

Shawnee Mission West High School

Profile for 2022-2023

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STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Laura Raney, A – E
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Mission Statement

Shawnee Mission West will create an equitable and caring environment with high standards to promote student success.

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, the Center for Academic Achievement, and the Career and Technical Campus. 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 1,625 students in grades nine through twelve. There are 123 certified staff members, 87% of who hold graduate degrees, including 103 master's degrees, 2 educational specialist degrees, and 5 doctorate degrees. One of our staff members earned a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in school counseling. The staff has incredible teaching experience, averaging 17 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

Our 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. **Students receive an additional grade point in honors and AP classes for grades of A or B. We do not rank students.**

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in Calculus AB and BC, 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 2021-2022, 185 students sat for 323 exams. 52% percent of the 323 exams taken were scored 3 or higher. Students receive an additional grade point in honors and AP classes for grades of A or B.

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

Dual Credit

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

Signature Programs

The Shawnee Mission School District offers Signature Programs in the areas 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.

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
2023	370	1	N/A
2022	386	2	1
2021	371	2	N/A
2020	354	1	4
2019	367	2	2

ACT

Class of	# Graduates	# Tested	Mean English	Mean Math	Mean Reading	Mean Science	Mean Composite
2022	386	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
2021	371	319	18.1	18.9	19.9	19.5	19.2
2020	354	249	21	20.7	22.5	21.7	21.6
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

Student Activities -Athletics

Baseball – Boys	Basketball – Boys/Girls	Bowling – Boys/Girls
Cheerleading – Boys/Girls	Cross-Country – Boys/Girls	Dance/Drill Team- Boys/Girls
Football - Boys	Golf- Boys/Girls	Gymnastics – Girls
Soccer – Boys/Girls	Softball - Girls	Swimming – Boys/Girls
Tennis – Boys/Girls	Track – Boys/Girls	Volleyball – Girls
Wrestling – Boys/Girls		

Honorary Organizations

French National Honor Society
National Art Honor Society
National Honor Society
Quill & Scroll
Spanish National Honor Society
Tri M Music Honor Society

Literary Publications

Newspaper (The Epic)
Yearbook (The Saga)
Literary Magazine (Out of Hand)

Co-Curricular Activities

Competitive Speech & Drama
Debate
Mock Trial

Clubs

Academic Decathlon	Black Student Union	Categories	Dungeons & Dragons
DECA	Environmental Club	FCA	French Club
Future Educators	Gay-Straight Alliance	German Club	Link Crew
Latinos of Tomorrow	Mathletics	Multicultural Leaders	Pep Club
Spanish Club	Student Council	Video Game	Young Democrats

College Attendance History

- 386 students graduated in the Class of 2022.
- 73% of the graduating class will continue their education after high school.
- 15% matriculated to 4-year out-of-state institutions; 24% matriculated to 4-year in-state institutions; and 34% matriculated to 2-year institutions.

The following college list indicates those institutions attended by the class of 2022:

Avila University	Kansas City Kansas Community College	Sterling College
Baker University	Kansas State University	Tennessee State University
Brigham Young University - Idaho	Kansas Wesleyan University	Truman State University
Brigham Young University - Provo	Kenyon College	University of Arkansas
Butler Community College	Langston University	University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff
Bulter College	Lincoln University	University of Central Missouri
Culver Stockton College	Linn-Benton Community College	University of Colorado
Donnelly College	Metropolitan Community College	University of Kansas
Drury University	MidAmerica Nazarene University	University of Missouri - Kansas City
Eastern Michigan University	Missouri Southern State University	University of Missouri Science and Technology
Fashion Institute of Design Merchandising	Missouri Welding Institute	University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Fashion Institute of Technology	Missouri Western State University	University of Nebraska - Kearney
Fort Hays State University	Nebraska Wesleyan University	University of St Mary's
Fort Scott Community College	Ottawa University	University of Wisconsin - Parkside
Goshen College	Pittsburgh State University	Wellesley College
Hawaii Pacific University	Rockhurst University	West Virginia University
Illinois College	Saint Louis University	Wichita State University
Indian Hill community College	Sam Houston State University	Wichita State University Tech
Iowa State University	Simpson College	William Jewell College
Johnson County Community College	Southern Illinois University	