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### AN INVITATION

You are welcome to visit **Sterling High School**, but please call **(856) 784-1333 Ext: 2** to arrange this appointment in advance.

#### STERLING AREA

Location: Suburban residential community approximately 7 miles southeast of Camden, NJ part of Philadelphia, PA metropolitan area.

Size: Population 19,305 (2010) census. Sending District of **Magnolia** (4332), **Somerdale** (5151), **Stratford** (7044), **Laurel Springs** (1908) and **Hi-Nella** (870).

# STERLING HIGH SCHOOL

#### **Sterling is a 9-12 Regional High School**

Approved, New Jersey Department of Education (2013 NJQSAC)

Education Cost Per Pupil: \$15,705 Total Current Expense: \$16,452,152

Equalized Valuation Per Student: \$409,047 Regional Equalization: \$343,599,804

Regional # of Students: 840

Students in Grades 9-12 (10/15/2018) 957 Students in Present Senior Class: 246

Drop-out Rate: 1.7%

Attendance Rate / Students: 94.7 % Attendance Rate / Staff: 91.4 %

#### FACULTY/ADMINISTRATION

Doctorate Degrees: 0 Master Degrees: 38 Bachelor Degrees: 54

Average years Teaching Experience of Faculty: 13.9

#### CLASS RANK

Preliminary class rank is computed at the end of the junior year. Final class rank is computed after the third quarter of the senior year. All subjects, regardless of the number of credits they receive, are considered for ranking purpose. A weighted system is used and grades earned in AP classes, senior honors classes, and junior honors classes receive additional quality points. All students in the class are ranked together.

## **LETTER GRADE VALUE**

The grade point scale is:

A	93-100	Outstanding
В	85-92	Above Average
C	77-84	Average
D	70-76	Below Average
F	50-69	Failing
I	Incomplete	•

## SCHOOL DAY AND CREDIT

Students have four (4) 80 minute blocks each semester.

Ten (10) credit courses meet 5 days/week for 80 minutes each day for the entire year.

Five (5) credit courses meet 5 days/week for 80 minutes each day for one semester (18 weeks).

Two and a half  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  credit courses meet 5 days/weeks for 80 minutes each day for 9 weeks.

#### **CURRICULUM**

The curriculum is an open, comprehensive curriculum. For graduation, students must earn 130 credits including:

- 22.5-25 credits in English, including English Composition
- 15 credits in Math, including Algebra I, Geometry, and a third year that builds on the concepts and skills of Algebra I & Geometry
- 10 credits in U.S. History
- 5 credits in World History
- 5 credits in Biological Science
- 5 credits in Physical Science
- 5 credits in Laboratory/Inquiry-based Science course
- 5 credits in World Language
- 20 credits in Physical Education & Health
- 5 credits in Practical Arts
- 5 credits in Fine Arts
- 2.5 credits in Financial, Economic, Business Literacy

Advanced Placement is offered in English III (Language & Composition), English IV (Literature & Composition), U.S. History, U.S. Government & Politics, Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Spanish, Music Theory and Art History.

Honors courses are offered in English I-IV, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Human Biology, World History, United States History I and II, Criminal Justice, World Language, Business, Fine Arts, Naval Science, and Technology.

Dual Credit opportunities are available with Camden County College, Rutgers University and Stockton University.

Special Programs in career are offered.

Computer technology is school-wide and technology is integrated throughout all course. Four hundred internet connected computers and networked labs are located in the Media Center, Technology Department and TV Studio. Additional computer labs are located throughout the school, and Sterling is in its third year implementation of 1:1 student devices. Currently, approximately 75% of Sterling students are outfitted with a computer device.

Sterling has its own television and radio studios and offers courses in Television Production, Radio Broadcasting, and Digital Photography. In addition, the Sterling High School Education Access Channel broadcasts to the community.

Sterling students have the opportunity to participate in academic, athletic and cultural activities through numerous organizations and teams.

Senior Experience partner's readiness with structured learning experiences (SLE) Seniors have an opportunity to gain valuable life skills and work experience from professionals in the career field of their choice. Students will participate in either an unpaid job shadowing, volunteer, or internship experience or paid part-time employment during the school day to accomplish learning objectives through the assistance of job placement.

## <u>SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS</u>

- 1. Sterling now offers Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC)
- 2 Allied Health and Health Sciences
- 3. Graphic Design in Multimedia Technology
- 4. Broadcast Journalism/Television Production
- 5. Early Childhood Development.

For additional information, contact Sterling High School Guidance Office.

# **CLASS OF 2018**

Eighty-four (84%) percent of the Class of 2018 are continuing their education. Eighty-one (81%) percent are attending two or four year colleges.

Four Year Colleges: 48 % Two Year Colleges: 33 % Other Education: 3 % Employment: 5 %

Service: 5 % Undecided: 6 %

# **TESTING**

Assessment	Administration Date Length	Grades Covered	Requirement Source	Results Available
PARCC ELA/Mathematics	Computer Administration  Fall Block 11/26/18-1/15/19  Spring Block: 4/22-6/7 Length: 4.5 hours	English Language Arts Grades 9-11  Mathematics Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II	Federal and State	September 2019
NJSLA-Science	Computer Administration 5/6/19-6/7/19	Science Grade 11	Federal and State	TBD
ACCESS for ELLs	Computer Administration 2/14/19-4/12/19	English Language Learners Grades 9-12	State	Summer 2019
NWEA MAPs	Computer Administration Window Varies Once in Fall, Winter, Spring	Students enrolled in Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, and Algebra I Refresher	Local	Varies based on administration date
PSAT/SAT	Paper Administration 10/10/18	Reading, Writing, Math Grades 9-11, select 12th	Local	December 10, 2018

# TEST RESULTS

# **SAT SCORES – Class of 2018**

## VERBAL:

	STERLING HIGH SCHOOL TOP 25%	STERLING HIGH SCHOOL	STATE OF NEW JERSEY	NAT'L COLLEGE BOUND
Male	622	526	546	534
Female	608	545	547	539
Total	615	536	547	537

# MATH:

	STERLING HIGH SCHOOL TOP 25%	STERLING HIGH SCHOOL	STATE OF NEW JERSEY	NAT'L COLLEGE BOUND
Male	626	518	559	542
Female	577	521	537	522
Total	593	520	548	532