

**The Mission of Sumter School District:**  
Sumter School District is committed to providing a safe, nurturing,  
and high-quality educational environment that supports diversity  
and equips students for local and global success.

**Crestwood High School School Improvement Council:**

Mrs. Nicole Crumb, Community Member  
Mr. Kelvin Hastie, Community Member  
Mrs. Tamara Collier, Community Member  
Mrs. Deborah Horton, Assistant Principal  
Dr. Jayson Leach, Principal  
Ms. Zaniya Cabbagestalk, Student (Chair)  
Mrs. Melissa Jackson, Teacher  
Mrs. Melissa Wiley-Thompson, Teacher  
Mr. Michael Kremer, Teacher (Chair)  
Ms. Amber Ketchum, Parent  
Mrs. Whitney Washington-Robertson, Teacher  
Mrs. Shevonne Richardson, Teacher  
Dr. Mary Silva, Teacher  
Ms. Hailey Watson, Student

**Counseling:**

Mrs. Shirley Nelson, Dir. of Counseling  
Ms. Carmen Leverette, Counselor  
Mrs. Lisa Major, Counselor  
Ms. Joanna McPherson, Career Counselor  
Mrs. Bridget Richardson, Career Counselor

*Crestwood High School*

**School Improvement Council  
Report to Parents**



**Administration**

Dr. Jayson Leach, Principal  
Dr. Natalie Sarvis, Asst. Principal  
Dr. Jasmine Matterson, Asst. Principal  
Mr. Jermaine White, Asst. Principal  
Mr. Mackie Wilson, Asst. Principal  
Mrs. Deborah Horton, Asst. Principal

### **Achievements:**

- Numerous Dual Enrollment and Early College graduates
- Palmetto Boys and Girls State participants
- Over 2000 hours of community service
- Distinguished JROTC unit with merit
- Several students earn placement in The South Carolina All-State Chorus and SC Honor's Band every year
- Partnerships with American Heart, the American Red Cross, and Relay for Life
- Alumni working in education, including Sumter School District
- Countless former athletes playing at the collegiate and professional levels
- Current and former students excelling in business and industry, including small business ownership
- Participation in Fall Special Olympic Games

### **From the Principal:**

Currently, Crestwood High School has 76 Juniors and Seniors enrolled in Dual-Enrollment courses at Central Carolina Technical College, as well as 38 Juniors and Seniors enrolled in the Early College Program at USC Sumter and 11 enrolled in Advanced Placement for U.S. History.

Listed below are just a few of the many points of pride for our school. Any success that Crestwood High School has achieved could not have been accomplished without the support of our stakeholders, and we sincerely thank you all for your continued investment in our children and community.

- Over \$6 million in scholarships awarded in the past five years
- GEAR UP is a six to seven year grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP funds are used to provide college scholarships to low-income students. This program helps to close achievement gaps and to become another resource to schools as support for students to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. Crestwood High School GEAR UP has exposed our students to over 30 colleges to promote post secondary education. GEAR UP offers scholarship workshops, parent workshops, financial aid workshops, college and career fairs, professional development for teachers, ACT/SAT preparation, and free tutoring for all GEAR UP students.
- Several student athletes and coaches were honored at the district, local, and state levels
- MSgt Selle, JROTC, was selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS)

### **SIC Annual Goals:**

The following key strategies will address instructional improvement to increase student achievement:

1. Data-Driven Instruction: We will focus on using data to identify areas of improvement. This includes regular assessments to track student progress and tailoring our teaching strategies to meet the unique needs of each student.
2. Professional Development: Our teachers will receive ongoing research-based professional development and targeted assistance to enhance their teaching skills. This will ensure that they are well-equipped to provide the best education possible for your children.
3. Parent Involvement: We encourage active participation from parents and guardians. Your input, support, and involvement in your child's education are invaluable. We will host regular meetings and workshops to keep you informed and engaged.
4. Student Support Services: We are expanding our student support services to address any learning difficulties promptly. Early intervention can make a significant difference in a child's academic progress.
5. Transparent Communication: We are committed to keeping you informed about our progress. Regular updates on our improvement efforts, school events, and student achievements will be shared through newsletters, emails, and meetings.
6. Collaboration with the Community: We will collaborate with local organizations, businesses, and community members to create a supportive network that fosters student success.
7. Support Personnel: A literacy coach will work with all teachers to create effective instructional lessons.







