

## Performance Goals

Goal One: Students in grades 9-12 will increase performance on HSAP, SAT, and ACT as outlined in the School Renewal Plan.

Goal Two: The percentage of the workforce will increase from 94.04% highly qualified in 2010 to 100% by 2014 and will be maintained by a comprehensive program of recruitment, retention, and professional development.

**Goal Three:** The number of discipline referrals that result in suspensions and expulsions will decrease 15% by 2014.



# Crestwood High School

## Our Beliefs

We believe that:

- Learning is a lifelong process.
- The quality of education primarily determines the quality of life in a community.
- The family is the most important influence on the individual.
- Every person has intrinsic worth and unlimited potential.
- Character development is necessary for optimal achievement
- Each individual is responsible for his or her own actions.
- Active involvement of parents, students, staff, and community is critical to the education process.

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Annual Report To The Parents 2011-2012

**Mission Statement** 

Crestwood High School:
Keeping Academics and
Citizenship First and Foremost.

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Sumter School District Educate • Empower • Enrich

### School Improvement Council

(Including Ex-Officio Members) Candace Leggett. . . . . . . . . . President/ Community Member Mrs. Linda Avery. . . . . . . . . . . . Vice President/ Teacher of the Year Dr. Kathleen DuRant. . . . . . . . . . . Secretary/ Community Member John Huggins......Principal Eduardo Lagavan......Parent Rita Beard......Community Member Verona Cabbagestalk. . . . . . . . Community Member Sharon Christmas..... Community Member Sharon Teigue. . . . . . . Other Member Debra Henderson. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Teacher Christine Whigham..... Teacher 

## 2011 Annual School Report Card Absolute Rating: Good Improvement Rating: Excellent



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#### Dear Parents/Guardians:

When the South Carolina State Department of Education announced the ratings for South Carolina schools this year, both overall rating and our improvement rating had improved. In the most recent listings, Crestwood is listed as GOOD overall, with an EX CELLENT improvement rating. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff, particularly in light of the severe budget cuts we have been experiencing in the last few years. More recently, Crestwood was awarded Palmetto GOLD awards for our overall rating and for narrowing the achievement gap for minority students. Our graduation rate is also up, with our 84.6% again being one of the highest in the area.

Next year we will still be facing budgetary problems, but we have been successful in getting grants to help provide services that would ordinarily have been cancelled. For example, last summer we received a windfall grant of \$23,000 which allowed us to set up a summer credit recovery program that was perhaps our most successful ever. That program also included training in careers. Last fall, it was announced that Crestwood had won a 3-year grant for \$245,000 which will allow us (among other things) to fund improvements in the technology available in the classes and also to set up after-school and summer credit recovery programs.

We cannot succeed without your support in the future, and we thank you sincerely for all you have done in the past. Our students will need more skills and knowledge than ever before in order to succeed—and we are determined to help them succeed.

With these and other changes on the horizon, we will continue to need your input and your cooperation. If you receive a survey or a request to attend a meeting, please make every effort to participate so that your voice can be heard. If you have any questions or concerns about this report or any other issue, please feel free to contact the school. You are important to us.

Sincerely,

Candace Leggett,

School Improvement Council President

John Huggins

Principal

#### Crestwood Needs Assessment

During the recent school renewal process, our school and community representatives agreed that Crestwood High School should continue to focus on student achievement, teacher/administrator quality and retention, and school climate. We met with representatives of our students, staff, and community to analyze our programs and decide what we need to do to address the evident needs. The chosen areas will remain part of our focus for improvement, and strategies have been developed and implemented to address them. This year's assessment was based on data from a variety of sources, including input from our School Improvement Council as well as our faculty and staff. We utilized information from the selfstudy conducted as part of the accreditation process for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (2004) and updated when we completed the recent (2010) district AdvancEd accreditation process. In addition, we used our annual School Renewal Plan and the state-of-the-school meetings with the District Instructional leaders. Further information about instructional needs was derived from the Sweet 16 instructional audits conducted in the fall. We also reviewed data from the HSAP test, state end-of-course tests, attendance reports, and discipline reports. Surveys of students, parents, and staff members were included.

In order to meet the assessed needs of our students, we are continuing to use and adjust the Knights' Round Table (KRT) program. This daily forty-five minute period includes tutorials, career planning, credit recovery, clubs, and literacy activities. Since the implementation of KRT, our literacy scores have improved and the number of students who have successfully completed credit recovery has increased. Following the suggestions of students and staff, we are considering the implementation of a Friday study period during KRT for students to get a head start on their homework for the weekend. Crestwood has been visited by schools outside our district to see our program, and we are currently being considered as presenters at the national High Schools That Work conference this summer. High Schools That Work is a nation-wide comprehensive reform initiative which also helps us to address our assessed needs.

IT IS THE MISSION OF SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT to provide an intellectual and safe environment, which equips students to be responsible, successful, and productive citizens in a global society.