



Sterling High School District
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GUIDANCE / CAREER DEPARTMENT

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AN INVITATION

You are welcome to visit **Sterling High School**, but please call **(856) 784-1333** 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 19,871 (2000) census. Sending District of **Magnolia** (4409), **Somerdale** (5192), **Stratford** (7271), **Laurel Springs** (1970) and **Hi-Nella** (1029).

STERLING HIGH SCHOOL

Sterling is a 9-12 Regional High School

Accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools (2003)
Approved, New Jersey Department of Education (2000)
Education Cost Per Pupil: \$13,882
Total Current Expense: \$15,287,855
Equalized Valuation Per Student: \$380,323
Regional Equalization: \$400,860,457
Regional # of Students: 1054
Students in Grades 9-12 (10/15/2009) 1022
Students in Present Senior Class: 248
Drop-out Rate: 2.3%
Attendance Rate / Students: 96.7%
Attendance Rate / Staff: 96%

FACULTY INFORMATION

Doctorate Degrees: 2
Masters Degrees: 32
Bachelors Degrees: 58
Average years Teaching Experience of Faculty: 13.5

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
B	85-92	Above Average
C	77-84	Average
D	70-76	Below Average
F	0-69	Failing
I	Incomplete	
W/P	Withdraw/Passing	
W/F	Withdraw/Failing	
M	Medical Excuse	

SCHOOL DAY AND CREDIT

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

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

Two and a half (2 ½) 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:

- 20 credits in English
- 10 credits in U.S. History
- 5 credits in World History
- 15 credits in Math
- 10 credits in Physical Science

5 credits in Biological Science
5 credits in World Language
5 credits in Physical Education & Health per year in school
5 credits in Practical Arts
5 credits in Fine Arts

Advanced Placement is offered in English, U.S. History, Calculus, Chemistry, and Biology.

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

Dual Credit with Camden County College is offered in Biology, World Civilizations, French, Italian, Spanish, and Business Software Systems.

Special Programs in career, gifted and talented, and remedial education are also offered.

A full program of business courses is available. Seniors may participate in internships in various areas.

Computer technology is school-wide. Four hundred internet connected computers and networked labs are located in the Media Center, Technology Department and TV Studio. Additional writing and computer use and computer labs are located in Business, Math and English Departments. Computer training, student access to computers, video and data access in the classrooms, and access to the Internet is provided through a consortium with CAMNET.

Sterling has its own TV studio and offers courses in Web Page Design, Video Technology and Desktop Publishing. In addition, the Sterling High School Education Access Channel broadcasts to the community. Sterling has also begun a radio broadcasting program.

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

CLASS OF 2009

Eighty-nine (89%) percent of the Class of 2009 are continuing their education. Eighty-six (86%) percent are attending two or four year colleges.

Four Year Colleges: 42%
Two Year Colleges: 44%
Other Education: 3%
Employment: 2%
Service: 2%
Undecided: 7%

TESTING

The Sterling District offers a comprehensive aptitude, achievement and vocational testing for its students.

REQUIRED:

Grade 11	High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA)
Grade 9, 10	HSPA Preparation Test

OPTIONAL:

Grade 11	PSAT/MNSQT
Grade 11, 12	SAT/I & II
Grade 12	ASVAB

TEST RESULTS

SAT SCORES – Class of 2009

VERBAL:

	STERLING HIGH SCHOOL	STATE OF NEW JERSEY	NAT'L COLLEGE BOUND
Male	475	499	503
Female	488	493	498
Total	481	496	500

MATH:

	STERLING HIGH SCHOOL	STATE OF NEW JERSEY	NAT'L COLLEGE BOUND
Male	487	531	534
Female	475	497	499
Total	481	514	517

NJ HSPA (High School Proficiency Assessment) – Grade 11

	PASSING
Language Arts	95 %
Math	80 %