

# Top 10 Reasons Families Choose the

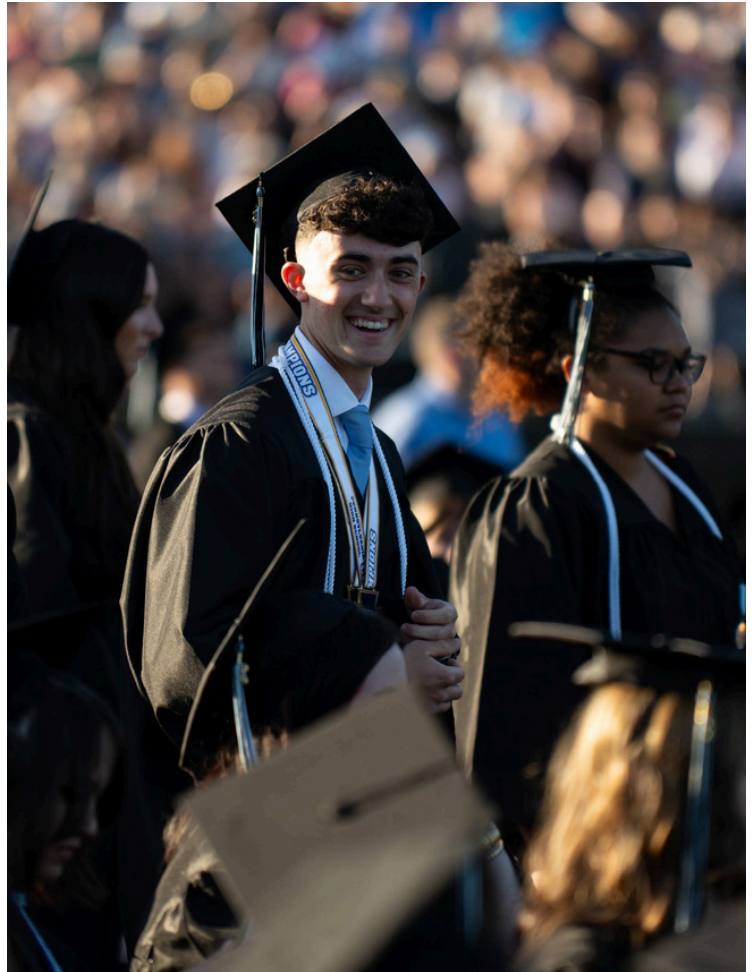
# *Seneca Valley School District*



## 1. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

As one of the region's largest school districts, Seneca Valley offers one of Western Pennsylvania's most comprehensive academic programs with **426 secondary courses** and more than **100 Advanced Placement, College in High School and Honors classes**. The District also tailors educational experiences to students' interests and goals with a wide range of career and technical education, fine arts, specialized electives and flexible learning opportunities. The success of our graduates reflects the strength of these opportunities. Seneca Valley alumni have gone on to attend Ivy League schools, prestigious colleges and universities, military academies, vocational and apprenticeship programs, and careers in military service. Whether pursuing higher education, technical training or service to their country, our graduates are well prepared for their future.

Just as importantly, many Seneca Valley graduates choose to remain in the region or return after completing their education. Alumni often credit their positive experiences and the strong sense of community fostered at Seneca Valley for inspiring them to build careers, raise families and give back to the communities that helped shape their success.



## 2. INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Seneca Valley's commitment to excellence is reflected in its investment in learning environments designed for today's students and tomorrow's success. In 2021, Seneca Valley opened a state-of-the-art Aquatics Center featuring an eight-lane competition pool. Ehrman Crest Elementary and Middle School received international acclaim when the school was **recognized by TIME Magazine and Smithsonian Magazine as a model for the future of education** in 2022. Currently, construction is underway on a new Intermediate High School and Performing Arts Center that will further expand student opportunities for generations to come.



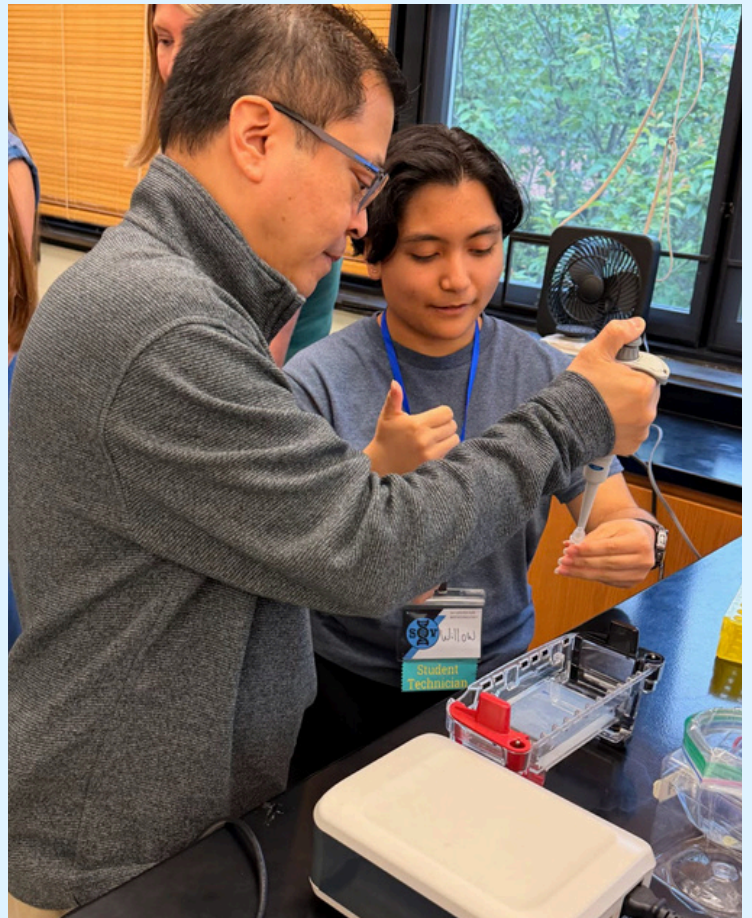
### 3. NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED

Seneca Valley strives to prepare students for the future and to help define what the future of education looks like. The District has earned awards at the local, state and national levels, including the **League of Innovative Schools** and the **Pennsylvania School Boards Association's Best PA Schools** recognition. These honors reflect Seneca Valley's ongoing commitment to innovation, excellence and student-centered learning.

### 4. INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS YOU WON'T FIND ANYWHERE ELSE

The Seneca Valley **Biotechnology Genetics Lab** is a state-of-the-art student research facility and the **only high school biotechnology lab of its kind in Pennsylvania**. Forged through partnerships with the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, Allegheny College, Penn State University, United States Department of Interior and The Grable Foundation, the Center for Biotechnology provides a supportive environment where students engage in authentic genetic research and gain valuable hands-on experience typically only found at the collegiate level.

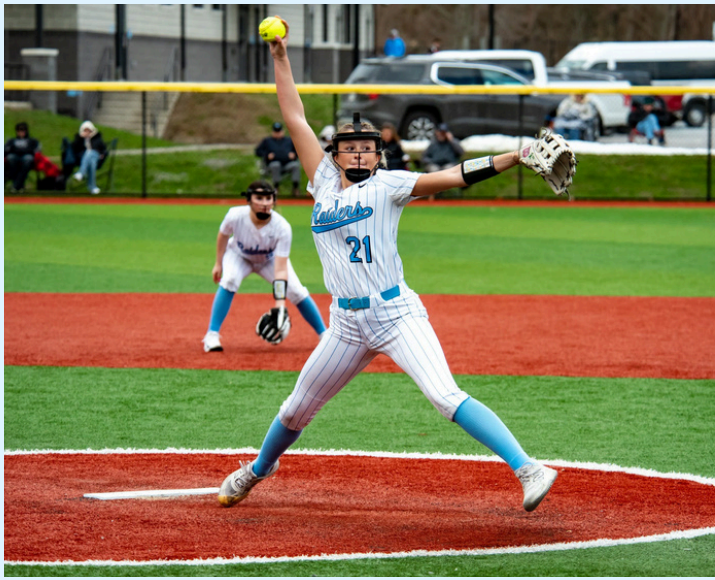
The Graduation Capstone Project also extends beyond the traditional classroom experience. The project is a year-long experience that empowers students to explore a personal interest, career pathway or community need through research and project development. At the conclusion of the project, students present their project to a board of educators.



### 5. CAREER READINESS

Seneca Valley students have access to a variety of hands-on learning opportunities, including job-shadowing experiences and partnerships with local businesses and industry leaders. Nearly **200 Seneca Valley students attended the Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School (Vo-Tech)** during the 2025-2026 school year, where they gained real-world experience and **certification** in fields such as welding, construction, HVAC, automotive technology, healthcare and cosmetology. Each spring, Seneca Valley sends **every eighth-grade student**, more than 600 annually, to participate in a District-sponsored tour and career exploration program at the Vo-Tech.





## 6. CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

As a **6A school**, Seneca Valley athletes compete at the peak of Pennsylvania athletics and have seen six team and multiple individual PIAA champions. Each year, more than **1,900 students** in grades 7-12 participate across **100 athletic teams**, representing nearly **40%** of the student body. Opportunities are available for all students, including Unified Bocce, which serves 150 students in grades 5-12 annually. Beyond athletics, more than **1,600 secondary students** participate in clubs and extracurricular activities. There are truly opportunities for every student.

## 7. AWARD-WINNING ARTS AND MUSIC PROGRAMS

For the **fourth consecutive year**, Seneca Valley has been recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation as one of the Best Communities for Music Education, a national honor that reflects the District's sustained commitment to exceptional music education. Students of all ages have opportunities to participate in a wide range of instrumental, vocal, theater and visual arts classes and programs. Long recognized for excellence in the fine and performing arts, Seneca Valley students have earned **hundreds of regional, state and national honors** over the years, showcasing the talent, dedication and creativity found throughout the District.



## 8. SCHOOL CHOICE THAT FITS YOUR FAMILY

Families in the Seneca Valley School District are part of a vibrant, connected community that is supported by **nine** exceptional neighborhood schools that serve students grades K-12. Alongside these brick-and-mortar schools, the District also offers its own hybrid or full-time in-house cyber option, the Seneca Valley Academy of Choice (SVAOC). Now in its 20th year, SVAOC continues to strengthen the Seneca Valley community by providing flexible learning pathways guided by Pennsylvania-certified teachers. Students also benefit from in-person support and a sense of belonging through the **Cranberry Township Drop-In Center**, where they can connect, learn and receive help as needed. Few school districts in Western Pennsylvania can match the depth, diversity and flexibility of educational experiences available at Seneca Valley.

## 9. A COMMITMENT TO STUDENT WELLNESS AND STUDENT SUPPORT

Student success starts with student well-being. Recognizing the important role sleep plays in learning and development, Seneca Valley utilizes later start times, with secondary students (grades 7-12) beginning their day at 8 a.m. and elementary students (grades K-6) beginning at 9 a.m. Additionally, the District's **Bell-to-Bell-No-Cell** policy helps students remain engaged in learning while encouraging positive social relationship behaviors and interactions. Equally committed to ensuring every student has access to the support and resources needed to reach their full potential, Seneca Valley has comprehensive special education services, individualized programming and strong family partnerships. Seneca Valley also offers a Transition Program that helps students develop vocational and independent living skills as they prepare for adulthood.



## 10. A DIVERSE LEARNING COMMUNITY

Seneca Valley students learn alongside classmates from around the world, representing **43 countries** and speaking **32 different languages**. Additionally, District students begin global learning early through elementary world language instruction and continue through innovative programs such as the Seneca Valley Academy of Choice Cyber Program. This diverse learning environment helps students develop a broader perspective and prepares them to succeed in an increasingly interconnected world.

