



The Piscataway School District offers an engaging, respectful, and comprehensive learning environment for more than 7,000 students in Grades PreK-12. Our goal is to launch every student on their road to success academically, socially, emotionally, and collaboratively.

Selected No. 68 among Best School Districts in NJ for 2023

Overall Grade: A

Source: Niche.com

## **AT A GLANCE**

#### **Our Schools**

- 1 High School
- 3 Middle Schools
- 2 Intermediate Schools
- 4 Elementary Schools
- 3 Preschools

## **Student Demographics**

- 33.3% Asian
- 24.8% Black
- 23.1% Hispanic
- 12.6% White
- 5.2% Multiracial/Other Races

#### WHAT WE OFFER

- 25 <u>Advanced Placement</u> Courses
- 29 Honors Courses
- Dual Enrollment Courses
- Certificate of Biliteracy
- 6 PHS Academy Tracks
- Comprehensive Athletic and Extracurricular Programs
- Nationally Recognized Music Program
- Honors Programs Beginning in Intermediate School

### OTHER RECENT AWARDS OF NOTE

- Best High Schools in America: US News & World Report
- Best Communities for Music Education: NAMM Foundation
- AP Honor Roll: College Board
- Magna Grand Prize for You, I, We Inspire Character Education: NSBA
- <u>Districts of Distinction</u>: District Administration Magazine
- School Leader Award for PHS Biomedical Program: NJSBA
- <u>Bright Spot for Hispanic Education</u>: White House Initiative on

**Educational Excellence** 

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# **About Piscataway**

Piscataway is a suburban, college community, located in central New Jersey with easy access to major highways, state parks, New York City, and the Jersey shore. Piscataway is home to several international corporations and the Livingston and Busch campuses of Rutgers University, making it a destination for both employment and education. We are among the most diverse communities in New Jersey, populated by over 50,000 people who represent African-American, Caucasian, Asian, Indian, and Hispanic cultures, and who collectively speak over 40 languages. Housing is available in a variety of price ranges in this 19 square mile township.

# **Curriculum**

Piscataway offers a rich curriculum for every type of learner, PreK-Grade 12.

PREK: Thanks to NJ Department of Education Preschool Expansion Aid, Piscataway Township Schools can offer free preschool to Piscataway families. The full day PreK program follows the Tools of the Mind curriculum and sets up students for success in Kindergarten.

ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL: K-5 students learn through exploration and collaboration in a safe, nurturing school environment. Student growth is encouraged in arts and academics, with Dance offered in second grade, Strings in third grade, and Honors courses in both Math and Language Arts beginning in fourth grade.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: In addition to their core subjects, Middle School students enjoy a rich arts curriculum and STEAM opportunities, including courses in Engineering and Computer Science. Students begin the day with WIN—What I Need, a time to focus on individual areas of strength or difficulty.

PISCATAWAY HIGH SCHOOL: PHS students have a broad spectrum of classes to choose from—both in the depth of course levels as well as the breadth of classes available. With 25 AP courses and 29 Honors courses offered, along with six focused academies: Business, Engineering, Health Sciences, Performing Arts, Pre-Law & Justice, and Fine Arts, students have many academically rigorous opportunities. Students who wish to sample a variety of electives have many to choose from in all curriculum areas.

<u>DEPARTMENT OF PUPIL SERVICES</u>: This department offers special education services to identified students from PreKpost graduate. Additional services include physical and occupational therapy, and speech and language services.

## **Technology**

Piscataway is a 1:1 District, where every student accesses an iPad for personal use throughout the school year and summer months. Students and teachers in grades 4-12 use the Schoology Learning Platform to communicate, while elementary students use Google Classrooms, and PreK students use Seesaw. All buildings use wireless technology.

## **Athletics**

Piscataway offers many opportunities for Varsity Sports for both boys and girls. In recent years, Piscataway has won County or State championships in Football, Wrestling, Girls Basketball, Girls Winter Track, and Boys and Girls Swimming. Each year, multiple Piscataway senior athletes commit to play at the college level. The District begins competitive sports in middle school for both boys and girls teams.

# Extra-Curricular Activities

Piscataway offers a well-rounded extra-curricular program at all building levels. The arts, STEAM, writing, business, Honor Societies, cultural organizations and more can be found within our schools. PHS currently offers 58 different clubs and activities in addition to a comprehensive varsity sports program.

## **Community Education**

The Office of Community
Education offers Infant and
Toddler Care, Summer Camp,
Before and After Care, and
Academic and Enrichment
Programs throughout the year.

