

# Report Card Narratives

## New Jersey Department of Education

CHERRY HILL TWP (07-0800-030)

### Cherry Hill High School East

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

On behalf of Cherry Hill High School East and the Cherry Hill School District, I am happy to share with you the New Jersey School Performance Report. It provides a method for tracking our school's progress toward New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards.

At Cherry Hill High School East, we use results from the state assessments to identify areas for growth and improvement. Of course, student achievement cannot be defined solely by performance on standardized tests. Of equal importance are classroom work and assessments, projects, oral presentations, participation in classroom discussions, participation in the arts, community service, and more.

At Cherry Hill High School East, we seek to promote achievement for all students and to make meaningful connections with students and their families. Each year, East has maintained these goals consistently. Character Education and community service programs are promoted to encourage students to be responsible citizens. Since 1990, East's PTA has organized, promoted and staffed Project Graduation for seniors and, routinely, well over 92% of the seniors attend Project Graduation.

This year, as in previous years, the Literary Magazine, the Ethics Bowl Team, the Marching Band, the Yearbook, DECA, Student Council, Robotics Team and Eastside, the school newspaper, have engaged students in meaningful experiences and learning. Students have distinguished themselves at regional, state and national levels. Our Music and Drama programs continue to thrive at East and they enjoy extraordinary community support. We are proud to be a charter member of the International Thespian Society. Our students and staff are involved in community service because, "To whom much is given, much is expected."

Our new vision statement is, "Cherry Hill East - a caring community of scholars with a lifestyle of respect, kindness, gratitude and service to others while striving for excellence in all that we do." We are delighted that most of our students, teachers and staff can state it verbatim.

Our new goal is to achieve the title of School of Character. We are implementing the appropriate structures to reach this goal. The faculty and staff, facilitated by the Character Education Committee, have selected the following terms to achieve the goal: Empathy, Academic Excellence, Self-respect and Teamwork (EAST).

Cherry Hill High School East offers a rich and multifaceted academic, athletic and extra-curricular environment. East has received national recognition as an NCLB Blue Ribbon School, one of the top 100 high schools in New Jersey and rated #85 out of the top 500 high schools in the United States by Newsweek. This year East has twelve (12) National Merit Semifinalist Scholars and twenty-nine (29)

commended students. We are proud of those and many other awards, but we are most proud of our students. They reflect the values and aspirations of the Cherry Hill East learning community and leave here prepared to be effective leaders in the new millennium.

Please contact the school to learn more about these initiatives or about any of the data in School Performance Report

Sincerely,

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