

High School Profile

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Southern Lehigh

High School

Home of the Spartans!

A challenging and well-rounded education means outstanding instruction from topnotch educators at all times, as well as extracurricular and athletic opportunities that enable students to develop character, cultivate passions, and explore the world outside of the classroom. At Southern Lehigh High School, we are dedicated to demonstrating the relevancy of the curriculum to the students' everyday lives and establishing positive relationships with students as we maintain academic standards in all of our courses. The priority of Solehi is to ensure that every student is safe, respected and valued. Our school community provides a challenging and exciting program studies with high expectations attainable goals. As a team, we are committed to ensure that Southern Lehigh students receive a high quality education predicated on the principle that all students have the capability to learn and succeed. Most importantly, an excellent education is not possible without the great collaboration of our entire SLHS community. Working together, we will continue our commitment to excellence in developing the whole child and student.

Administration

Dr. Michael Mahon Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Ruhf Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Beth Guarriello Principal
Mr. Chad Kinslow Assistant Principal, A-K
Mr. Benjamin McConnell Assistant Principal, L-Z

Accreditation

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

General Information

Grades	9 –12
Type of School	Public
Enrollment	1,080
Length of School	2 Semesters
Class of 2021 Size	275
Periods per Day	4 Periods
Marking Periods	4
Class Periods	77 Minutes
Schedule Type	A/B Block Schedule

95.09% Graduation Rate 7.49% Gifted Education

10.44% Special Education

Counseling Department

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Graduation Requirements: 27.5 TOTAL CREDITS

English
Soc Studies (Civ & Gov, US Hist, World Cult)
Mathematics (Alg I & Geom Req.)
Science (Bio and Chem or Physics)
Health
Physical Education
Driver Education (Theory)
Humanities (Art, Music, World Lang)
Technology Education (Foundations, CTA)
Elective

^{*}Students must take either 4.0 credits of Math or 4.0 credits of Science for a total of 7.0 credits in Math and Science.

The class of 2021 required 27.1 credits to graduate.

Grading Scale			
<u>Letter</u> <u>Grade</u>	% Range	Quality Points	
А	93-100	4.0	
A-	90-92	3.6	
B+	87-89	3.4	
В	83-86	3.0	
B-	80-82	2.6	
C+	77-79	2.4	
С	73-76	2.0	
C-	70-72	1.6	
D+	67-69	1.4	
D	63-66	1.0	
D-	60-62	0.6	
F	0-59	0.0	

2021 Senior Class Weighted Cumulative GPA			
<u>GPA</u>	GPA # of Students		
4.00 <	47	17.09 %	
3.50-3.99	76	27.64 %	
3.00-3.49	49	17.82 %	
2.50-2.99	35	12.73 %	
< 2.49	68	24.73 %	

Grade Point Average

All subjects are used to calculate GPA. Each course has a credit value which is multiplied by the quality points. The total is then divided by the number of credits attempted.

Weighting

Honors courses/programs are given an additional 0.5 quality point and Advanced Placement courses are



given an additional 1.0 quality point. Both weighted and non-weighted GPAs are reported on the transcript.

Class rank was eliminated beginning with the class of 2019.

Special Programs

Spartan Academy: Spartan Academy is the SLSD full-time remote learning program for students seeking a remote learning instructional model. The curriculum and instruction for Spartan Academy are provided by the EdOptions Academy through Edmentum.



Emerging Health Professionals: Emerging Health Professionals is a highly selective, honors-weighted program in which students take two science courses (Physiology & Anatomy) at Penn State University-Lehigh Valley campus, or at Lehigh Carbon Community College two days a week and participate in a challenging health curriculum three days a week at the Lehigh Valley Hospital and other locations. Students also have the opportunity to

shadow professionals in the medical field.

High School Scholars: The High School Scholars Program is a highly selective program that enables academically talented seniors to take college courses tuition free at local colleges such as DeSales University and Lehigh University. Acceptance into the program is based on GPA, strength of



schedule, SAT/PSAT scores, application essay, and counselor/teacher recommendations.

Spanish Immersion: The Southern Lehigh School District offers a Spanish immersion program in which students are taught all of their core subjects (except for English) in Spanish throughout elementary school. At the high school level, immersion students take Spanish Culture & Communication, Honors Spanish Communication & Literature, AP Spanish Language, and AP Spanish Literature.

Project Lead the Way: Southern Lehigh High School offers honors level Project



Lead the Way (PLTW) courses that provide students with rigorous and innovative learning experiences focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). This program promotes high levels of critical thinking, creativity, innovation, and real-world problem solving skills. The curriculum, when combined with mathematics and science courses, introduces students to specific STEM related fields.

Honors and Advanced Placement Courses

These courses have prerequisites that students must achieve in order to enroll in them. Please refer to the SLHS Program of Studies for further information.

Honors Courses (19)

English

• Honors English 9, 10, 11, 12

Math

- Honors Calculus
- Honors Algebra 2
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Pre-Calculus

Science

- Honors Anatomy & Physiology
- Honors Biology
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors Physics

Social Studies

Honors Civics & Government

Music

- Honors Band
- Meistersingers
- Honors Orchestra

Tech Education (Project Lead The Way)

- Honors Intro to Eng Design
- Honors Computer Integrated Manufacturing
- Hon Principles of Eng

World Language

♦ Honors Spanish Comm & Lit

Advanced Placement Courses (21)

English

- AP English Lang & Comp
- AP English Lit & Comp

Math

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- ◆ AP Computer Science A**
- AP Comp Sci Principles
- AP Statistics

Science

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics I
- ◆ AP Physics II **
- ◆ AP Phys C Mech/E & M**

Social Studies

- AP Gov & Politics US
- AP Psychology
- AP US History
- AP World History

World Language

- AP Spanish Lang & Culture
- ◆ AP Spanish Lit & Culture**

Electives

- AP Art History**
- AP Music Theory

2021 AP Scores			
<u>Score</u>	# of Exams	% of Exams	
5	108	31%	
4	102	29%	
3	74	21%	
Total	284	82%	
Scores of 3, 4, or 5 (College Ready)			

** AP Art History has not been offered since the 2012-2013 school year

AP Physics C, AP Physics 2, AP Spanish Lit, and AP Comp Sci A were not offered in the 2020-2021 school vear.

4-Year College Matriculation List for Class of 2020 & Class of 2021

Albright College American University Arcadia University Arizona State University -Tempe Berklee College of Music Bloomsburg University of PA **Boston University Bucknell University** Cairn University — Langhorne Case Western Reserve University Cedar Crest College Centenary University College of Charleston Cornell College Cornell University Culinary Institute of America Delaware Valley University **DeSales University Drexel University Duquesne University** Eastern Gateway CC Edinboro University of PA Elizabethtown College **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical** University - Daytona Beach Franklin and Marshall College George Mason University Gettysburg College **Grand Canyon University Gwynedd Mercy University** Haverford College **High Point University** Hofstra University Ithaca College James Madison University Jefferson University Kutztown University of PA La Salle University Lafayette College Lake Forest College Lebanon Valley College Lehigh Carbon Community College Lehigh University Liberty University Lock Haven University Lovola University - Maryland Lycoming College Mansfield University of PA Marist College Marymount Manhattan College Marywood University Mercer County Community College Messiah University Millersville University of PA

Monmouth University Moravian College Muhlenberg College

New York University Northampton County Area CC Northeastern University Pennsylvania College of Technology **PSU-Main Campus** PSU-Penn State Berks PSU-Harrisburg PSU-Penn State Lehigh Valley **Purdue University** Quinnipiac University Rochester Institute of Technology Rowan University **Rutgers University** Saint Joseph's University Shippensburg University of PA Slippery Rock University of PA State College of Florida Stevens Institute of Technology Stockton University Susquehanna University Temple University **Texas Christian University** Texas Tech University The University of Alabama The University of Tampa The University of Tennessee **Towson University** University of California University of Central Missouri University of Connecticut University of Delaware University of Kansas University of Maryland University of Massachusetts University of Michigan University of New Hampshire University of New Haven University of Oregon University of Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh University of Scranton University of South Carolina University of Southern Mississippi University of the Sciences Ursinus College Villanova University Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University West Chester University of PA West Virginia University Widener University York College of Pennsylvania

National Merit Scholarship Program

Class	Finalist/ Semifinalist	Commended
2021	1	5
2020	1	7
2019	1	4



SAT Scores

Class	EBRW	Math	EBRW *Took Essay	Math *Took Essay
2021	588	585	628	612
2020	576	574	594	591
2019	580	574	606	594



Further Education

Class	4-Year Colleges	Less than 4-Years	Total	
2021*	56%	19%	75%	
2020	57%	26%	83%	
2019	68.2%	21.2%	89.4%	

Clubs and Activities

3D Printing Aevidum Alt/Indie Music Appreciation Angel 34 Student Board **Animal Rights Activists** Band Rehearsal **Baseball Team Meeting** Chess Club Choir/Meistersingers **Chopped Preparation** Coffee and Conversation Color Guard Color Me Calm Computer Club **Dance Team District Chorus Audition Prep** District Orchestra & Band Drumline **Dungeons & Dragons Club Ecology Club** Fall Play Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) **Fashion Club** FBLA/Leadership Development **Feminist Student Association** Finding Peace Within French Club Girls That Code Global Scholars



Golf Team GSA Club (Gay-Straight Alliance) **Habitat for Humanity HGTV** Cooking and Home Design High School Democrats of Southern Lehigh Japanese Culture Club Jazz Society Jazz Trane Junior State of America Kerbal Space Program Key Club Kindness Rocks Literary Arts Club Mini-Thon

Model United Nations National Honor Society (NHS) Nature Exploration No Place for Hate Robotics Ron Swanson Fan Club Scholastic Scrimmage Spanish Club Spartan Ambassadors Spartan News Media Lab Speech & Debate Team Spirit Squad Spotlight Student Newspaper Spring Musical STAR (Students Taking Active Roles) Star Wars Saga Student Council **Technology Student** Association (TSA) Teen Counseling Time to Read Varsity Club Varsity Football Varsity Rifle Team World History Through Films



Yearbook