

# CRESTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Academic Program Expansions**

MOUNTAIN TOP, PA Feb 28, 2025 - Natasha Milazzo, Superintendent of the Crestwood School District, is pleased to announce a significant expansion of academic and elective course offerings across all grade levels. This expansion reinforces the district's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and student success.

#### **Enhancing Music Education at the Secondary Campus Level (Grades 7-12)**

Beginning in the upcoming 2025-26 academic year, the Crestwood School District will introduce new music electives at the Secondary Campus, including:

- *Music Technology* – Exploring digital music production, sound engineering, and modern recording techniques.
- *Music Songwriting and Composition* – Encouraging students to develop creative writing skills through lyric composition and instrumental arrangement.
- *Music Theory* – Teaching students the fundamentals of musical notation, harmony, and structure to deepen their understanding of music.

These additions will nurture students' musical talents while incorporating technology and creativity into their education.

#### **Expansion of Advanced Placement (AP) Offerings**

To further support academic excellence, the district will introduce AP Biology at the high school level in the 2025-2026 school year. This will provide students with a rigorous, college-level biology course to prepare them for their futures.

Since the 2022-2023 school year, the Crestwood School District has added four new AP courses, bringing the total number of Advanced Placement offerings to twelve (12) for the 2025-2026 school year. This continued expansion reflects the district's dedication to academic rigor, college readiness, and innovative curriculum offerings designed to challenge and inspire students.

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## **New Elementary School (Grades K – 6) Special Program in Art & Humanities**

Recognizing the importance of a well-rounded education at an early age, the Crestwood School District will introduce a new elementary special program in the 2025-26 school year focused on:

- World Languages – Introducing students to foundational concepts in different languages to build early communication skills and cultural awareness.
- Geography and Global Studies – Exploring world cultures, landmarks, traditions, and global citizenship to help students understand their place in a diverse world.
- Arts – Encouraging creative expression through painting, sculpture, and artistic development.
- Interdisciplinary Learning Experiences – Integrating geography, history, art, and world languages into engaging, hands-on projects that enhance critical thinking and creativity.

This program will empower elementary students to think globally, create boldly, and explore new perspectives—a foundation for lifelong learning and success.

At the Crestwood School District, we take pride in being leaders in innovative curriculum and educational opportunities. Through our commitment to expanding academic pathways, fostering creativity, and integrating new technologies, we are preparing our students to be the next generation of leaders, creators, and problem-solvers.

As Soaring Comets, we continue to push the boundaries of academic excellence and innovative learning. These new courses and programs align with our district’s vision to prepare students for success in an ever-evolving world. By expanding our AP program, introducing new music courses, art and humanities courses, and developing globally minded curriculum, we are setting the stage for students to thrive academically, artistically, and intellectually.

The district looks forward to implementing these enhancements and continuing to provide students with exceptional learning opportunities that inspire, challenge, and empower them.

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