



2020 - 2021 SHEPAUG VALLEY SCHOOL PROFILE

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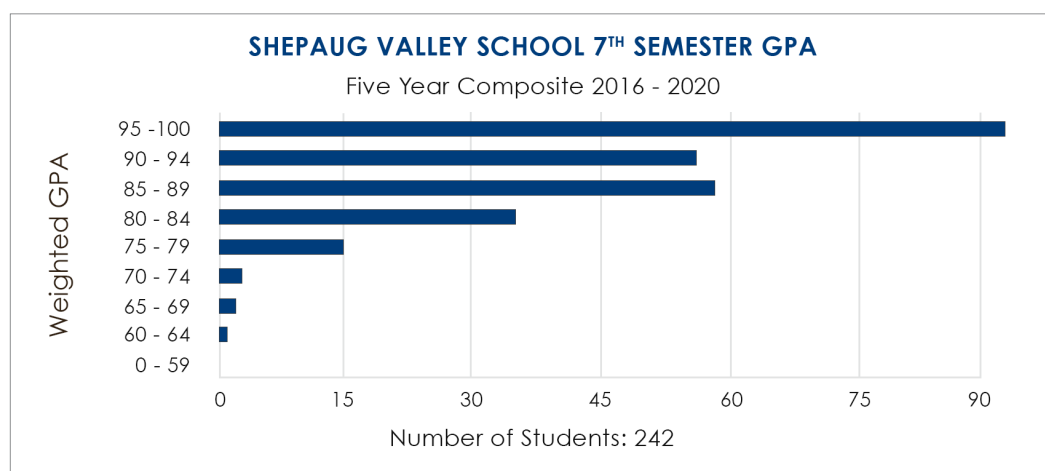
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Shepaug Valley School was completed in 1971 and designed to provide a quality education for the students of Bridgewater, Roxbury, and Washington, Connecticut and is also a school of choice for students in Sherman, Connecticut. Shepaug is a comprehensive public school grades 6-12 with an enrollment of 434 students, 284 of which are high school students, and 56 faculty members.

Commonly referred to as the Shepaug Experience, the learning community is known for rich and diverse programs, class sizes that maximize student engagement in intellectual pursuits, close relationships between teachers and students, and a reputation for excellence.



THE SHEPAUG EXPERIENCE

SVS Core Values: *Our learning community challenges and inspires us to demonstrate critical thinking, ethical behavior, creativity, and compassion each day in pursuit of intellectually curious and fulfilling lives as citizens of a dynamic, multicultural America and our global society.*

In order to uphold our Core Values and achieve our Learner Outcomes, Shepaug features a professionally equipped theater, an Olympic style swimming pool, and a well appointed technology and arts wing designed to introduce our students to a broad range of career, creative, and technological pursuits. The school provides state-of-the-art technology for student and teacher use. The library houses more than 12,500 print volumes, periodicals, and resource materials in a variety of media.

For the second year, Shepaug students will also have the opportunity to participate in an agriscience program, focusing on such topics as equine, animal, and plant systems; power, structural and technical systems; and food production and processing, including sustainable food production.

Covid-19: *On March 13th, 2020 the school year was altered to a distance learning environment. Students were given the choice to continue with traditional grading, or to utilize a pass fail approach.*

GRADING & GPA

GPA and grading are computed on a 100 point scale.

| Level | Weighting Factor |
|---------------------|------------------|
| AP/ECE | 1.20 |
| Honors | 1.15 |
| College Preparatory | 1.0 |

SVS STANDARD SCALE

| | |
|----|-------------|
| A+ | 97 - 100 |
| A | 93 - 96 |
| A- | 90 - 92 |
| B+ | 87 - 89 |
| B | 83 - 86 |
| B- | 80 - 82 |
| C+ | 77 - 79 |
| C | 73 - 76 |
| C- | 70 - 72 |
| D+ | 67 - 69 |
| D | 63 - 66 |
| D- | 60 - 62 |
| F | BELOW 60 |
| P | 60 - 89 |
| P+ | 90 OR ABOVE |

** Shepaug Valley School does not compute rank*

LEARNER OUTCOMES

Through culminating classroom projects, juniors and seniors have multiple opportunities to demonstrate competency in the identified Learner Outcomes necessary for graduation: Solving Problems, Defending Conclusions & Judgments, Engaging the Creative Process, and Answering a Call to Citizenship. These outcomes are demonstrated across the curriculum, and are based upon rigorous skill sets that prepare students for the twenty first-century.

ACADEMIC COMMITMENT

As part of our core values, Shepaug students have opportunities to earn Academic Commitment Recognition for each course, defined as follows:

- Showing ability to set long and short term goals
- Demonstrating purposeful commitment to classwork
- Exhibiting perseverance and achieving quality work

COMMUNITY SERVICE

To demonstrate our *Answering A Call To Citizenship* Learner Outcome, students complete a minimum of thirty hours of community service.

SHEPAUG VALLEY SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

75 GRADUATES

- 80% accepted to post-secondary education
- 76% accepted to four-year programs
- Total Community Service Hours 4,904

CLASS OF 2020 SAT RESULTS

Average

| | |
|---------|------|
| • Total | 1097 |
| • EBRW | 558 |
| • Math | 540 |

SHEPAUG STUDENTS: ACTIVE AND INVOLVED

Model United Nations: Last year, students participated in the annual *Model United Nations* conference hosted by Harvard University. 24 students spent four days in Boston collaborating with over 3,000 students from 34 countries. 18 Shepaug students represented the country of South Africa, while 6 served a highly competitive, specialized committees. In addition to General Assembly committees, several Shepaug students were accepted to highly competitive specialized committees.

Shepaug Dramatics: Students earned 12 nominations for the prestigious Halo Awards. Two students took home distinguished awards for Best Original Program Cover Design and Best Performance By a Leading Actor for *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Shepaug Art Awards:

Shepaug Valley School artists thrived in the 2020 school year. In addition to the *Connecticut Association of Schools Art Awards*, seven students were recognized by the *Alliance for Young Artists & Writers* for Gold and Silver Keys at the *Scholastic Art Awards* held at the Silpe Gallery at *The University of Hartford Art School*.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Calculus AB
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
English Literature & Composition
English Language & Composition
European History
Government & Politics
French
Spanish
Studio Art: Drawing
Studio Art: 2D & 3D Design

**Additional AP courses available through Virtual High School*

DUAL ENROLLMENT

UConn EARLY COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Calculus AB
Economics
English Literature & Composition
English Language & Composition
European History
Foundations of Western Thought
Environmental Science

HONORS

Geometry
Algebra II
Trigonometry
Pre-Calculus
Introduction to Physics
Biology
Chemistry
Anatomy & Physiology
Western Studies/ENG 9
Western Studies/SS 9
American Studies/ENG 10
American Studies/Civics/SS 10
World Literature/ENG 11
Modern World History/SS 11
French II, III & IV
Spanish II, III & IV
Studio Art I & II
Psychology
Entrepreneurship
Psychology
Investing
Creative Writing
The Great Books
Journalism

SENIOR PROJECT

Senior Project is a full year course that provides a real world culminating experience to our high school program. All students choose a unique project to research and develop through their senior year. Areas of evaluation include research, implementation, technology, interpersonal skills, and commitment. Shepaug seniors defend their senior projects at the end of the school year in public forums.

ACADEMIC COURSE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT:

<https://www.region-12.org/our-schools/shepaug-valley-school-6-12/academics>

ADDENDUM

SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING

ZOOM AND GOOGLE HANGOUTS

New learning occurred virtually through Google Hangouts and Zoom platforms. Shepaug teachers were innovative in their approaches to delve into new topics!

27-MINUTE CLASSES MONDAY-THURSDAY

Students were expected to attend virtually Monday-Thursday for just under a half an hour. Student's in need of assistance took advantage of extra help before school or on Friday

COMMUNICATE/COLLABORATE/CATCH UP FRIDAYS

Distance learning was not easy. Students, teachers, and families had to adapt to this new "normal." Fridays were a time where teachers could collaborate with each other, students could get additional help, and students could unplug!

FLEXIBLE GRADING

PASS WITH DISTINCTION/PASS/FAIL

Shepaug acknowledges that online learning is not the best format to learn for all students. In an effort to be fair with our grading system. Shepaug allowed for students to opt-in to the Pass with Distinction/Pass/Fail system instead of our traditional grading for the second semester. Students who elected this option who received a 90% or higher, received the "Pass with Distinction" honor.

STAYING CONNECTED/ACTIVITIES

KICK CORONA CHALLENGE

Shepaug Valley students created a social media page to keep students, staff, families, and community members engaged and connected during a time of uncertainty. Each day there was a new challenge. Whether our principal was singing and dancing, or our superintendent was doing cartwheels in her basement, Shepaug students understood the value of laughter and connection during these difficult times.

CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNSELORS

The Shepaug Valley School Counseling and Support Services Team hosted virtual "Conversations with Counselors" once per week for each grade level. This virtual meeting was a place where kids could go to interact with peers, catch up with the support team, or come to talk privately with specific concerns.

SPARTAN GAMES

Celebrating has been challenging since the beginning of the pandemic. The Class of 2020 kicked off the first ever, "Spartan Games." This virtual challenge was a team competition in lieu of classes their final week. Activities included: Shepaug Faculty Trivia, Murder Mystery, and the Weirdest Scavenger Hunt Ever.

SHEPAUG VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR'S RENDITION OF "I'M NOTHING WITHOUT YOU"

HORSE CHALLENGE

No sports? That's ok. Shepaug's students and staff competed in the Horse Challenge. This shot-based basketball competition ignited school spirit. Whether it was our athletic directors hysterical commentary, or our Director of School Counseling's first ever TikTok video, Shepaug looked for every way to make the most of the situation.

CELEBRATIONS

VIRTUAL DECISION DAY

Quarantine did not stop the SVS Class of 2021 from celebrating their college, career, or military plans together. This was a small glimpse of just how together this senior class was.

DRIVE-IN GRADUATION AT BRIDGEWATER FAIR GROUNDS

"The greatest graduation ceremony I have ever been to." This was the quote that was heard from many students, family members, and staff members. Started with a car parade through Region 12 and led to a drive in movie screen, rows upon rows of family members and graduates in their cars, cars honking, confetti blasters, what a scene it was!