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In order to be considered for the Dramatic Arts Academy at Cumberland Regional High School, students are required to submit an interest form by the end of May. Forms can either be emailed to campbelle@crhsd.org or mailed to:
Cumberland Regional High School
Attn: Dramatic Arts Academy
90 Silver Lake Road
Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302

More information about the Dramatic Arts Programs at CRHS can be found at:
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