

South Brunswick Township Public Schools

“Schools Only Succeed When Students Achieve”



District Data

District Configuration

- Seven Elementary schools — Grades K-5
- Two-campus middle school — Grades 6-8
- South Brunswick High School — Grades 9-12

Enrollment

- Total Student Enrollment: 8,823 (Oct. 15, 2007)
- Total Number of Employees: 1,326

District Finances

- District is operating under a budget of \$131.5 million for the 2007-2008 school year.
- District continues to seek all possible avenues to contain and/or reduce costs of all District endeavors, including exploring shared services opportunities with the Township; managing/maintaining effective controls on overtime; working with an energy consultant (complete Energy Audit of our facilities) to find ways to save on our energy costs; consortiums for the purchase of natural gas and electric.
- District refinanced debt (1997 bonds), saving taxpayers more than \$3 million.

Community Support

- Township voters have supported \$144.7 million in new construction projects over the past 14 years
- District partners with the South Brunswick Police Department to provide School Resource Officers at the high school.
- District partners with township agencies to provide services/programs through Community Resource Team
- District partners with the South Brunswick Senior Center to provide inter-generational experiences through the Senior Citizen Outreach program

Honors and Recognitions

- 5 National Blue Ribbon Schools — *Cambridge, Constable, Crossroads, Greenbrook, SBHS*
- 5 New Jersey Star Schools — *Cambridge, Indian Fields, Indian Fields at Dayton, Monmouth Junction, SBHS*
- 1 Governor's School of Excellence — *Indian Fields*
- 4 Geraldine R. Dodge Fellowship Principals — *Rick Chromey, Joe Anzek, Gary Abbamont, Judy Black*
- Over time, 16 South Brunswick staff members have earned their National Board certification through the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards
- SBHS—One of *New Jersey Monthly's* Top 75 Public High Schools (2004, 2006)
- South Brunswick Public Schools—Best 100 Communities for Music Education in America (2004, 2007)
- South Brunswick Public Schools received Gold Medal Status by *Expansion Management Magazine* (2006, 2007)
- New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Thomas Vodola Adapted Physical Education Award recipient — *Barbara McWilliams* (2007)
- New Jersey Music Educators Association's Outstanding Administrators—*Gary Abbamont, Joanne Kerekes, James Warfel*
- Among the Best 100 Communities for Music Education in America (2007)
- History Channel's 2007 Save Our History Teacher of the Year Award Finalist—*Corie Gaylord* (SBHS)
- Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Artist/Teacher Award—*Priscilla Algava* (SBHS, 2007)



District Student Performance Data (2006-2007)

- HSPA: Literacy — 96% passing; Math — 85% passing
- GEPA: Literacy — 90% passing; Math — 82% passing
- NJASK:
 - Grade 3 Literacy — 88% passing; Math — 93% passing
 - Grade 4 Literacy — 89% passing; Math — 92% passing
 - Grade 5 Literacy — 96% passing; Math — 94% passing
 - Grade 6 Literacy — 93% passing; Math — 86% passing
 - Grade 7 Literacy — 93% passing; Math — 78% passing
- SAT: Combined Mean — 1594; Math Mean — 550
Verbal/Critical Reading Mean — 517
Writing Mean (new) — 527

South Brunswick High School Academic Highlights

- 6 National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists (2007)
- 6 National Merit Scholarship Program Semi-finalists (2007)
- 29 National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students (2006)
- 1 National Hispanic Recognition Finalist (2007)
- 48 Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars (2008)
- 1 Individual qualified for the US Physics Team (2007)
- SBHS Mock Trial Team competed in State competition (2007)
- 3 Odyssey of the Mind teams moved on to State competition (2008)
- 1080 Advanced Placement Exams were administered to 478 students (2007)
- 1 Congressman Rush Holt's Congressional Art Competition Award Winner (2007)
- 7 Students chosen to attend Governor's School (2007)
- First Place State Champions—Chemistry Olympics Team (2007)
- 1 Intel Science Talent Search Honor Mention/Siemens Math, Science and Technology Competition Semi-finalist (2007)
- Mock Trial Team—Middlesex County Champions (2007, 2008)

South Brunswick High School Performing Arts Awards (2007-2008)

- Wind Ensemble— Invited to the National Concert Band Festival (One of the top 16 concert bands in the country invited; only school district to be invited twice); 2007 State Concert Band Festival—First Place, Best Woodwinds, Best Brass, Gold Rating, Invitation to the State Gala Concert
- Symphonic Band — State Concert Band Festival—Silver Rating, Best Percussion
- Concert Band— State Concert Band Festival—Silver Rating
- Visual Ensemble— First Place Scholastic Open (Hillsborough HS Competition); Winter guard International Richmond Regional Champions
- Performance Company—Main Championships—Silver Medalist SRA
- Jazz Band—Edison HS Jazz Festival—Superior Rating, Best Trombone Section
- Marching Band—BOA Regional at Hempstead—Silver Medalist; Central Jersey Regional Champions—First Place Group IV Open, First Place Overall; New Jersey State Championships at Rowan—Second Place, Best Color guard; USSBA All-State Championships—Second Place—Best Visual
- Choirs—Superior Rating ACDA Choral Festival—Exemplary Rating Sight Singing; Placement of 14 students into Region Choir; Placement of 5 students into All-Star Choir

South Brunswick High School Athletic Awards (2007-2008)

- Girls Cross Country—GMC Champions, 2007
- Wilfredo Rivera and Mindy Verderami—Coaches of the Year
- Girls Tennis—GMC Third Place Finish
- Boys Soccer—GMC Finalist
- Cheerleading—First Place—Cheer Tech Island Championship Competition
- Volleyball—GMC Semi-finalists
- Football Team—First Playoff Appearance in 30 years
- Wrestling—David Amrhein, Ryan Smith—Fifth Place Finish at State Championships

College Attendance/Post High School Plans (2006-2007)

- 72% of students received acceptances to 4-year colleges/universities
- 20% of students received acceptances to 2-year colleges
- 3% of students received acceptances to business, trade and/or technical schools
- 5% of students begin their careers immediately following graduation