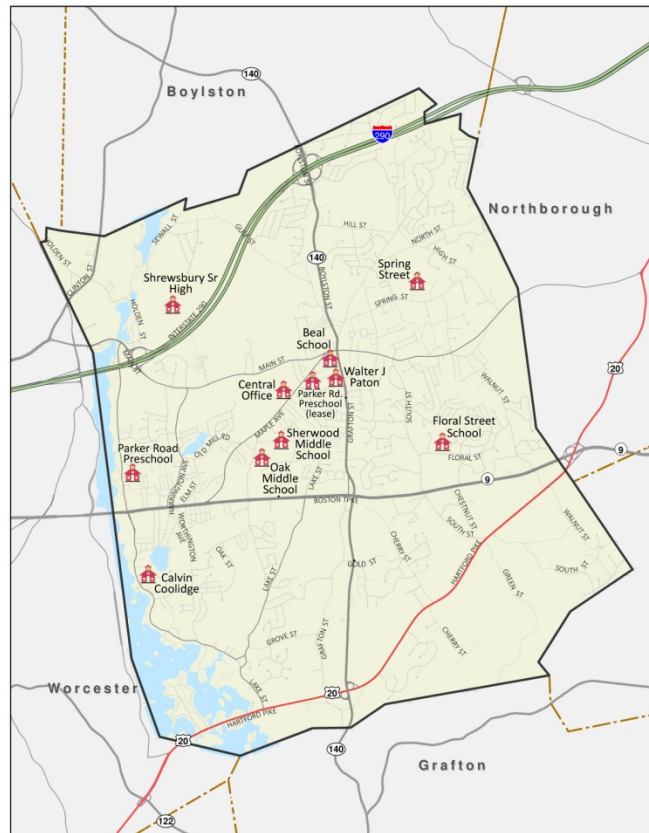




# INTRODUCTORY SECTION

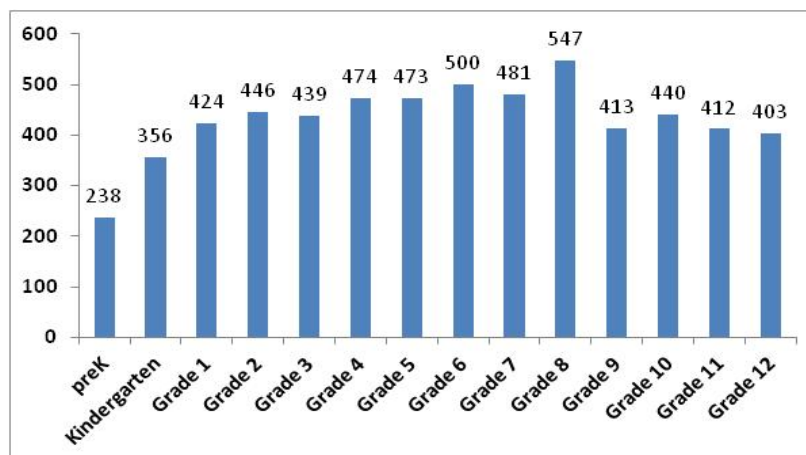


## SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OVERVIEW

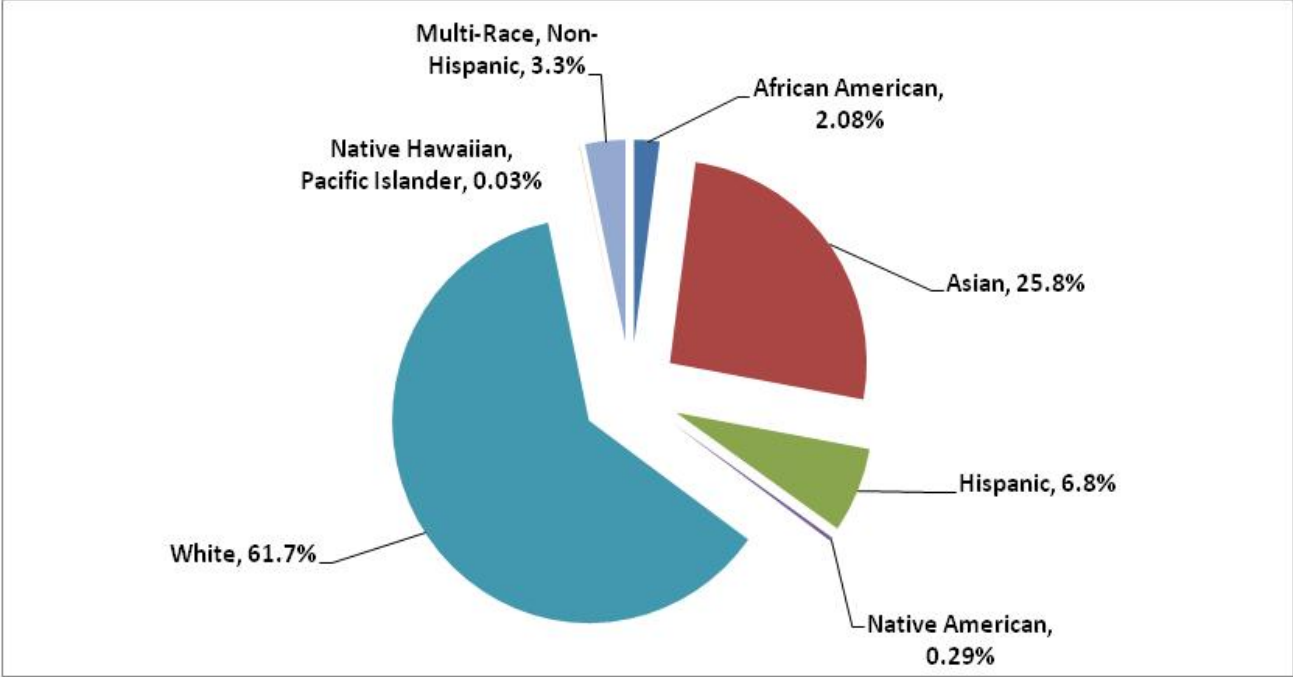
With its geographically advantageous location, the Town of Shrewsbury has grown significantly in the past decades. The federal U.S. Census records the Shrewsbury population growing from 24,146 in 1990 to 35,605 in 2010. The school population has grown significantly during that time period as well and is now at 6,046 students. The chart below depicts the allocation of students by school and itemizes all School Department facilities.

School/Office	Location	Grade Levels	Enrollment 10/1/2015
Central Office	100 Maple Ave. [Town Hall]	na	na
Special Education Office	15 Parker Rd. [SELCO Bldg.]	na	na
Parker Road Preschool	15 Parker Rd. [SELCO Bldg.]	preK	182
Parker Road Preschool-Extension [ <i>Leased space</i> ]	2 Wesleyan Terrace	preK	56
Beal Early Childhood Center	1 Maple Avenue	K-4	310
Calvin Coolidge Elementary School	1 Florence Street	K-4	404
Floral Street Elementary School	57 Floral Street	1-4	712
Walter J. Paton Elementary School	58 Grafton Street	K-4	360
Spring Street Elementary School	123 Spring Street	K-4	353
Sherwood Middle School	30 Sherwood Avenue	5-6	973
Oak Middle School	45 Oak Street	7-8	1,028
Shrewsbury High School	64 Holden Street	9-12	1,668
			<b>6,046</b>

The distribution of the 6,046 students across grade levels is shown in the chart below. It is important to note that students with identified learning disabilities become eligible for public school services at age three. Also, the district does not currently offer free full-day kindergarten and a number of families who do not gain access to a tuition-based full-day kindergarten slot opt for a full-day program at area private schools. Thus, we have a lower number of kindergarten students in comparison to other elementary grades. Also important to note is that approximately eleven percent of graduating eighth grade students will opt for a private or vocational/technical high school.



The growth in both town and school-age population has come with a significant increase in ethnic diversity. The chart below shows that White students now represent approximately 62% of the student body and 38% are non-White. The largest ethnic minority group is Asian and the large majority of this population is of South Asian/Indian descent.



Some of the special population student groups reported and tracked by the district and federal and state governments are summarized below. The percentage columns compare Shrewsbury Public Schools with statewide percentages using the most recent data available. One can clearly see that we are above the statewide percent in students whose First Language is not English but below the percentages in all other categories including Students with Disabilities [aka special education students].

Category	% of District	% of State
First Language not English	26.4%	19.0%
English Language Learner	2.8%	9.0%
Students with Disabilities	13.4%	17.2%
High Needs	24.0%	43.5%
Economically Disadvantaged	8.4%	27.4%

Source: Massachusetts Department of Education, District Profile 2015-2016

With respect to school facilities and district enrollment, it is important to remember that in April 2015 the School Committee and Board of Selectmen voted to submit an application to the Massachusetts School Building Authority to replace the Beal Early Childhood Center facility which was built in 1922. If we are invited into the Eligibility Phase the town will have 270 days to allocate resources for a Feasibility Study amongst other requirements.

### **Governance and Management**

Shrewsbury Public Schools is governed by a five-member school committee. Each member is elected by town-wide vote to serve a three-year term and members are on a staggered election schedule so that one or two members are up for election each year. The school committee elects its own chairperson, vice-chair, and secretary each year. Traditionally, members have rotated through these positions during their term to share leadership responsibilities.

Shrewsbury Public Schools is a preK-12 “municipal” district. While it is not a member of a regional vocational/technical high school like many surrounding communities, it does tuition approximately 125 high school students each year to Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School in Marlboro, MA.

The district Central Office is located in Town Hall and performs all of the district leadership and management functions. District administrators and building principals all report to the superintendent and the organizational structure and reporting relationships are detailed in the enclosed organizational chart. The Shrewsbury School Committee members and term expirations are listed below. The school committee typically meets on a bi-weekly basis and the meetings are broadcast on local cable television.

#### **School Committee**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
John Samia	Chair	2017
Sandra Fryc	Vice-Chair	2017
Erin Canzano	Secretary	2016
B. Dale Magee, M.D.	Member	2016
Jon Wensky	Member	2018

### Administrative Team

The administrative team also typically meets on a bi-weekly basis and rotates its meeting location across school buildings and Town Hall. When meeting in a school, the team takes time, as part of the agenda, to visit classrooms and then de-brief on their observations. Fortunately, there is relatively low turnover amongst the group. The superintendent has worked as an administrator in the district since 1997 and served as superintendent since 2009.

<b>Administrator</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>District/School</b>
Joseph Sawyer	Superintendent	District
Mary Beth Banios	Asst. Superintendent-Curriculum & Instruction	District
Patrick Collins	Asst. Superintendent-Finance & Operations	District
Barbara Malone	Director of Human Resources	District
Lisa Robinson	Director of Preschool Programs	Parker Road Preschool
Christian Girardi	Principal	Beal Early Childhood Center
Amy Clouter	Principal	Coolidge Elementary School
Lisa McCubrey	Principal	Floral Street School
Wendy Bell	Principal	Paton Elementary School
Bryan Mabie	Principal	Spring Street School
Jane Lizotte	Principal	Sherwood Middle School
Ann Jones	Principal	Oak Middle School
Todd Bazydlo	Principal	Shrewsbury High School

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

