



CHARLOTTE

Secondary School

AT A GLANCE

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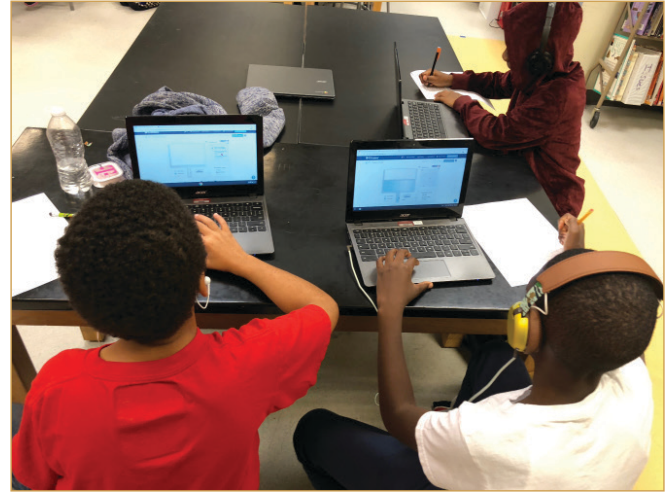
WELCOME

MISSION

We are a diverse middle and high school community that focuses on college preparation and individual tailored learning opportunities to empower all students to reach their full potential.

OUR HISTORY

Charlotte Secondary School's charter was granted in 2007. That same year, the school enrolled 76 students in 6th grade with 8 staff members. Our growth has continued, and now we serve around 400 students. In 2013, CSS expanded to include a high school program. To date, CSS has had two successful graduating classes in 2016 & 2017

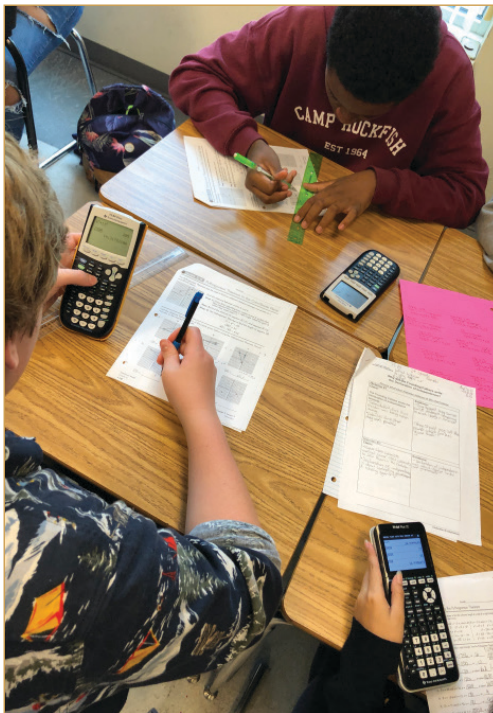


LEADERSHIP, FACULTY & STAFF

Our Board of Directors is comprised of community and parent leaders. The School Leadership Team consists of:

- Head of School
- Dean of Students & Culture
- Finance and Human Resources Officer
- EC Department
- College and Career Advisor
- Athletic Director

In addition to the leadership team, CSS has 30 full-time faculty members, as well as 2 front office staff members. All of our faculty members are qualified to provide instruction to our students, and many hold, or are working on, advanced educational degrees.



STUDENT PROFILE

Our school population is an academically, culturally and socioeconomically diverse mix of students. This blend enhances the dynamics of our school community and provides our students with a widened variety of experiential learning. CSS, as specified in our charter, actively recruits students who will thrive in a smaller middle and high school environment as well as those who are traditionally under-represented in high school college preparatory programs.

STUDENT VOICE:

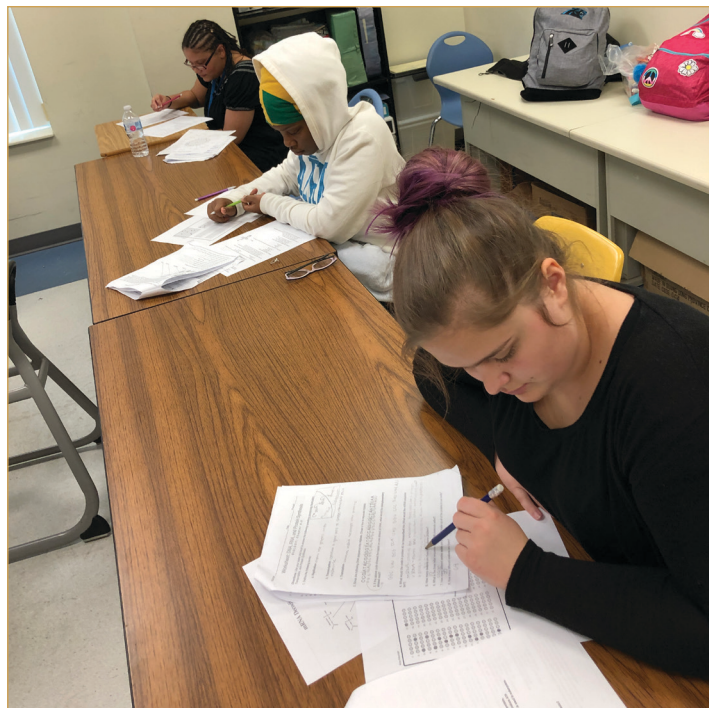
- Helping to design a school that values expectations over rules.
- Providing genuine student leadership.
- Abiding by a jointly agreed upon Honor Code.
- Celebrating diversity, differences and respect.
- Focusing deliberate attention on spirit, mind and body.
- Committing to ownership of the academic experience.
- Developing collaborative community efforts.
- Seeking to become creative problem solvers

THE DEMOGRAPHICS & PERSONALITY:

Charlotte Secondary School (CSS) is a public charter school with close to 400 students in grades six through twelve (grade 12 was added in 2015-2016). CSS combines high expectations for a diverse student body with the instructional support needed for every student to reach his or her full potential. Our low student-teacher ratio and invaluable exceptional children's program enables our faculty to recognize every student as unique individuals. The makeup of CSS' student population allows us to explore the cultural composition of our local communities and to hold meaningful exchanges about the differences within social conditions. Our student population is 23% White, 46% black, 20% Hispanic and 10% two or more races; 60% male and 40% female; and 48% of the families we serve are from socioeconomically disadvantaged families. Of these students, more than 60% have the potential to be first generation college-goers for their families. The CSS Student/Teacher Ratio: 12:1, with an average class size of 25 students.

OUR LOCATION

Charlotte Secondary School is located at 8601 McAlpine Park Drive, just off Monroe Road in east Charlotte. This location houses both our Middle and High School campuses as well as athletic and extra-curricular facilities for our students.



A COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

While serving primarily as a college preparatory school, we gather students from all educational backgrounds and provide them with avenues of enrichment and study that cater to the individual needs. Ultimately our charge is to guide all students in the discovery of their own particular genius, the crucial step in a distinctive life-path.

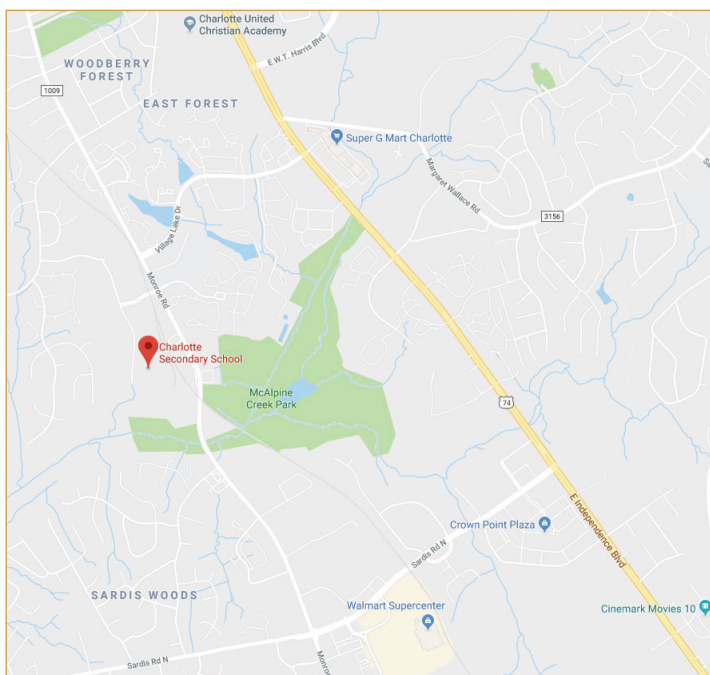
SCHOOL DAY INFORMATION

Our school day for middle and high school begins at 8:00 a.m. and students are dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

We do not participate in the federal school lunch program. However, lunches can be ordered through our on-line ordering system for delivery on Mondays-Fridays.

CSS does not provide transportation to or from school. Our PTO does a wonderful job in assisting with carpool arrangements, and there is a near-by CATS stop that many families utilize. High school students who have successfully obtained a driver's license may drive to and park at school.

Sports and after-school clubs are offered in a variety of subjects and interest areas of the student body. As our school grows, so do our options for student enrichment, including the opportunity to participate in sports throughout the year.





FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

We encourage and welcome family involvement in building a warm and inclusive community. Because it does “take a village” to provide our students with the experiences, the resources, and the opportunities needed to prepare them for success in our ever-changing world, we rely on parents to actively support our students and our school. Our students will volunteer in civic and community-wide projects as a part of the curriculum, and families will be expected to participate accordingly.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is an active partner in our school and encourages involvement in many different committees that are suited for all our families. Families are asked to volunteer to support a wide variety of opportunities. We are very thankful for the efforts by all on behalf of our students!

CHARTER SCHOOL INFORMATION

CSS is a public charter school governed by our Board of Directors rather than the local district’s school board. The board is subject to oversight by the NC Department of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education. Because we are a public school, we administer all state tests, end-of-grade and end-of-course tests, but are exempt from some compliance requirements.

Students who attend charter schools do so by choice. Charter schools, often referred to as under-funded public schools, receive state and local funding on a per-student basis as do traditional public schools. Unlike traditional public schools, charter schools receive no funding for buildings, equipment, campus improvements, technology, food service, or capital expenditures.

ADMISSIONS

Students living in the state of North Carolina who are in good standing in their current school are eligible to enroll in Charlotte Secondary School. It is important to remember, however, that every child’s academic needs are different. And, because every school’s programs and resources vary, parents and students should carefully evaluate a potential school to ensure a good fit between the child’s abilities and the school’s educational philosophy and curriculum. CSS strongly encourages parents to attend an Open House and review all prospective family materials.

OPEN HOUSES

Parents are highly encouraged to attend an Open House to learn more about Charlotte Secondary School. These sessions are for all grade levels. Visiting during a school day is ideal because you will see the school in action. Open house dates will be posted on our website. We do ask that you RSVP for our open houses by visiting:

<http://www.charlottesecsecondary.org> or email RSVP to amanda.talbot@charlottesecsecondary.org

PARENT AND STUDENT TOURS AND VISITS

Charlotte Secondary also encourages students and parents to visit the school during regular school hours. We host tours on Wednesday mornings starting at 8:00am. Please RSVP to amanda.talbot@charlottesecsecondary.org

STUDENT APPLICATIONS

Prospective families can pick up an application from the school office or download one from the school website: www.charlottesecsecondary.org. Once completed, applications can be dropped off or faxed to the school at 704-295-0156.

All applications must be signed; we cannot accept an unsigned application, regardless of its delivery method. Applications will be date and time stamped when received. Applications must be in the front office by 3:00pm on Friday, March 2, 2018 to be entered into the lottery. Applications received after this date will be placed on a waiting list in the order in which they are received. The Lottery will occur on March 9, 2018.

STUDENT SELECTION AND LOTTERY PROCESS

Charlotte Secondary School does not limit admission of students based on intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, athletic ability, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability, religion, or ancestry.

Enrollments for the upcoming school year are determined in the early spring. When there are more applicants than available space in a grade level, a lottery is held to decide the enrollment population. After the lottery, CSS will notify each family to let them know of the student's acceptance or position on the wait list for the upcoming year. When a student is accepted, a packet of documents, including a Release of Records form, must be completed to enable the transfer of the student to CSS.

Non-Discrimination Policy: *Charlotte Secondary School admits students of all races, colors, national and ethnic origins to all the rights, privileges and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, religion, or sexual orientation in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, athletic and other school administered programs.*