Why enroll in a CRHS academy program?

Established in 1977, Cumberland Regional High School is a proven institution of secondary education that blends experience and tradition with forward-thinking programming to effectively promote college and career readiness and a lifelong love of learning. The academy programs at CRHS allow students to take strategic steps toward their goals for the future through the development of knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global workforce. The CRHS academy model is a culmination of years of experience and curriculum refinement, designed to couple evidence-based classroom instruction with hands-on learning experiences that thoroughly prepare students to maximize their potential as young adults. With the addition of the academy model to a district with dedicated and talented staff, established athletics and extracurricular programming, and a network of community support, Cumberland Regional remains the premier educational option for local youth.

Who is eligible to enroll in the CRHS academy programs?

Each of the CRHS academies is open to students from the Cumberland Regional constituent districts of Deerfield, Fairfield, Greenwich, Hopewell with Shiloh, Stow Creek, and Upper Deerfield. Students should apply to these academies during eighth grade by submitting an application through the student's current school's Guidance Office, online, or by contacting Mrs. Bonnie Powers at CRHS (powers@crhsd.org / 856-451-9400, ext. 259).

CRHS freshmen who complete the Dramatic Arts and Public Speaking course during ninth grade may apply to the Dramatic Arts Academy at the end of freshman year. However, enrollment for the Agriculture, Biomedical, Business, IT, Justice Studies, and STEM academies is open only to incoming freshmen at CRHS. In addition, out-of-district students (students who do not reside in one of the Cumberland Regional constituent districts) may apply to the Agriculture Academy through the Interdistrict Public School Choice program.

Do I have to enroll in an academy program if I want to attend CRHS?

No, CRHS also offers traditional-route College Preparatory, Honors, and Advanced Placement (AP) programs of study that are designed to prepare students for post-secondary success.

CRHS is partnering with Cumberland County College to offer an Early College High School Program for students to work towards a Liberal Arts Associate's Degree for Academy and Non-Academy students beginning their Freshman year. CRHS also works with Rowan College at Gloucester County (RCGC) to offer their High School Option Program. AP classes offered at CRHS include: Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, U.S. Government, U.S. History I, and U.S. History II. In addition, students in academy programs or traditional-route programs have the opportunity to earn college credits by successfully completing dual-credit courses including: Administration of Justice, Advanced Language Arts IV, Agricultural Science - Plant, Advanced Visual Basic, C++, and Drama III and Drama IV.

Can CRHS academy students participate in extracurricular activities such as sports and clubs?

Absolutely -- in fact, CRHS strongly encourages all our students to get involved in extracurricular activities to explore a range of interests and to support a well-rounded education. While the academies connect students with subject-centered opportunities through groups like the Technology Student Association (TSA), Future Farmers of America (FFA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), the International Thespian Honor Society, and the National Technical Honor Society, academy students also may participate in any of the other extracurricular programs at CRHS.

Will students enrolled in an academy program have the chance to take classes not directly related to their academy focus?

Yes. Although each academy program offers a rigorous, four-year sequence of core courses designed to maximize participating students' development in a targeted area of interest, each academy's curriculum also includes coursework in math, English language arts, social studies, world languages, and health/physical education. In addition, CRHS guidance counselors will work with students to try to accommodate other interests by incorporating elective classes into their course schedules as possible. Academy students also are provided the opportunity to explore their interests through activities such as clubs, field trips, and special events.