

# CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

**Grades: 9th–12th**

**School Colors: Black, Silver & Purple**

**School Mascot: Knights**

**School Theme: "Keeping Academics  
and Citizenship First and Foremost"**

**Enrollment: 1179**

**Average Class Size: 30**



## **Brief Description of Instructional Program**

Crestwood High School (CHS) helps all students develop the world class skills, life and career characteristics and world class knowledge included in the Profile of the SC Graduate by providing a safe, caring, and academically challenging learning environment. This goal is achieved by providing professional development that helps teachers implement research-based best practices that assist students in becoming college and career ready.

To ensure that our students receive world-class knowledge, a comprehensive and rigorous educational program helps to produce globally competitive graduates who are prepared to become innovative 21st-century leaders. CHS is committed to the development of life-long learners who utilize critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills that are needed to work with diverse populations. Additionally, CHS offers multiple modern language courses that expand student awareness of other cultures.

Other educational experiences that broaden world class knowledge are provided in science, technology, mathematics, fine arts, social sciences, and extracurricular activities. Annual on-campus career and college fairs help ensure that students make a successful transition from high school to postsecondary education and the world of work. Many students gain skills by enrolling in sequenced and integrated programs of study through Sumter Career and Technology Center where they acquire competencies for the worldwide workplace. Our students have the opportunity to participate in internships with local businesses, and these experiences foster an understanding of the importance of collaboration, communication, and teamwork in the workplace.

Life and career characteristics are taught to all CHS students. Students are reminded of the school's mission statement, "Keeping Academics and Citizenship First and Foremost," and character education traits are reinforced through daily announcements.

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### Outstanding Features/Programs

- 4x4 Semester Block Scheduling
- Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Site
- Concurrent Enrollment Programs
- Career Training/Shadowing Programs
- Early College Program
- Multi-Tiered System of Supports
- Special Services
- ACT and SAT Preparatory Sessions
- Credit Recovery
- Dual Enrollment Courses
- Fine Arts: Award Winning Band & Chorus, Ceramics, Dance, and Photography
- High Schools That Work
- Honor Graduate Program
- Tutoring (Morning and Afternoon)
- Virtual Enterprise – C Wood & Associates
- Vocational Course Offerings
- Grow Your Own Teacher Leaders Program

### Recent Awards and Honors

- \$3,000,000 in Scholarship Offers
- Governor's School Participant
- Carnegie Hall Choir Performance
- Superior Ratings with Distinction at SC State Choral Festival
- Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year Finalist
- 3 Star National FFA Chapter
- AdvancEd Accreditation
- AgriScience Teacher of the Year
- All State Choir and Band Participants
- Executive Assistant of Southern FBLA Council
- Gates Millennium Scholars
- Harmon Scholars
- Palmetto Fellows
- JROTC Distinguished Unit Award
- National FFA Chorus Participant
- North South All Star Game Participants
- 4 National Board Certification

### Candidates

- Region VIA Champions - Girls Varsity Basketball
- 2 Athletic Scholarships for Girls Basketball
- FBLA and FCCLA State Presidents
- 19 SC All-State Chorus Participants
- 9 National FBLA Conference Competitors

### Extracurricular Activities

- Air Force Junior ROTC Drill Team
- 21 AAAA Athletic Programs
- Band
- Cheerleaders
- Chorus
- Environmental Club
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- French Club
- Freshman Board
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- Gospel Choir
- Interact Club
- Junior Board
- Junior Civitan
- Kappa League
- Key Club
- Marching Band
- Mu Alpha Theta
- National Honor Society
- National Technical Honor Society
- Purple Illusion Show Choir
- Senior Board
- Spanish Club
- Student Government Association
- W-CHS Broadcast
- Yearbook and Newspaper

### School Incentives

- Teacher Recognitions
- MTSS Celebrations

- Academic Awards Program
- CATE Completer Awards
- Fine Arts Awards
- Athletic Awards
- Golden Apple Awards
- Honor Rolls
- Sumter Touchdown Club Awards

### Community Involvement

- School Improvement Council
- Advisory Council
- School Volunteer Program
- School-Business Partnership Program
- Adopt-A-School Foundation
- Donations to Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, Palmetto Health Tuomey, Samaritan House, and Community Residential Care
- American Heart Walk
- Blood Drives
- College Fair
- Annual Military Appreciation Dinner
- Relay for Life (\$11,400)
- Samaritan House
- Shower Shaw with Cookies
- United Way Yellow Brick Award

### Parent and Teacher Opportunities

- Open House
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- School Improvement Council
- Band Booster Club
- College Awareness Night
- Teacher Advisory Council

### Faculty Profile

- 61.1% Advanced Degrees
- 5 Administrators
- 55 Teachers
- 1 Safe School Coordinator
- 1 Athletic Director
- 3 School Counselors
- 2 Career Specialists
- 1 Media Manager