

PROFILE Class of 2021



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Community Information

Founded in 1958, Shawnee Mission East is one of five high schools in the Shawnee Mission School District located in the suburban Kansas City area. Parts of eight cities — Fairway, Leawood, Mission Hills, Mission Woods, Prairie Village, Overland Park, Westwood and Westwood Hills—are included in the East attendance area. East is in a residential area of largely middle to upper-middle-class families with a population base exceeding 50,000.

Accreditation

Shawnee Mission East is a comprehensive four-year public high school with a strong emphasis on college preparation. Typically, more than 90 percent of its graduates seek higher education; however, the school's curriculum is designed to meet the academic needs of the entire student body. The curriculum includes career and technical education programs and easy access to the Center for Academic Achievement. An extensive special education program is available to students with exceptional academic needs. East delivers these services under the accreditation of the Kansas State Department of Education.

Staff

Shawnee Mission East has 115 certified staff members, 87 of whom have a master's degree; 3 have earned doctorates. The East staff shows remarkable stability, averaging 18 years of teaching experience. The current ratio of certified staff to students is 1 to 20.

Programs of Special Interest

Advanced Placement — Rigorous college preparatory courses are offered in all content areas and students may earn advanced standing and college credit through Advanced Placement (AP) testing and concurrent enrollment college courses.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program — This rigorous European-style college preparatory program offers highly motivated, academically talented students an opportunity for in-depth scholarship and meaningful community service. The IB diploma is recognized in 90 countries and may qualify graduates for college credits at more than 3,300 colleges and universities. Students may also earn IB certificates by taking at least two IB courses during junior and senior year.

College Now and Quick Step Programs — These dual credit programs allow students to earn college credit while still in high school.

SHARE Program — Through our nationally recognized service program SHARE, students at East volunteer more than 25,000 hours annually to important groups such as the homeless and special needs children.

Career Development — Signature and Technical Education programs at East include marketing education, business technology, pre-engineering and computer-aided design, law and public service, culinary arts, medical health science, intro to biotechnology, and animation and game design.

Fine Arts Department — East's diverse fine arts program has helped students earn local, state, and national recognition. More than 2/3 of the student population is actively involved.

Graduation Requirements Class of 2021— TOTAL of 23.5 units

English	4 units	Shawnee Mission East implemented a modified block schedule during the 2021-2022 school year. Students attend seven periods on Mondays; Hours 1, 3, 5, 7 (odd hours) on Wednesdays and Fridays; and Hours 2, 4, 6 (even hours) and Seminar on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The goal of the Seminar program is to provide additional time during the school day for academic support. Shawnee Mission Public Schools do not rank students.
Social Studies	3 units	
Mathematics	3 units	
Science	3 units	
(1 biological, 1 physical – 1 must be a lab course)		
Fine Arts	1 unit	
Phys. Ed/Health	1.5 units	
Financial Literacy	.5 unit	
Elective Courses	7.5 units	

Grade Points, Scale and Transcript Notations

A = 4 points *	A = 90 — 100	NG = No Grade	E = Excused
B = 3 points *	B = 80 — 89	N = No Credit	P = Passing
C = 2 points	C = 70—79	W = Withdrawn	
D = 1 points	D = 60—69		
F = 0 points	F = 0—59		* See “Honor Grade Points” below

Honor Grade Points

To recognize the higher expectations for students in Honors, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses, SME awards honor grade points. For certain advanced courses an A earns 5 points and a B earns 4 points. Other grades earn points as indicated above.

Advanced Placement courses available: AP/H Biology (11-12); AP/H Calculus AB (11-12); AP/H Calculus BC (11-12); AP/H Chemistry 2 (11-12); AP/H Computer Science A (10-12); AP/H English Language & Composition (11); AP/H English Literature & Composition (12); AP/H Environmental Science (11-12); AP/H European History (10-12); AP/H French Language (11-12); AP/H Latin Vergil (12); AP/H Macroeconomics (10-12); AP/H Microeconomics (10-12); AP/H Physics 1 (11-12); AP/H Physics 2 (11-12); AP/H Psychology (11-12); AP/H Spanish Language (11-12); AP/H Studio Art Drawing (12); AP/H Studio Art 2D (12); AP/H Studio Art 3D (12); AP/H US Government & Politics (12); and AP/H US History (11-12). **Last year, 453 students took 861 Advanced Placement examinations; 62.9% scored 3 or higher.** SME offers 23 AP courses.

Honors classes include: H Algebra 2 (9-12); H Biology (9); H Debate, Adv. (10-12); H English (9-12); H Geometry (9-12); H Music Theory (11-12); H Precalculus (10-12); H Principles of Engineering (10-12); H Computer Science Principles (9-12); H Biotechnology (10-12), and H World Regional Studies (9) H Cybersecurity (10-12).

International Baccalaureate Classes include: IB American Government HL(H) (12); IB Biology 2 SL(H) (11-12); IB Chemistry 1 SL(H)(11-12); IB Chemistry 2 SL(H) (11-12); IB Discrete Math HL(H) (11-12); IB English HL 1(H) (11); IB English HL 2(H) (12); French 3IB (11); IB French 4 SL (11-12); IB French 5 SL(H) (11-12); IB French 5 HL(H) (11); IB French 6 SL(H) (12); IB French 6 HL(H) (12); IB History of the Americas HL 1(H) (11); IB History of the Americas HL 2(H) (12); IB Dance SL 1 (11-12); IB Dance SL 2 (11-12); IB Dance Troupe HL 1 (11); IB Dance Troupe HL 2 (12); IB Latin 4 SL(H) (12); IB Latin 4 HL(H) (12); IB Math SL 1(H) (11); IB Math SL 2(H) (11-12); IB Math HL 1(H) (11); IB Math HL 2(H) (12); IB Music Theory SL(H) (11-12); IB Music Theory HL(H) (12); IB Physics 1 SL(H) (11-12); IB Physics 2 SL(H) (11-12); IB Psychology HL 1(H) (11); IB Psychology HL 2(H) (12); Spanish 3 IB (11); IB Spanish 4 SL (11-12); IB Spanish 5 SL(H) (11-12); IB Spanish 5 HL(H) (11); IB Spanish 6 SL(H) (12); IB Spanish 6 HL(H) (12); IB Statistics SL(H) (11-12); IB Theory of Knowledge (11-12); IB Visual Arts SL 1 (11-12); IB Visual Arts HL 1(11); IB Visual Arts SL 2(H) (12); and IB Visual Arts HL 2(H) (12).

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Statistical Profile

National Merit

Class of	# of Graduates	Semifinalists	Commended
2021	436	5	1
2020	408	7	10
2019	441	6	12
2018	433	3	11
2017	359	7	12

Statistical Profile (continued)

ACT

Class of	# of Graduates	# Tested	Mean English	Mean Math	Mean Reading	Mean Science	Mean Comp
2021	436	394	23.8	22.9	24.8	23.4	23.9
2020	408	370	25.2	23.8	26.1	24.3	25.0
2019	441	354	25.6	24.1	25.9	24.8	25.2
2018	433	362	26.3	24.1	26.6	24.8	25.6
2017	359	323	26.1	24.3	26.8	25.1	25.7

East's PTA includes some 1,097 members and has received national awards for its comprehensive support. Other parent groups include Friends of the Arts and All Sports Booster Club.

Student Activities

Athletics

Baseball	Boys	Golf	Boys/Girls	Tennis	Boys/Girls
Basketball	Boys/Girls	Gymnastics	Girls	Track	Boys/Girls
Bowling	Boys/Girls/Unified	Soccer	Boys/Girls	Volleyball	Girls
Cross-Country	Boys/Girls	Softball	Girls	Wrestling	Boys
Football	Boys	Swimming	Boys/Girls		

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Baking Club	Ethics Club	International Club	New to East Club
Bollywood Dance Club	Everytown for Gun Safety	Intramurals	Pep Club
Bridge Politics	Fellowship/Christian Athletes	Jewish Student Union	Robotics
Categories Team	Feminist Club	Lacrosse	Science Club
Coalition	Friends of the Library	Latin Club	SHARE
DECA	Gay Straight Alliance	Link Crew	Student Council
Diversity & Inclusion	Glow Club	Math Club	Youth in Government
Environmental Club	Graphic Novel Club	Model United Nations	Young Starz

Musical Activities

Blue Knights Jazz Band	Concert Orchestra	Pep Band
Chamber Singers	Marching Band	Symphonic Band

Dramatic and Support Activities

Fall Play	Repertory Theater	Stage Crew
Musical	Spring Play	Thespians

Spirit Groups

Cheerleaders (Freshmen)	Cheerleaders (Sophomore)	Drill/Dance Team
Cheerleaders (JV)	Cheerleaders (Varsity)	Heralders

Honorary Organizations

French National Honor Society
National Art Honor Society
National Honor Society
Quill & Scroll
Spanish National Honor Society

Literary Publications

Harbinger
HauberK
Freelancer

Co-Curricular Activities

Competitive Speech and Drama
Debate
Mock Trial
National Forensic League

2021 College Admissions' Acceptances

Alabama A&M
American University
Arizona State University
Austin Community College
Avila University
Baker University
Baylor University
Benedictine College
Bethel College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brewster Academy
Brigham Young University
Central Methodist University
Chapman University
College of the Atlantic
College of William and Mary
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Cornell College
Conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences
Creighton University
Denison University
Denver University
Depauw University
Drake University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emporia State University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Grand Canyon University
Hillsborough Community College
Hillsdale College
Horry Georgetown Technical College
Icon Collective
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indian River State College
Indiana University—Bloomington
Iowa State University
John Brown University
Johnson County Community College
Kansas State University
Lewis University
Longview Community College
Loyola Marymount University
Manhattan Christian College
Mesa Community College
Metropolitan Community College
Miami University—Oxford
Missouri State University
Missouri University of Science & Technology
Missouri Valley College
Missouri Western State University
Mount Holyoke College
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Parsons School of Design—the New School
Pensacola State College
Pepperdine University
Pittsburg State University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Purdue University
Quincy University
Regis University
Rockhurst University
Saint Louis University
Stanford University
Texas Christian University
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of British Columbia
University of California—Davis
University of Central Missouri
University of Colorado—Boulder
University of Denver
University of Georgia
University of Illinois Urbana—Champaign
University of Illinois—Chicago
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota—Twin Cities
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of Missouri—Kansas City
University of Nebraska—Lincoln
University of New Mexico
University of Northern Colorado
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Portland
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
University of Southern Florida
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin—Madison
Vrije University—Amsterdam
Wake Forest University
Western Michigan University
Wichita State University
William Jewell College