



# SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

*School District of Springfield Township*

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## **PROFILE** **September 2020** **CEEB# 393515**

Principal – Dr. Charles E. Rittenhouse  
Ass't Principal – Dr. Scott M. Zraggen,  
Ass't Principal – Mr. Pierre A. LaRocco

Counselor-Elizabeth Barbone x 2009  
Counselor-Beth McDonnell x 2007  
Counselor- Bill Shearer x 2008

### *Community*

Springfield Township is located in suburban Philadelphia-adjacent to the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia. There are five communities in Springfield Township: Oreland, Flourtown, Laverock, Wyndmoor, and Erdenheim. The population is 19,500. The community is mainly residential with a low percentage of small businesses. Many occupations are represented in the parent group with over 70% in the business, professional, and commercial areas.

### *School*

Springfield Township High School is a comprehensive high school housing students in grades nine through twelve with a September 2020 enrollment of 753. The school provides programs in college preparatory courses along with extensive offerings in fine arts and technology.

The academic program includes eighteen (18) Advanced Placement Courses: Studio Art, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Literature, English Language, French Language, Spanish Language, German Language, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Biology, Environmental Science, Physics C, Physics II, US History, US Government, Psychology and Music Theory. Honors courses are offered in Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics and Science. Our World Languages conclude with an AP course. Quest is an enrichment program for our mentally gifted students. These students begin 9<sup>th</sup> grade with the study of Robotics and complete the program with their senior Quest project.

College courses are offered through a Dual Enrollment program with Montgomery County Community College. The Eastern Center for Arts and Technology also provides students with an opportunity to earn certification in a vocational area of study as well as college credit for advanced courses.

As a culminating graduation requirement, 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must complete Senior Thesis, a course that requires students to create an independent project based upon an area of their interest. To complete the project, students write a research paper and incorporate technology in a formal presentation to faculty and peers.

Students take three or four ninety-minute subjects a day (Intensive Block Scheduling) which allows for more in-depth subject content, a greater understanding of the material, and the promotion of active student participation.

Additional electives are available to students through Virtual High School (VHS), an independent learning experience via an online course using computer conferencing, bulletin board systems and e-mail interaction.

Springfield Township High School is accredited by the Middle States Association.

***Class Rank  
Computation &  
Interpretation***

Class rank is computed according to the recommendations of the NASSP and the AACRAO. To be ranked, a student must carry a minimum of six academic credits. All subjects are included except those optional pass/fail courses in minor subjects. The keen academic competition is reflected in the Final Grade Point Range of Averages (end of the 6th Semester) of the Class of 2020 by quintiles.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quintile - 4.489 – 4.0
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quintile - 3.989 – 3.667
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quintile - 3.652 – 3.309
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quintile - 3.297 – 2.816
- 5<sup>th</sup> Quintile - 2.809 – 1.375

Course levels are weighted as follows:

	A	B+	B	C+	C	D
<b>AP</b>	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	1
<b>Honors</b>	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5	1
<b>Academic</b>	4	3.5	3	2.5	2	1

***SAT Scores  
Class of 2020***

Springfield Township High School encourages all students to take the SAT. One hundred one of the one hundred fifty-eight members of the Class of 2020 took the SAT. The results are as follows:

<b>SAT:</b>	<u>National Average</u>	<u>Springfield Average</u>	
	Evidence Based Reading/Writing Mean - 580 Mathematics Mean – 570	Evidence Based Reading/Writing Mean - 574 Mathematics Mean – 582	
<b>ACT:</b>	<u>National Average</u>	<u>PA Average</u>	<u>Springfield Average</u>
	Composite – 20.7	Composite – 23.6	Composite – 22.9
<b>AP:</b>	<u>National Average</u>	<u>PA Average</u>	<u>Springfield Average</u>
	Calculus BC Mean – 3.74	Calculus BC Mean – 3.13	Calculus BC Mean – 3.82
	Biology Mean – 2.87	Biology – 3.08	Biology – 3.63
	US History Mean – 2.66	US History Mean – 2.90	US History Mean – 4.31

***Advanced  
Schooling for  
the Class of  
2020***

Percentage of total class continuing at:  
 4 year college ▶ 66%                      2 year college ▶ 19%  
 Total percentage of students continuing ▶ 85%

## ***STHS Covid-19 Update***

### Spring 2020

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, in-person instruction at STHS ended on March 12, 2020. For the remainder of the school year, asynchronous virtual instruction was provided to students. Letter grades were given for the fourth marking period based on performance from virtual learning. Final letter grades were provided to students based on an average of the two marking periods and the final exam.

### Fall 2020

Instruction began virtually for all students. Students participate in a synchronous learning model with district teachers following a typical school day schedule. Letter grades will be given based on student performance in the virtual setting. A decision regarding the continuation of virtual learning and/or in-person instruction will be made in the fall.

STHS students have chromebooks provided by the school district. For families without home internet access, the district has worked with them to get Internet access.