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***YOUR DREAMS STARTS WITH TRENTON CENTRAL HIGH***  
**TRENTON HIGH GRADUATES** once supplied the world with steel wire, anvils, pottery, rubber, plaster, cars, farm tools, watches and bricks. Today Trenton High is making dreams come true for a whole new generation. With the help of a seasoned faculty, tougher standards, career academies and links with area colleges and employers, more and more Trenton grads are heading to top universities and exciting jobs in the global economy. Today Trenton High makes opportunities. Let them take you anywhere in the world.

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## **Trenton Makes: The World Takes**

Generations of Trentonians have counted themselves as proud graduates of Trenton Central High School. They helped build our community, as they shaped the worlds of business, science, the arts, sports and public life.

Today, Trenton High is preparing a new generation to meet the challenges of a global economy. With an experienced teaching staff, career academies and close links with top colleges and employers, Trenton High offers advantages that young people simply won't find any place else.

## **Trenton High Makes Achievers**

With the help of expanded statewide funding for education reform, Trenton High has taken bold new measures to strengthen student achievement. The results so far? Test scores, attendance and graduation rates at Trenton have gone up dramatically. More and more students are being accepted at top colleges and moving into careers in the new global economy.

How did we get there? In recent years, Trenton High put into place a national model of school improvement called the Coalition of Essential Schools. Coalition schools adopt a set of principals designed to help students achieve mastery over core academic subjects:

- **High expectations for all.** At Trenton, we've set high expectations for students of all backgrounds and learning abilities. · Greater depth. We adjusted the class schedule to give students more time to focus in depth on subjects that matter most.
- **Performance-driven.** Our teachers encourage students to pursue projects that will help them to apply what they learn to the kind of tasks they will face in the real world.
- **Mutual trust and respect.** Most importantly, we believe students thrive in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. Our students come from diverse backgrounds and cultures. They express the same pride in Trenton High that previous generations have felt.

## **Trenton High Makes Great Teaching Possible**

Trenton High students benefit from some of the most experienced, skilled and dedicated high school teachers and administrators in the state of New Jersey.

- The majority of Trenton High teachers have more than 15 years of classroom experience, exceeding the state average. Approximately 40% of our teachers hold master degrees in education.
- A number of our teachers are also proud alumni of Trenton High. They love their alma mater and the chance to work with today's generation of young people.

Our administrators serve as instructional leaders with a strong commitment to developing avenues for professional growth. In recent years, Trenton High teachers have devoted countless hours to expanding their teaching skills through special programs and on-going seminars, many offered at the school. Staff members meet regularly to support, critique and collaborate with one another. Together, they have developed classroom

approaches that better prepare students to meet higher standards and handle real-world challenges.

### **Trenton High Makes Writing Number One**

At Trenton, we recognize that writing skills are essential to the mastery of every subject--whether it's math, English or chemistry. Our teachers use a variety of strategies to strengthen the quality of student writing, thinking and presentation skills.

- **The Writers' Room.** While computers are available in every classroom, Trenton students can spend focused time improving their writing at The Writers' Room, a newly equipped center with computers, a library and other resources. Teachers and trained volunteer writing coaches assist students to do Web searches, composing, editing, and brainstorming for classroom work, college searches and essays.

### **Trenton High Makes School Feel Smaller**

Yes, we have a large and magnificent building, but Trenton High feels smaller and more supportive than ever.

- **Smaller class size.** State funding has permitted Trenton Public Schools to reduce average class sizes at all levels. At the high school level, we've reduced class size from 28 down to 25 and adopted classroom approaches to enable students to work in small groups.
- **Small learning communities.** In addition to reducing average class size, we've redesigned our programs to offer students the chance to explore career pathways in depth, in smaller settings within the school. These "small learning communities" (SLCs) bring students together with teachers to focus on a wide range of college academic choices and career options.

Being in smaller groupings gives young people a greater sense of belonging, and makes it easier for teachers to monitor and support individual students. These factors have also made for better attendance, improved discipline and higher graduation rates.

### **Trenton Makes Career Choices Come Alive**

In the spring of 8th grade, students receive detailed information about Trenton's seven different small learning communities, each of which serves about 300 youngsters. Prior to 9th grade, students are asked to select an SLC. Each SLC provides a core academic curriculum, as well as special courses tailored to the career options of the program. Area businesses and colleges work closely with teachers to help insure that classroom instruction accords with current industry standards, and to provide work-based learning opportunities and mentoring. In addition, Trenton's Career Resource Center assists students in developing their resumes, preparing for job interviews, arranging internships and "**job shadowing**" and locating part-time and full-time employment. Each SLC maintains high academic and behavioral expectations, and offers exciting, challenging learning experiences. The eight choices are as follows:

## **APPLIED ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE**

For students who are considering careers in engineering design, architecture, surveying, construction and manufacturing. Courses cover sophisticated computer-aided design software, as well as graphs, statistics, mechanics and metallurgy. A program with NJ Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G) and Mercer County Community College prepares students for careers in the utility industry. Students work beside professionals at the Sarnoff Corporation to learn all phases of engineering. They come together with mentors from Princeton University to design and build a working robot as part of an annual competition. Through partnerships with the NJ AFL-CIO, students who complete a two-year program at Trenton may apply for a four-year union carpentry apprenticeship funded by the NJ Department of Education.

## **BUSINESS, COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN**



Students learn to launch market and manage a successful business. Courses include accounting, sales and finance, desktop publishing and computer graphic design, as well as certification exams for Microsoft Word and Excel. Students operate a popular school store and a fully equipped copy center, serving not only the school, but the larger: community. Students interested in computer technology may earn A+ Computer Repair certification that is fully equivalent to that offered at a two-year post-secondary trade school. Upon graduation, Trenton High students who successfully complete the A+ licensing exam can move directly into full-time employment in the rapidly growing field of computer repair.

## **HOTEL, RESTAURANT AND TOURISM**



Students prepare for a variety of advanced and entry-level career opportunities in hotel, restaurant and tourism occupations. Courses offered include hotel management, culinary arts and food preparation, and travel and tourism. Students operate an in-house school restaurant, and can pursue internship and part-time employment opportunities at the newly opened Lafayette Yard Marriott Conference Hotel in Trenton and nearby Six Flags Great Adventure. (The school provides transportation for students working at the park.) As a member program of the National Academy Foundation (NAF), Trenton offers students an in-depth look at all aspects of the travel industry through partnerships with resort, airline, hotel and cruise companies.

## **LAW, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SERVICE**



Students prepare for a range of career options including law and law enforcement, criminal justice, private security (business, computer and personal), and public service in the government and non-governmental sectors. Courses cover trial law, constitutional and street law, and explore social and community issues. Students participate in Mercer County Bar Association's Mock Trial competition and the annual Princeton Model Congress in Washington, DC. The American Society of Public Administrators offers mentoring and internships in state government. Students gain first-hand experience through partnerships with the Trenton Police Department, NJ State Troopers, the Sheriff's Department and more.

## **MEDIA TECHNOLOGY**



Students preparing for careers in television, journalism, advertising, photography and videography receive a thorough grounding in this academy. Students analyze the impact of mass media, and learn all aspects of television production and broadcasting in the school's own fully equipped in-house TV studio. Students produce school newscasts, take photographs and write articles for The Spectator, the school's quarterly newspaper. They design ads, brochures and newsletters using desktop publishing software and learn to create their own Web sites. Students submit their photography to the Trenton Teen Arts Competition. Partners include: The Times and New Jersey Public Television (NJN-TV).

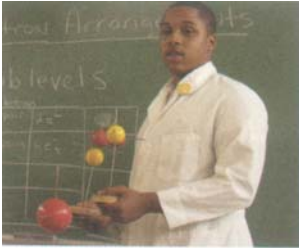
## **MEDICAL ARTS**



Preparing for careers in medicine, nursing and other allied health careers, students in this academy are expected to have a solid foundation in biological and social sciences.

Electives include anatomy and physiology, medical technology and therapy. Classes in cosmetology are also offered. Students move up an educational ladder that culminates with a senior internship at St. Francis Medical Center, Mercer County Medical Center or a social service agency. Seminars, field trips and guest speakers complement the classroom instruction. Students host a Health Fair and college information days. Many pursue nursing training after graduation, or apply to college pre-med programs.

## **RENAISSANCE ACADEMY OF EDUCATION AND GLOBAL STUDIES**



Students prepare for careers in education, sociology, psychology, anthropology, archeology and international studies. Students pursue a challenging liberal arts curriculum along with courses on current issues in education, national and world events, world cultures, human development, geography and meteorology. Through participation in internships, community service and enrichment activities, students cultivate a global and multi-cultural perspective. Students may participate in a Model United Nations program in which delegates debate the most pressing issues facing world leaders. Other partnerships include: Mercer County Board of Social Services, Mercer County Community College and The College of New Jersey.

### **School-wide Electives**

Trenton High students can also opt to take an extensive array of school-wide electives, including honors classes, computer technology, French and Spanish, classes in English for Speakers of Other Languages, courses in visual and performing arts, and extensive leadership training through the Junior Officer Training Corps (Jr. ROTC). The school offers a Computer Networking course enabling students to become a CISCO Certified Network Associate. Through the LINK Program, Trenton juniors and seniors may apply to attend classes at Mercer County Community College and earn up to six college credits that can be applied to college and university requirements.

### **Dozens of After-school Activities**

Trenton High students can choose from more than 75 after-school activities, including clubs, athletic teams, career enhancement programs, academic enrichment, community service and visual and performing arts programs.

### **Trenton High Makes All Classrooms Wired and Web-friendly**

Trenton now has exceptional computer technology resources. In addition, to having a number of fully equipped computer laboratories, every classroom has at least two computers with access to email and the Internet.

## **Trenton High Makes Top Athletes**



The Times photo/ Michael Mancuso

If you were among the nearly 10,000 spectators who watched our girls basketball team soar to the state championship in 2002, Or saw our winning girls track team take its 9th state track title since 1991, you know why so many students are proud to wear the red and black colors of Trenton High. Our dedicated and knowledgeable athletic staff includes some of the city's most widely respected coaches. Thanks to a generous gift from former Trentonian and Philadelphia Eagle Troy Vincent, the school boasts a lavishly equipped weight training room, staffed by skilled instructors. We host swim meets in our beautiful Olympic-size pool. In addition, we offer football, basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, track, golf, swimming, wrestling, cheerleading and other sports. A growing number of Trenton athletes are being recruited to top colleges and receiving athletic scholarships.

## **Trenton High Makes Our Building Even Nicer**

Trenton High has applied for and received substantial state grant funds to renovate and expand our campus in the years to come. Future plans include renovation of all classrooms, our auditorium and performing arts space and library. We'll be building new science labs, a new gymnasium, a state-of-the-art media technology lab and television studio, new food preparation facilities and a silk screen printing shop for printing T-shirts and other materials.

Trenton High Makes Connections and Partners Trenton Central High School is more than just a building. A Trenton education extends far beyond our four walls. Thanks to our extensive and growing partnerships with parents, alumni, community organizations, city and state government, area colleges and businesses, we can provide students with extraordinary opportunities to learn and grow.

## **Trenton High Makes Graduates**

Graduation rates at Trenton Central High School have risen dramatically in recent years. More students are entering top two- and four-year colleges and universities, vocational programs, full-time employment or the military. Representatives from colleges and universities, area employers and every branch of the military visit the school annually to recruit students. We offer comprehensive college preparatory assistance, including: SAT preparation classes, college tours, an in-house college fair, National College Fairs, financial aid planning, parent workshops, college application assistance and general academic counseling. Students are eligible for numerous endowments and scholarships, many specifically designated for Trenton High graduates.

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At Trenton Central High School, we're making a difference to the future of our students, our community and our world. Come see what all the excitement is about!



"The academic fundamentals and the confidence I gained during my years at Trenton High enabled me to meet the challenges at Howard University and throughout my life in the practice of law, in public service and elective office, and now in teaching. Trenton High set remarkably high goals for students...then made sure that we reached those goals. Their expectations and their encouragement were gifts finer than gold, and I will forever be in their debt!"

Former New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins Trenton Central High School Alumnus

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