

Shawnee Mission West High School

Profile for 2019-2020

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Mission Statement

Shawnee Mission West establishes and upholds high standards that all students are expected to achieve through the creation of partnerships among teachers, students, parents, and the community that support student achievement in a safe and caring environment.

The Community

Spanning 72 square miles in northeast Johnson County, the **Shawnee Mission School District** serves the educational needs of Fairway, Lake Quivira, Leawood, Lenexa, Merriam, Mission, Mission Hills, Mission Woods, Overland Park, Prairie Village, Roeland Park, Shawnee, Westwood, and Westwood Hills. The third largest school district in Kansas, Shawnee Mission School District enjoys a diversified economic base. Currently, the district consists of five high schools, five middle schools, thirty-four elementary schools, Horizons Alternative High School and the Center for Academic Achievement. The district utilizes a K-6, 7-8, 9-12 grade level configuration.

The School

Shawnee Mission West High School opened in 1962 and is a comprehensive four-year high school enrolling 1,630 students in grades nine through twelve. There are 120 certified staff members, 90% of who hold graduate degrees, including 104 master's degrees, 2 educational specialist degrees, and 2 doctorate degrees. The staff has incredible teaching experience, averaging 18 years. Shawnee Mission West is accredited by the Kansas State Department of Education and holds membership in the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

The Curriculum

The academic program is organized on a modified block schedule, with the maximum load of 7 credits per year with 1 credit equaling 2 semesters. A minimum of 23.5 credits is required for graduation. Graduation requirements include 4 credits of English, 3 credits of social studies, 3 credits of mathematics, 3 credits of science, 1 credit of fine arts, 1 credit of physical education, ½ credit of health, ½ credit of financial literacy, and 7½ credits of electives.

Signature Programs

The Shawnee Mission School District offers Signature Programs in the area of Animation, Biotechnology, Medical Health Careers, Commercial Baking, Culinary Arts, Law Enforcement and Firefighting, and Project Lead the Way Engineering. Students can attend classes in these specialized curriculums to enhance their college and career readiness.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in Biology 2, Calculus AB and BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, European History, French 5, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Physics 1, Physics 2, Psychology, Spanish 5, Statistics, Studio Art, American Government and Politics, and United States History. In 2018-2019, 185 students sat for 316 exams. 63% percent of the 316 exams taken were scored 3 or higher.

Honors Courses are offered in sixteen areas: Computer Science Principles, Algebra 2, Biology 1, Chemistry 1, Advanced Debate, Calculus 3, Differential Equations, English 1 & 2, French 6, Geometry, German 4, Precalculus, Principles of Engineering, Spanish 6, and World Regional Studies.

College Now is a concurrent enrollment partnership program allowing students to obtain college credit while still in high school through **Johnson County Community College**. **Baker University** also has a concurrent credit program at West.

The West Way

SM West's goal is to provide a well-rounded educational experience for all students. Teachers, administrators, staff and students model positive behavior using the “**West Way**”, a series of positive behavior intervention supports (PBIS). Everyone works to be Safe, Responsible and Respectful in every aspect of their lives, at school, work and home. The “**Black and Gold Rule**” is to treat others as you would want to be treated.

National Merit

| Class of | # Graduates | Semifinalists | Commended |
|----------|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| 2020 | 362 | 1 | 4 |
| 2019 | 393 | 2 | 2 |
| 2018 | 393 | 2 | 5 |
| 2017 | 411 | 4 | 8 |
| 2016 | 367 | 2 | 2 |

ACT

| Class of | # Graduates | # Tested | Mean English | Mean Math | Mean Reading | Mean Science | Mean Composite |
|----------|-------------|----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2019 | 367 | 226 | 22.7 | 21.7 | 23.5 | 22.0 | 22.6 |
| 2018 | 405 | 265 | 22.2 | 21.6 | 22.9 | 21.9 | 22.3 |
| 2017 | 411 | 277 | 22.0 | 21.5 | 23.1 | 22.3 | 22.4 |
| 2016 | 348 | 241 | 22.3 | 21.7 | 23.8 | 22.6 | 22.7 |
| 2015 | 384 | 262 | 22.0 | 21.7 | 22.6 | 22.0 | 22.1 |

College Attendance History

- 367 students graduated in the Class of 2019.
- 89% of the graduating class will continue their education after high school.
- 17% matriculated to 4-year out-of-state institutions; 29% matriculated to 4-year in-state institutions; and 43% matriculated to 2-year institutions.

The following college list indicates those institutions attended by the class of 2019:

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| Allen Community College | Iowa State University | Park University |
| Arizona State University | Ithaca College | Pittsburg State University |
| Avila University | Jimmy Swaggart Bible College | Pratt Community College |
| Baker University | Johnson County Community College | Purdue University |
| Benedictine College | Kansas City Art Institute | Stephen's College |
| Brigham Young University | Kansas City Kansas Community College | The American Academy of Dramatic Arts |
| Coffeyville Community College | Kansas State University | University of Arizona |
| Conservatory of Recording Arts & Sciences | Lehigh University | University of Central Missouri |
| Creighton University | Lincoln University of Missouri | University of Kansas |
| DePaul University | Loyola University Chicago | University of Miami |
| Donnelly College | Mid-America Nazarene University | University of Missouri - Kansas City |
| Drake University | Missouri Southern State University | University of Nebraska - Lincoln |
| Emmaus Bible College | Missouri State University | University of Tulsa |
| Emporia State University | Missouri University of Science & Technology | University of Utah |
| Evangel University | Missouri Welding Institute | University of Wisconsin – La Crosse |
| Fort Scott Community College | Missouri Western State University | Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University |
| Fullerton College | North Carolina State University | Washburn University |
| Graceland University | Northern Arizona University | Wichita State University |
| Highland Community College | Northwest Missouri State University | William Jewell College |
| Indiana University | Ottawa University | |