Shawnee Mission School District is the third largest school district in Kansas. It is consistently ranked among the finest school districts nationwide for its high student performance. The district serves a diverse student population from 14 cities within northeast Johnson County, Kansas, which is 10 miles from downtown Kansas City, Missouri. The Shawnee Mission School District serves more than 27,000 students and employs more than 3,700 staff.

**HONORS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- U.S. News & World Report ranked Shawnee Mission high schools among the best in the nation. The publication also named Shawnee Mission high schools among the best in Kansas.

- Blake Fingalsen, kindergarten teacher at Rhein Benninghoven Elementary School, was named one of the best new educators in Kansas with the Horizon Award.

- A second-grade teacher was named a finalist for Kansas Teacher of the Year.

- The SkillsUSA high school and college culinary art national champions both trained at the Broadmoor Bistro and Culinary Arts and Hospitality program.

- A Shawnee Mission East junior and a Shawnee Mission Northwest junior, both Biotechnology Signature Program students, were named Kansas BioGENEius Finalists.

**OUR STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES:**

- Each student will have a personalized learning plan that will prepare them for college and careers, with the interpersonal skills they need for life success.

**OUR SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES**

- 34 Elementary Schools
- 5 Middle Schools
- 5 High Schools
- Horizons High School (grades 9-12)
- Arrowhead Day School (grades 1-12)
- Center for Academic Achievement (Signature Programs for grades 11-12)
- Career and Technical Campus (grades 11-12)
- Early Childhood Education Center (up to age 5)
- Pre-kindergarten is offered at 18 elementary schools.
- 90 percent of seniors graduated in 2019.
- Health Partnership Clinic – serves all students in the school district
OUR PROGRAMS

Signature Programs
Shawnee Mission Signature Programs provide high school students the opportunity to explore unique areas of study in preparation for specialized academic and future career opportunities. Students receive targeted instruction that is both rigorous and relevant. These specialized programs reflect our district’s commitment to providing quality educational opportunities that will enable students to be successful in future careers.

- Animation and Game Design
- Biotechnology
- Culinary Arts and Hospitality
- Engineering - Project Lead the Way
- Medical Health Science

Career and Technical Campus
This campus is home to the Project Blue Eagle program where students can explore four career paths - law enforcement, firefighting, EMT and the legal profession.

Career and Technical Education (CTE)
Provides relevant, hands-on coursework for high-skill, high-demand, high-wage career fields with up-to-date equipment and technology, professional learning experiences, leadership and competitive opportunities, life and career skill development, opportunity for college credit, and connection to business and industry.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Program
Offered at Shawnee Mission East, Shawnee Mission North, and Shawnee Mission Northwest, IB is an internationally recognized curriculum which provides the knowledge and critical-thinking skills students require to compete in a global context.

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Engineering Curriculum
Engineering curriculum is offered from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 of high school.

Digital Learning Initiative
Each student has 1:1 access to technology, opening up more options for students to learn.