Cresskill Middle School Back-to-School Night

Principal's Welcome

September 17th, 2026

Welcome & Introductions

- **Lauren Thomas**- Superintendent
- **John Massaro**- Principal
- **Thiana Vazquez**- Assistant Principal
- **David Sposato**- Assistant Principal for Student Support Services
- **Kevin Quinn**- Dean of Students
- **Lana Shtofmakher**- Middle School Guidance Counselor
- **Roseann Collins & Lori DiStasi**- Main Office Secretaries
- **Janelle Amato**- Director of Special Services
- **Veronica Mullen**- Athletic Director/Supervisor of Health & Physical Education
- **Nadine McGrath**- Curriculum Director
  - Math and World Language
- **Grace Chun**- Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction
  - ELA, Multilingual Learners, Music
- **Alexis Peck**- Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction
  - Science, Social Studies, Business, Art

Our mission is to foster a culture of EXCELLENCE for ALL

We strive to empower our students to become leaders, critical thinkers, and people of integrity, while promoting individual development, curiosity and life-long learning.

We value the importance of mental health and social and emotional intelligence. We prioritize creating a community, grounded in inclusivity, that supports and inspires one another.

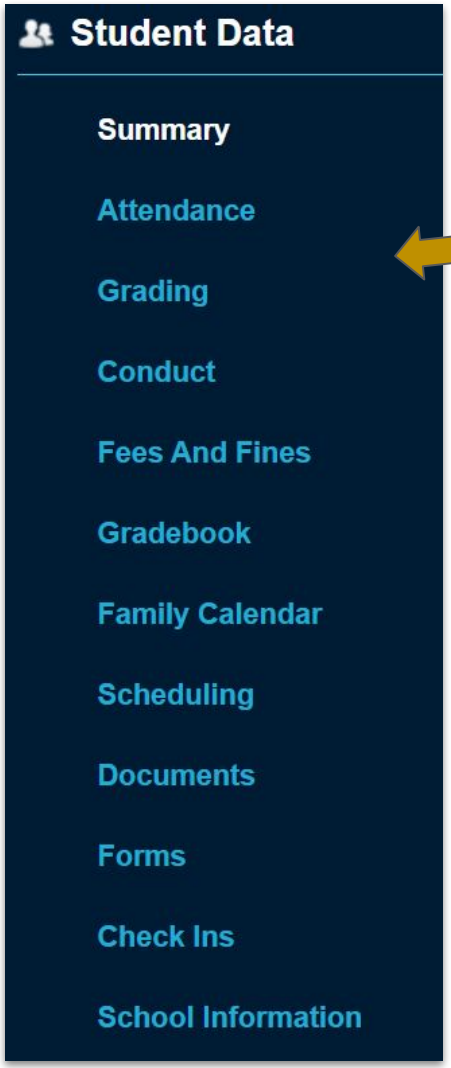
Through our commitment to these values, we aim to prepare our students to become responsible and engaged citizens who contribute to the betterment of the world.

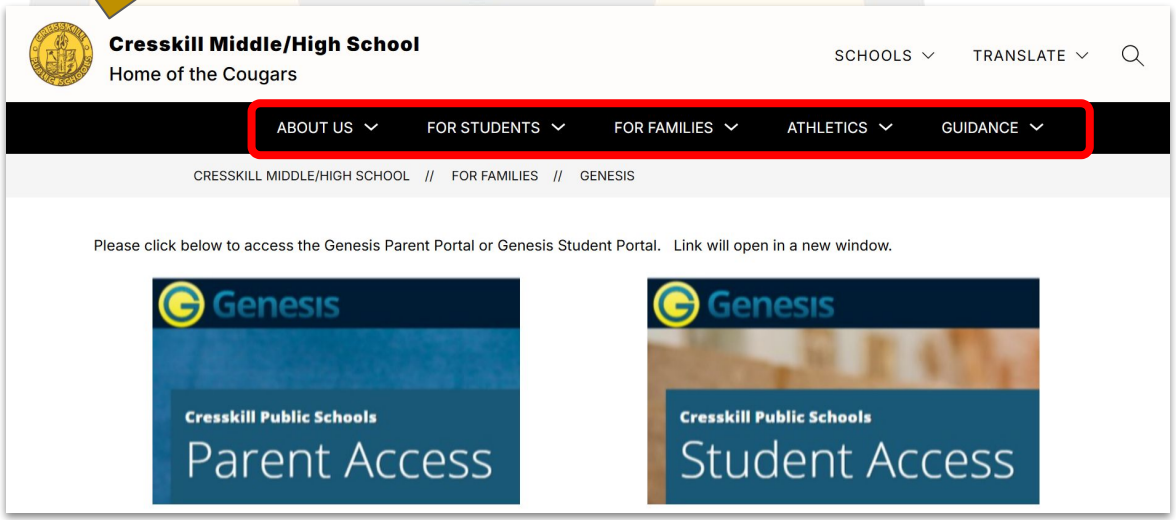
Chain of Communication

The Cresskill School District values quality communication as the foundation of supportive working relationships. In order to best achieve this goal, we encourage students and families to first contact their teachers, coaches, advisors, and counselors directly with any questions or concerns. If students and families still seek resolution after such communication, our administrative team is available to further support the communication process.

Genesis & School Website

- Genesis - Your primary source for student records
  - Attendance, grades, scheduling, conduct, etc.
- School website
  - Alerts, news, FAQs, information, etc.





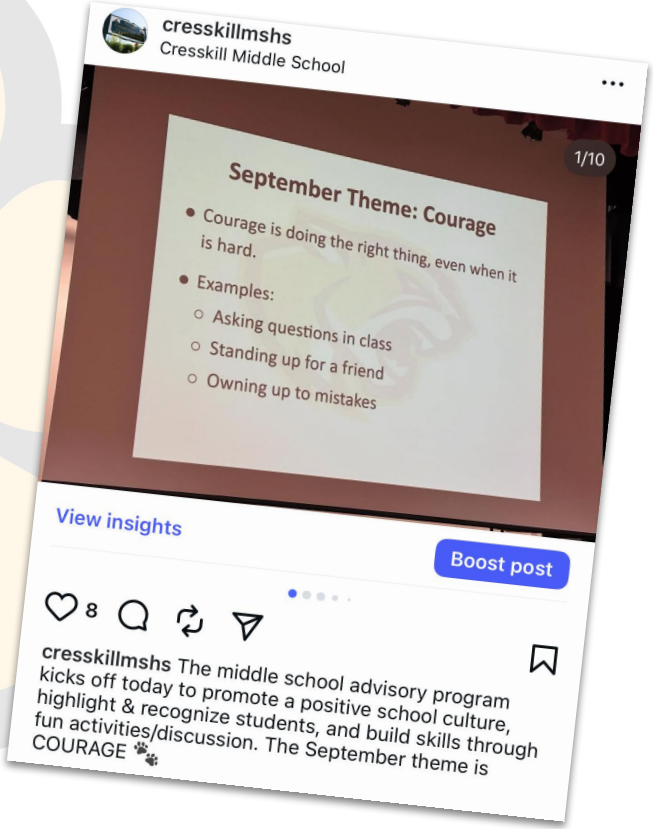
Middle School Advisory Program

Goals:

- Promote a positive school culture
- Highlight & recognize students
- Build skills through fun activities/discussions

September theme is COURAGE

- Respectful → Courage to treat others kindly
- Responsible → Courage to do your best work
- Safe → Courage to walk away from negative choices



Class of 2026 College Enrollment

American University
Belmont University
Bergen Community College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
College of Charleston
Concordia University
Cooper Union
Cornell University
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Emerson College
Fairfield University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Flagler College
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Harvard University
Indiana University
Iona University
Ithaca College
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University
Marist University
Miami Dade College
Middlebury College
Montclair State University
Muhlenberg College
New York University
Northeastern University
Pace University
Penn State University
Ramapo College
Reichman University (IDC Herzliya)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rowan University
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art & Design
Southern New Hampshire University
Spelman College
St. Joseph's University
St. Thomas Aquinas College
Stevens Institute of Technology
SUNY-Cortland
Syracuse University
Tel Aviv University
The College of New Jersey
The Ohio State University
University of Albany
University of California- Los Angeles
University of Colorado
University of Florida
University of Maine
University of Maryland
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
Virginia State University
William Paterson University
Williams College

Cresskill High School: A Culture of Excellence

Cresskill High School (CHS) is a highly-ranked, comprehensive public high school in Bergen County, New Jersey. With a small, close-knit population of 489 students, the school offers a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum balanced with extensive extracurricular and real-world learning opportunities.

Academic Excellence & Outcomes

88%
Four-Year College Matriculation

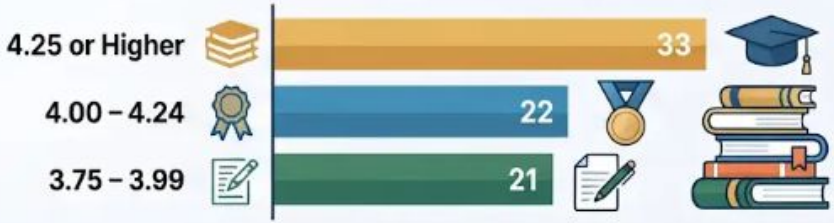
Most graduates advance to four-year institutions, including Ivy League and top-tier universities.

1273
Average SAT Score

Students consistently outperform benchmarks with a mean ERW of 633 and Math of 640.

33.1
Mean ACT Composite

CHS students demonstrate high proficiency across English, Math, Reading, and Science.



Rigorous Curriculum & Holistic Growth

Extensive AP & Honors Offerings

Advanced Placement courses are available across all disciplines, from Multi-Variable Calculus to Studio Art.

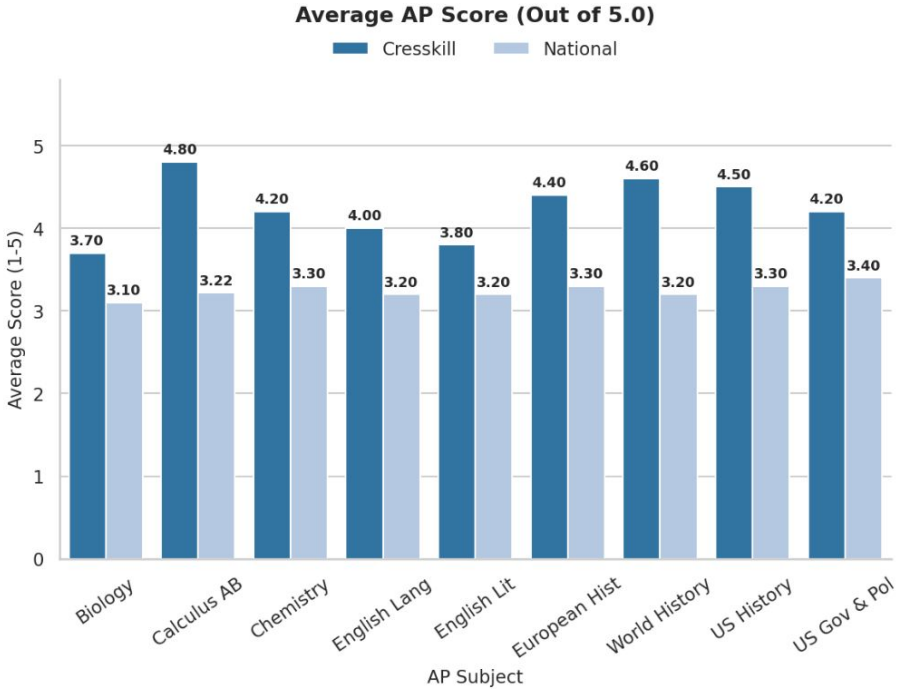
50+ Clubs and 18 Athletic Teams

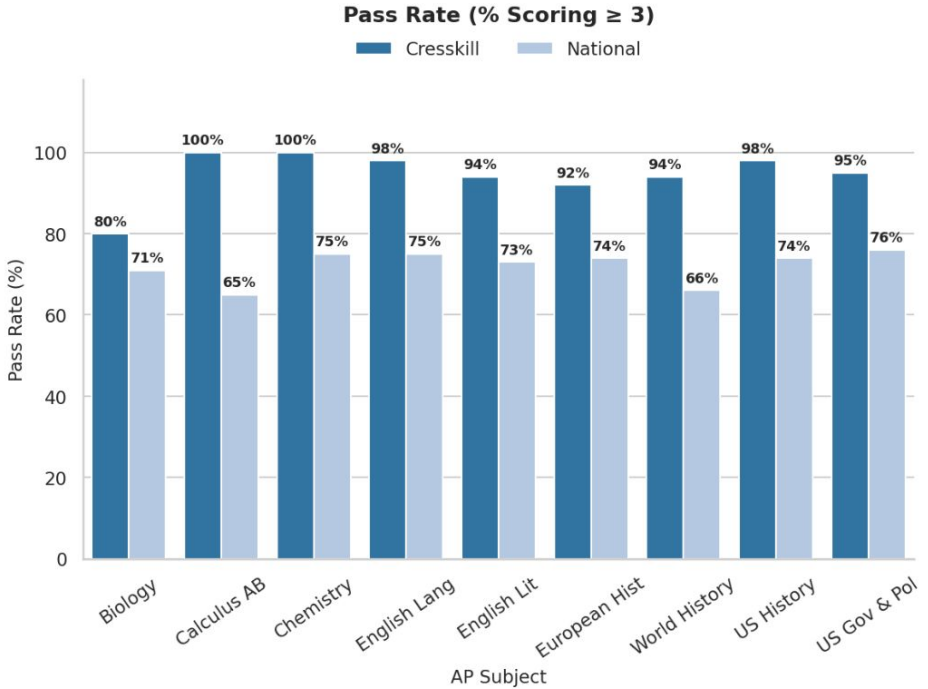
CHS fosters leadership and passion through a wide variety of extracurricular activities.

Senior Internship & Volunteer Program

Seniors connect academics to real-world experience to prepare for future careers.

Cresskill High School Outperforms National AP Benchmarks Across All Subjects

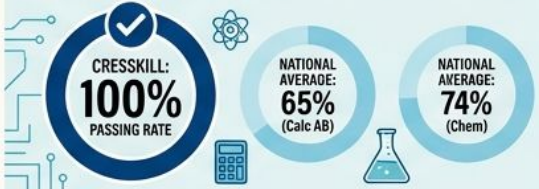




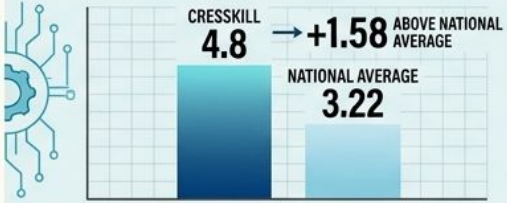
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: CRESSKILL HIGH SCHOOL OUTPERFORMS NATIONAL AP BENCHMARKS

STEM PERFORMANCE (Science & Math)

PERFECT PASSING RATES IN CALCULUS AND CHEMISTRY



4.8 AVERAGE SCORE IN CALCULUS AB

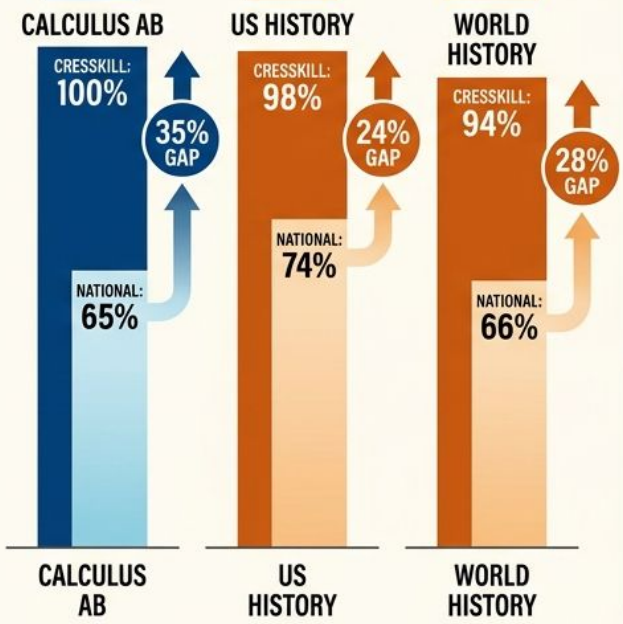


BIOLOGY PERFORMANCE LEADS THE NATION



MOST DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE GAPS

(Passing Rate ≥ 3)

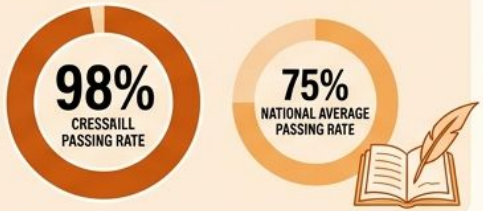


HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DOMINANCE IN HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT



98% PASSING RATE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE



HIGH-LEVEL MASTERY IN EUROPEAN HISTORY



Gemini Notebook

Cresskill Middle School/High School Parent Organizations

Home & School Association

Korean Parents Association

Athletic Boosters

Music Boosters

Cresskill Education Foundation

Cresskill Unidos

Project Graduation