



2025 - 2026 SHEPAUG VALLEY SCHOOL PROFILE

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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. In the fall of 2019 the Agriscience Academy at Shepaug opened, welcoming students from 10 surrounding towns and current Region 12 students who are passionate about a future in Agriscience. Shepaug is a comprehensive public school grades 6-12 with an enrollment of 480 students, 348 of which are high school students, 165 are Agriscience Academy students and 60 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, a planetarium, and a well appointed arts and technology wing equipped with a television studio and 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.

Shepaug's Agriscience Academy completed its seventh year of operation offering pathways in animal science, equine science, plant systems, food science and power, structural & technical systems. All Agriscience Academy students will benefit from classroom and laboratory instruction, Supervised Agricultural Experience, and membership in the National FFA Organization. All three components create a holistic, layered-learning platform for students.

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

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

* 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

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.

SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE (SAE)

All Agriscience Academy students are required to complete a Supervised Agricultural Experience annually. The SAE is an integral part of their agricultural education that allows students to demonstrate what was learned in the classroom but also provides the student the opportunity for mastery based learning. Among numerous other benefits, students can gain experience in agriculture and/or agriculturally related areas. Along with classroom/laboratory instruction the SAE program truly prepares students to be college and career ready.

SHEPAUG VALLEY SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

- 87% accepted to post-secondary education
- 74% accepted to four-year programs
- Total Community Service Hours 6,981

CLASS OF 2025 CT SAT SCHOOL DAY

Average

- Total1045
- EBW540
- Math505

SHEPAUG STUDENTS: ACTIVE AND INVOLVED

MODEL UNITED NATIONS: The Model United Nations team participated in the Harvard Model United Nations last year. 23 students attended the conference as delegates. There were students from 46 different countries at the conference that totaled over 3,500 students. We represented the countries of Montenegro and Mongolia. Students served on a variety of different committees, including economic, financial and humanitarian committees.

ATHLETICS: During the 2024–2025 school year, Shepaug Valley School celebrated remarkable success in athletics, with the boys soccer, girls field hockey and boys basketball teams capturing Connecticut state championships. These achievements reflect the exceptional skill, dedication, and teamwork of our student-athletes.

AGRISCIENCE: Our Agriscience program continues to excel on both state and national stages. Our students earned the title of National Silver Medal Team in two Career Development Events: Meat Evaluation and Dairy Cattle Evaluation. At the Connecticut State level, our teams achieved 1st place in Food Science, Meat Evaluation, and Parliamentary Procedure CDEs—showcasing their diverse agricultural knowledge and leadership skills. Further, two of our students received Bronze Agricultural Proficiency Awards for their outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs).

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

- Calculus AB
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- English Literature & Composition
- English Language & Composition
- European History
- Government & Politics
- French
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Studio Art: Drawing
- Studio Art: 2D & 3D Design
- *Additional AP courses available through Virtual High School*

DUAL ENROLLMENT

- UConn Early College Experience
- College Physics
- Economics
- English Language & Composition
- European History
- Behavior/Training of Domestic Animals
- Intro. to Companion Animal Mgmt.

HONORS

- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus
- Calculus
- Physics 9
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Psychology
- 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

SEAL OF BILITERACY

Shepaug Valley is proud to offer the Connecticut Seal of Biliteracy to recognize students who have attained proficiency in English and one or more languages by high school graduation. Twelve Shepaug students in the Class of 2025 earned the biliteracy seal.

ACADEMIC COURSE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT:

WWW.REGION-12.ORG/OUR-SCHOOLS/SHEPAUG-VALLEY-SCHOOL-6-12/ACADEMICS/COURSES-SYLLABI

PROGRAM OF STUDIES:

WWW.REGION-12.ORG/OUR-SCHOOLS/SHEPAUG-VALLEY-SCHOOL-6-12/ACADEMICS/PROGRAM-OF-STUDIES