



SOUTH HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS • Facts-at-a-Glance 2016-17

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Amy Nichols, Food Service Director • Amy Walantyn, Transportation Director

FAST FACTS

Schools:	South Haven High School, Principal Jerry Sardina Baseline Middle School, Principal LaTonya Gill-Williams North Shore Elementary, Principal Carey Frost Lincoln Elementary, Principal Bennett Tyler Maple Grove Elementary, Principal Kimberly Cross Career & Early College Academy, SHHS Assistant Principal Scott Jackson
Vision:	South Haven Public Schools is THE district of choice, where all students graduate with outstanding academic skills and exemplary character
Mission:	To offer our student innovative learning opportunities that engage, ignite and challenge them and to support our students in taking control of their own futures through service, citizenship, scholarship, and personal responsibility.
Student Enrollment:	2,037
Graduation Rate (2015):	86.2%
Total # of Employees:	278
Annual Budget:	\$19,845,397
Board of Education:	Bryan Lewis, President Laura Bos, Vice President Joe DeGrandchamp, Treasurer Corey Davis, Secretary Crystal Davis, Trustee John Frost, Trustee Doug Ransom, Trustee

PROGRAMS

- Early College and Middle College Pathways
- Dual Enrollment through Lake Michigan College
- Academically talented course offerings beginning in 3rd Grade
- Outstanding Teachers & Counselors
- Innovative Technology Classes & 1:1 Technology in 1-12 grade classrooms
- Several after-school programs and clubs, including many service organizations
- Free breakfast & lunch for all Pre-K – 5th grade students through the Community Eligibility Provision
- Dozens of middle and high school athletic programs
- Award-winning Choir, Band, Orchestra & Fine Arts Programs
- Currently undergoing \$28 million in renovations to upgrade all mechanical systems and create a 21st-century learning environment

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Caucasian –65%
- Hispanic –18%
- African American –15%
- Native American – .01%
- Asian – .01%
- Other – less than .01%



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HIGHLIGHTS

Bond Project Update: Construction on South Haven High School began on December 7, 2015, and Phases 1 and 2 were completed by the start of the 2016-17 school year. The estimated completion date for the high school is December 2017. This year, all other school buildings and other facilities throughout the district will also undergo necessary renovations and upgrades to mechanical, technological, and security systems.

Technology Improvements: As part of our Bond project, South Haven Public Schools has seen more technological improvements since the start of the 2015-16 school year. Chromebooks were made available to all South Haven High School students this year, thereby giving all 1-12 grade students access to 1:1 technology in all content areas. All 4-12 grade students have access to Chromebooks, while 1-3 grade students work on iPads. Students district-wide also have access to several technology programs such as STEM and PLTW, as well as the iCreate Lab in North Shore Elementary.

Strategic Plan: The SHPS Board of Education began developing its new strategic plan to help the district move forward in its shared goals in the spring of 2015. The Board held gathered input from key community stakeholders, parents, students, staff members, and administrators, and held a retreat in October 2015 to build the plan. The four goal areas of the plan, adopted in January 2016, include Improve Communications, Expand Student Achievement, Close the Achievement Gap, and Improve Conditions Impacting Student Enrollment.

K-3 Early Literacy: Thanks to the Improving Teacher Quality grant from Western Michigan University, all SHPS K-3 elementary teachers will receive a total of 90 hours of professional development in early literacy over 18 months. Teachers begin the training with experts in the field of early literacy in June 2016. The goal of this training is to help teachers add to their teaching strategy toolbox so they can meet the needs of our at-risk learners and ensure that they are reading "on level" by the end of third grade. WMU wrote the grant to the State of Michigan to partner with SHPS on this training, worth \$80,000.

CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) Program: The CEP program allows schools with higher Free and Reduced (Directly Certified by the state of Michigan) percentages to provide free breakfasts and lunches to all students in the building. South Haven Public Schools currently provides free breakfast and lunch to all students Preschool-5th grade, in three different buildings. The response has been overwhelming; we currently feed 85-90% of our elementary children free meals every day.

Ratcliffe Field Centennial: This year, SHPS celebrated the centennial anniversary of Ratcliffe Field, its primary athletic field. Ratcliffe is one of the oldest, continuously-used athletic fields in the State of Michigan. SHPS celebrated by partnering with several community and school organizations to host a community event at the first home football game on Sept. 9, 2016. Today, the field is utilized by the SHHS football, soccer, track, and cheer teams, as well as the Purple Pride Marching Band.

The FARM (Fun Activities, Reading & Meals) Bus: Now in its second year, the FARM Bus program continues to grow and is an enormous success. The bus stopped at several locations every weekday to deliver lunches and check out books to students, as well as two migrant camps on Saturdays. Many local agencies came together to collaborate on this project, which is also one of four schools that is being highlighted by the USDA for offering an innovative nutrition program.

Nuestro Sueño Club: Nuestro Sueño Club was created as part of our parent outreach efforts, and as a way to get our Spanish-speaking parents more involved in the schools. More than a club, Nuestro Sueño stems from the idea that regardless of language barriers, both educators and parents share one common dream: To provide the best education possible for our students and youth. Over the course of this past year, Nuestro Sueño Club parents have gotten involved in a Cinco de Mayo celebration at North Shore, a PowerSchool meeting and workshop, and brought a folkloric dance to our ELL event this year. Nuestro Sueño continues to create ties with parents to make them feel comfortable in getting to know our schools.