

>>> JULY 2026

District

COUGAR NEWS

OUR VISION:

Crest Ridge R-VII is determined to be a dynamic and innovative school district in an evolving world

OUR MISSION:

We cultivate and empower every student for success

UPCOMING EVENTS: AUGUST

10 TAX RATE HEARING/SCHOOL BOARD MTG 6PM
 24 MEET THE TEACHERS AT CRE 4:30-6:30PM
 MEET THE TEACHERS AT CRS 5:00-7:00PM
 6TH GRADE ORIENTATION @ 5:30PM
 FRESHMAN ORIENTATION @ 6:00PM
 MEET THE COUGARS 7:00-7:30PM
 25 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

CSIP

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED OUR NEW CSIP AT THE JUNE 2026 BOARD MEETING. THE NEW CSIP CAN BE REVIEWED [HERE!](#)

2026-2027 DISTRICT CALENDAR



**FIRST DAY
OF SCHOOL:
AUGUST 25
SCHOOL IN
SESSION:
MONDAY,
AUGUST 31**



“
A new school year
means new beginnings,
new adventures, new
friendships, and new
challenges. The slate
is clean and anything
can happen.”

DENISE WITMER

PARENTS



Board Recap: June

- THE BOARD APPROVED THE NEWLY CREATED 2026-2029 CSIP. THE CSIP IS LARGELY BASED ON THE PREVIOUS PLAN WITH REVISIONS AND NEW COMPONENTS ADDED.
- THE BOARD APPROVED THE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.
- THE BOARD APPROVED TO RECONCILE THE 2025-2026 BUDGET AND APPROVED THE FY27 BUDGET.
- THE BOARD APPROVED THE 2026-2027 STUDENT HANDBOOK.
- THE JUNE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT WAS PRESENTED.

Board Recap: July

- THE BOARD SET THE TAX RATE HEARING FOR AUGUST 10, PRECEDING THE BOARD MEETING (6PM).
- THE BOARD APPROVED TO SET THE 2026-2027 TUITION RATE AT \$12,800 TO REFLECT THE COST PER STUDENT FOR FY26.
- THE BOARD APPROVED THE ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION PLAN, OUTSIDE PLACEMENT CONTRACTS, AND PURCHASED SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR.
- THE JULY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT WAS PRESENTED.

**NEXT MEETING:
AUGUST 10, 2026
6:00PM**



CELEBRATIONS!!!

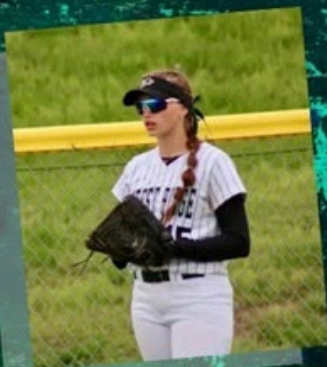


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JENNA SHELTON

ACADEMIC ALL-STATE



BRILYNN FLEMING



WHITNEY WINDERS

CREST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

ALL-STATE

A photograph of Erin Harms, a softball player, in a green jersey holding a gold trophy.

ERIN HARMS

CREST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

ALL-STATE

A photograph of Jenna Shelton, a softball player, in a white jersey crouching on a field.

JENNA SHELTON

Crest Ridge Elementary Supply List 2026-2027

New Student Enrollment: Monday, August 10, 2-7pm and Tuesday, August 11, 8-12 pm
 Kindergarten Orientation: August 19, 6pm Meet the Teacher Night: August 20, 4:30-6:30pm
 First Day of School: Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Kindergarten

2 boxes 24-count crayons (no sparkle or scented)
 2 pkgs of 9 count washable markers (no fine point)
 1 plastic school box
 1 pkg black dry erase markers
 1 plastic pocket folders (color of choice)
 2 large pink erasers
 3 pkgs glue sticks
 1 Fiskars scissors
 Over the ear headphones for self-use
 1 1-inch binder with clear front pocket
 1 bottle of glue (for Art)
 1 Container of Clorox wipes
 1 box Kleenex
 Boys: 1 ream multicolored cardstock,
 1 pack of index cards
 Girls: 1 ream white cardstock,
 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
 Optional: 1 extra pair of over the ear
 headphones
 as a donation to the class.

First Grade

1 Plastic 3 prong folder
 1 Fiskars scissors
 1 pkg of erasers
 2 boxes crayons (24 count)
 1 large box of Kleenex
 1 plastic school box
 4 glue sticks
 2 Expo black markers (fine tip)
 Girls bring 1 box quart Ziplock bags and 1
 container Clorox/Lysol wipes
 Boys bring 1 box gallon Ziplock bags and 1 bottle
 Hand sanitizer
 Over the ear headphones (corded)
 1 box-colored pencils (for Art)
 1 pkg 3x5 notecards
 1 package markers

Second Grade

1 small school supply box
 2 paper pocket folders with prongs (choice color)
 2 large pink erasers
 4 glue sticks
 1 box 24 count crayons
 2 large boxes Kleenex
 1 metal Fiskars scissors
 2 black Expo dry erase markers (wide)
 1 box washable markers
 1 spiral notebook wide lined 1 subject
 1 plain green paper pocket folder (no prongs)
 Headphones (preferred) or earbuds
 1 one-inch 3-ring binder
 1 Clorox Wipes (boys)
 1 Germ-X (girls)
 1 box washable markers (for Art)

Third Grade

1 box of colored pencils, 12 or 24 count
 2 plastic folders with pockets (choice color)
 1 plain green pocket folder (no prongs)
 1 package of pencil top-erasers
 2 boxes of Crayola Markers, 10 count (1 for class,
 1 for Art)
 1 Sharpie Marker
 1 box of Crayola Crayons
 2 glue sticks
 3 large boxes of Kleenex
 1 metal Fiskars scissors
 1 container of Clorox/Lysol wipes or Germ-X
 (optional)
 2-3 pairs of headphones (no earbuds please)
 1 stick of deodorant (no spray)
 1 box Ticonderoga Pencils
 1 composition Notebook
 1 Pronged Folder
 1 Pencil Box
 4 Black Dry erase markers

Fourth Grade

1 one-inch 3-ring binder
 1 box-colored pencils
 2 red pens
 1 pencil pouch or pencil box
 1 pack fine tip dry erase markers- black
 4 count Elmer glue sticks
 2 pkg pencil top erasers
 1 clipboard
 2 pkgs wide ruled notebook paper
 1 pkg Avery big tab insertable 2-pocket dividers
 2 yellow highlighters
 2-3 large boxes of Kleenex
 1 box Crayola crayons
 1 stick of deodorant (not spray)
 Earbuds with a case or headphones (NOT
 Bluetooth)
 1 pkg colored pencils (for Art)

Fifth Grade

2 pkg pencil top erasers
 4 black expo markers
 1- 24 count #2 Ticonderoga pencils
 3 large boxes of Kleenex
 1 pencil pouch or art box
 1 black Sharpie
 1 pkg colored pencils
 1 stick of deodorant (no spray)
 5 pocket folders with prongs
 1 composition notebook
 2 one subject spiral notebooks
 2 yellow highlighters
 1 Package Construction Paper for Art
 Earbuds with a case or headphones (NOT
 Bluetooth)
 Optional: Lysol wipes/Germ-X
*You may want to send in an extra/spare pair of
 earbuds since they usually need to be replaced
 frequently throughout the year.*

Crest Ridge Middle School Supply List 2026-2027

New Student ONLY Registration: August 11th, 2026 in HS Office
 August 12th, 2026 in HS Office
 6th Grade Orientation: August 20th, at 5:30pm in MS/HS Band room
 First Day of School: August 25, 2026

General Supplies

- Pencils* (36 count - at least 24 #2 wooden
 *Ticonderoga are preferred)
- Erasers (2 large)
- Colored Pencils (12 or 24 count box)
- Washable Markers (8 count box)
- Dry Erase Markers (2 pkgs - various colors)
- Glue Sticks (2)
- Facial Tissue (3 boxes - to be turned in to
 homeroom)
- Lined Filler Paper (1 pkg - 150 count each)
- Headphones/Earbuds, (1 pair - **No wireless**)
- Highlighters (1 pack - 2-4 colors)
- 2-Pocket Folders (3 various colors/designs)
- Spiral Notebooks (2 one-subject, 70 pages)
- Composition Notebooks (2)
- Graph Paper (1 pkg)
- Art Box/Pencil Case (1)

Course-Specific

- **P.E.:** Sling bag, stick deodorant, tennis
 shoes, t-shirt, gym shorts
- **Social Studies:** 1 inch 3-ring binder, tabbed
 dividers (optional)
- **ELA:** 1" 3 ring binder, tabbed dividers
- **7th Grade Math:** Fine tip expo markers
- **8th Grade Math:** 3-inch 3-ring binder,
 tracing paper
- **6th Grade Math:** Scientific Calculator
- **Band:** 1-inch hard cover binder, 3-ring pencil
 pouch
- **Art:** Pencil sharpener
- **Character Education:** Poster Board

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General Supplies to be used in various 6th- 8th grade classes

1 pkg. lined filler (notebook) paper-150 count
 pencils
 erasers
 1 box colored pencils – 12 count
 1 box markers – 8-12 count
 2 glue sticks
 1 art box or pencil case that will hold pencils, erasers,
 markers, glue sticks
 2 boxes facial tissue

6th-8th English Language Arts

#2 wooden or mechanical pencils (daily)
 Colored pencils for projects
 1 - 2 pocket folder (any design/color is fine)
 1- 1" 3 ring binder
 1 - 5 pack dividers
 1 - pack highlighters (2+ colors)
 Tissues
 Earbuds/headphones (cheap, NO wireless)
 glue sticks (optional, but welcomed!)

6th-8th Social Studies

1 inch 3 ring binder
 Tabbed dividers (optional)
 2 pocket folder (Student's choice of design)
 1-Highlighter
 1 one-subject (70 Page) spiral notebook
 Colored pencils

6th-8th Science

2 – composition notebook
 1 – 2-pocket folder
 1 - graph paper
 1 – pkg. dry erase markers

P.E. ALL

1 – sling bag to store gym clothes
 1 – STICK deodorant only!!!
 Tennis shoes, t-shirt, and gym shorts

8th Grade Math

3" 3-ring binder
 24 pk pencils
 Notebook paper
 Graph paper
 Tracing paper
 Headphones

7th Grade Math

Folder or binder
 Wooden #2 Pencils (24 or more)
 Dry-erase markers - fine tip (1 package)
 Facial Tissue

6th Grade Math

Wooden Pencils
 Dry erase markers
 1 box of tissues
 1 spiral notebook
 Scientific Calculator

Character Education (6th-8th)

Pens/Pencils
 Colored pencils, markers, sharpies for projects
 Facial Tissue
 Poster Board

Design and Modeling (7th Grade)

Colored pencils
 Ticonderoga pencils (24 Minimum)
 earbuds/headphones (cheap, NO wireless)

6th-8th Band Supplies

Pencils designated for Band
 1 – 1" hard cover binder
 Pencil pouch with 3 rings

6th-8th Art

#2 pencils
 erasers
 pencil sharpener

6th-8th FACS

Wired headphones or earbuds
 tissue box

Life Skills

Notebook

6th-8th Business Explo

2 pocket folder
 Wired headphones or earbuds

REMINDERS!

2026-2027 REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

BIG CHANGE THIS YEAR:

**EVERY STUDENT/PARENT WILL BE
REQUIRED TO PROVIDE
PROOF OF RESIDENCY!**

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

**WILL NEED TO BE UPLOADED IN THE FORM OF A UTILITY BILL, GAS BILL
OR MORTGAGE CONTRACT.**

**IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE UPLOADING TO INFINITE CAMPUS, PROOF OF
RESIDENCY CAN BE EMAILED TO THE BUILDING SECRETARY.**

BOND ISSUE UPDATES

- ✓ **SAFE AND SECURE ENTRYWAYS: COMPLETE!!**
- ✓ **TRACK AND FIELD: COMPLETE!!**
- ✓ **TRACK AND FIELD EQUIPMENT: COMPLETE!!!**
- ✓ **FOOTBALL FIELD LIGHTING: COMPLETE!!**
- ✓ **ELEMENTARY ADDITION: IN PROGRESS, COMPLETION AUGUST 2026**
- ✓ **SECONDARY BUILDING WINDOWS: MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPLETE, HIGH SCHOOL, AUGUST 2026**
- ✓ **ELEMENTARY ROOF: COMPLETION AUGUST 2026!**

THANK YOU, CREST RIDGE COMMUNITY, FOR VOTING YES ON PROJECT KIDS!!

THANK YOU