NATIONALLY RANKED
SM East, SM North, SM Northeast, SM South, and SM West are all ranked on the US News and World Report list of Best High Schools in the United States. Shawnee Mission East was ranked #2 in the state of Kansas.

BEST AMONG THE BEST
Roesland Elementary was named a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education based on academic progress and progress in closing achievement gaps among student groups on assessments.

In 2023, Dr. Todd Dain, SM South principal, was named Kansas Principal of the Year by the Kansas Principals Association.

In 2023, Dr. Michelle Hubbard, Superintendent, was named Kansas State Superintendent of the Year by the Kansas Superintendent Association.

SEAL OF BILITERACY
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JOURNALISM HONORS
The National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) consistently honors Shawnee Mission journalists for excellence in student publications. The NSPA recognized Shawnee Mission Northwest, Shawnee Mission North, and Shawnee Mission East High Schools on its “Pacemaker 100” list, honoring the top 100 student-run publications of the past 100 years.

APPLE DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS
Bluejacket-Flint, Briarwood, Broken Arrow, and Trailwood Elementary Schools, and Shawnee Mission South High School have been recognized as Apple Distinguished Schools. Apple Distinguished Schools are considered to be among the most innovative schools in the world for the ways they inspire creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking among students.

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES
Signature Programs offer the opportunity to explore unique areas of study in biotechnology, culinary arts and hospitality, engineering, law and public safety, animation and game design, sustainability and urban agriculture, and medical health science. International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement offerings for high school students are also available. Signature Program students consistently shine in national and international competitions including NASA Hunch, National Pro-Start Invitational, National SkillsUSA, CyberPatriot, MITRE eCTF, and Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair.

OUR SCHOOLS
34 elementary schools
5 middle schools
5 high schools
5 district centers

TEACHERS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES
78 percent of educators hold a Master’s or Doctorate degree

STUDENTS AND STAFF
Nearly 28,500 students
More than 3,800 employees

FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE
Shawnee Mission continues to have the lowest mill levy rate of any school district in Johnson County.

FORBES BEST EMPLOYERS BY STATE
Ranked among the top 15 in Kansas in 2013

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$3 BILLION
Amount of scholarship dollars offered to Shawnee Mission juniors and seniors through the Scholarship Shawnee Mission program offered by the Shawnee Mission Education Foundation in 2023.

A
Overall grade from Niche.com. Ranked among the top 10 districts in Kansas.

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