

Cranford Public School District



Growing Tomorrow's Leaders Together



2018 - 2019 School Year

Cranford Public School District

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The Cranford Public School System is comprised of 8 schools with a combined enrollment of approximately 3863 students. Through the support of an educational community that embraces diversity, lifelong learning, and comprehensive wellness, the Cranford Public Schools will strive to build capacity in every student to develop the passion, perseverance, and creativity to shape the world around them.

District Accomplishments

- Cranford Public School District is:
 - **Ranked the 8th safest school district in the State** according to the 2020 Niche School Safety Rankings;
 - **Ranked the 23rd best school district in the State** according to the 2020 Niche School District Rankings (moved up 17 spots in three years);
 - Cranford High School was ranked **#31 in the 2018 New Jersey Monthly School Rankings Bi-annual report** (moved up 23 spots in two years);
 - Cranford High School was **ranked #48 in New Jersey in the US News and World Report 2019 Rankings.**
- In the 2018-2019 School year, the District implemented several safety upgrades and enhancements including:
 - New Strategic Planning Goal - a main focus of the newly created strategic plan is to, "Promote continuous improvement, awareness, and a culture of student safety and wellness."
 - Safety Vestibules - each school has an electronic double door entry system
 - New Visitor Entry Protocols - established Districtwide
 - Security Cameras - each school has been equipped with additional cameras
 - Perimeter door alarms - all perimeter doors in each school are alarmed and monitored
 - StopIt App - students have the ability to report issues anonymously
 - District Coordinator of Culture and Climate - the District established a new position to assist in attending to the social-emotional needs of our students and help enhance the culture and climate throughout the District
 - Police Substations - the CPD / District partnership established three police substations in the schools. Read more about the innovative initiative here: <https://unionnewsdaily.com/headline-news/45166>
- Established a 5 year District Strategic Plan in partnership with the community. The District is excited to continue engaging the community in reflection and dialogue as we all participate in the shared responsibility of "Growing Tomorrow's Leader's Together."
- Competitively selected for a 3 year New Jersey Tiered System of Supports Early Literacy grant.
- The grant is provided through the New Jersey Department of Education in partnership with Rutgers University.
- Implemented the NJ Tiered System of Supports to provide enhanced intervention and enrichment opportunities for students. The District hired two interventionists to assist with these efforts.
- Competitively selected for a 3 year Climate Transformation grant for both Hillside Avenue and Orange Avenue Schools. The grant is provided through the New Jersey Department of Education in partnership with Rutgers University.
- Over 160 clubs and activities are provided throughout the District at the K-8 level and over 90 clubs and activities are provided at Cranford High School. Additionally, the High School supports 28 varsity athletic programs and holds about 80 performances a year.
- SAT, ACT, and AP scores are well above the State and National averages.
- Cranford has a graduation rate of 98.5% (a 3.3% increase over last year).