Language & Culture	8	2	2	3	7	87.5%
Latin	3	0	0	1	1	33.3%
Macroeconomics	109	26	31	32	89	81.7%
Microeconomics	170	43	44	51	138	81.2%
Music Theory	6	5	0	0	5	83.3%
Physics 1	56	19	23	10	52	92.9%
Physics 2	4	1	3	0	4	100%
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	77	42	22	7	71	92.2%
Physics C: Mechanics	76	46	24	5	75	98.7%
Psychology	141	56	51	23	13	92.2%
Spanish Language & Culture	59	8	16	22	46	78.0%
Statistics	239	62	108	41	211	88.3%
U.S Government & Politics	33	25	6	0	31	93.9%
U.S History	65	25	34	5	64	98.5%
World History: Modern	21	10	8	2	20	95.2%
Totals	2264	771	768	473	2012	88.9%

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Teen PEP- HiTOPS

The Teen PEP-HiTops program trains selected seniors as peer educators in topics such as pregnancy prevention, sexually transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS Awareness, gender/sexuality, sexual assault and violence prevention, sexual harassment, as well as postponing sexual involvement. HiTOPS peer educators work in performance groups of eight or nine and facilitate workshops for high school health classes. About 38 seniors are selected from over 200 applicants to serve as Teen PEP-HiTops peer educators. The criteria for selection include the ability to facilitate small-group lessons and large-group performance, the maturity to both learn and teach lessons on challenging topics, demonstration of personal leadership, the ability to communicate effectively, dependability in fulfilling personal and scholastic responsibilities, and commitment to share one's time and energy in the service of others.

PEER Leadership

The PEER program trains selected seniors to work with small groups of freshmen to aid their transition to high school and to develop a sense of community among our diverse student body. PEER Leaders plan and facilitate groups of ninth graders in two formats: small, informal discussions and Project Adventure activities. The group discussion sessions are to help the freshmen adjust to the new environment of the high school and to focus on typical adolescent issues. In the Project Adventure sessions, PEER members lead their freshmen through a sequence of group problems along with group and individual physical challenges. There were 64 seniors chosen in 2023. The criteria for selection include sensitivity towards others, demonstration of personal leadership, ability to communicate effectively, dependability in fulfilling personal and scholastic responsibilities, and commitment to share one's time and energy in the service of others.

Student Leadership

The SBHS Student Council consists of eight positions which are elected by the student body, and six executive member positions chosen by interview. The council is enrolled in the Student Leadership course which is intended to promote the leadership growth of Student Council Officers. They focus on proven successful business principles of reward, recognition, teamwork, quality, and leadership. They address the particular needs of the high school by running monthly senate meetings with representatives from all grades. Student Council plans and executes celebrations, events, and school traditions that are open to the entire school community including a charity dance, pep rallies, Powder Puff football, and a male pageant that showcases seniors. A clearer understanding of what it takes to become a successful leader is studied. Much time is devoted to introspective exercises dealing with habits, communication and listening skills, time management, and relationship building. Strong principles and honor are emphasized and encouraged.

The SBHS Student Council is a member of the New Jersey Association of Student Councils. 2023 marked their 16th year being awarded the prestigious Honor School Award. They have also been awarded the NJASC State Charity Award and Top 10 Projects Award for multiple years.

ATHLETICS

The South Brunswick Athletic Program reflects a continuation of the educational responsibilities emphasized in all the extra-curricular activities in our school. We facilitate the process through which our student-athletes realize their full potential, allowing them to become aware of the talents they possess and nurture them to a more productive life.

Our 30 varsity sports with a maximum of three levels for each (Freshman, Jr. Varsity, & Varsity) focus on professionalism, safety, dedication, and a true concern for the development of our athletes. We are a large and powerful Central Jersey, Group IV school that is highly competitive in both the Greater Middlesex Conference as well as the NJSIAA levels. The athletic program strives for excellence on and off the playing field while incorporating the core values of SBHS: respect, honesty, responsibility, service, and kindness.

Overall, the Athletic Program will always value and model lifelong habits such as accountability, sportsmanship, confidence, leadership skills, organizational skills, persistence, work ethic, self-discipline, social skills, teamwork, the importance of inclusion, performing under pressure, and the ability to take instruction while striving for excellence.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

South Brunswick High School believes that clubs and organizations are an integral part of one's high school experience. We currently offer 57 clubs that encompass a variety of interests including the arts, the environment, social issues, volunteerism, and entertainment. Our clubs and organizations offer students the opportunity to participate in a community, plan and execute events on small and large scales, and hold leadership positions.

Our program offers both competitive and noncompetitive options along with 12 Honor Societies for which students can qualify. Students who participate in our club and qualify for our Honor Societies exemplify our core values of responsibility, honesty, kindness, service, and respect. Participation in our programs leads to the development of skills in leadership, accountability, civic duty, socialization, networking, planning, and more. We are proud of what our clubs have to offer students at SBHS and beyond.

MUSIC

Our music department consistently wins state, regional, and national awards for excellence. The Marching Band has won the US Bands New Jersey State Championship for Group V Open and has been a semi-finalist at the Bands of America Grand National Championships. The Wind Ensemble has received Gold ratings every year at the New Jersey State Gala and has been invited to perform at the National Concert Band Festival three times (top 16 bands in the country). Our Visual Ensemble has been awarded numerous WGI Regional Championship Titles and has been a finalist at the WGI World Championship. The Concert Choir has received Superior ratings at the American Choral Directors New Jersey Festival and has performed at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and Avery Fisher Hall. The Jazz Band has earned superior ratings and has performed in the New Jersey State Jazz Band Championships (top 9 bands in the state).

GRADUATE PLACEMENTS

Members of the South Brunswick High School classes of '23 and '24 were accepted at some of the nation's finest colleges and universities. Listed below is a sampling of these schools.

Albright College	Lehigh University	The College of New Jersey
Arcadia University	Mercer County Community College	Towson University
Boston College	Middlesex County College	University of Central Florida
Boston University	Monmouth University	University of Chicago
Carnegie Mellon University	Montclair University	University of Connecticut
Case Western University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Delaware
Cornell University	New York University	University of Maryland
Drexel University	Northeastern University	University of Massachusetts
Duke University	Pace University	University of Miami
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Michigan
Fashion Institute of Technology	Princeton University	University of Pennsylvania
Fordham University	Quinnipiac University	University of Pittsburgh
George Washington University	Ramapo College of New Jersey	University of Rhode Island
Georgetown University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Virginia
Harvard University	Rider University	Vanderbilt University
Hofstra University	Rowan University	Villanova University
Ithaca College	Rutgers University	West Chester University
John Hopkins University	Seton Hall University	West Virginia University
Johnson & Wales University	St. John's University	Widener University
Kean University	Syracuse University	William Paterson University
Kutztown University	Temple University	York College of Pennsylvania

SCHOLARSHIPS: STATE & NATIONAL

Class	NMSQT (PSAT) Finalist	NMSQT (PSAT) Commended Students
2024	15	61
2023	6	66