

Raleigh Charter
High School



Educating knowledgeable,
thoughtful, contributing citizens

www.raleighcharterhs.org

Charter Schools

- Governed by an **independent** school board
- Separate from all local school systems, including Wake County
- **Chartered directly by the state** and bound by some state regulations but not others
- Funding sources
 - Per pupil from state and counties
 - Do not receive capital funds

Our Unique Mission

Raleigh Charter High School challenges college-bound students in a creative and supportive environment to become knowledgeable, thoughtful, contributing citizens.

Citizenship Education

- Active, Social, Creative learning
- Rigorous college preparation
 - Enriched, expansive curriculum
- Teachers who are caring, passionate experts in their fields
- Innovative Programs: Flex, Ex, and Community Work Days
- Small size: small school, small classes
- An intellectual community of students who love to learn inside and outside of the classroom

The Basics

- **Shorter day:** *9:00 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.*
- **Classes:** Students take six 45-minute, year-long classes (August through June)
- **Homework:** five days per week, 20 to 30 minutes per course per night (AP courses 30 to 45 minutes) = 2-3 hours per night for 9th graders; more when taking AP classes
- **Calendar:** School starts **August 13** and mid-year exams are held in December

Finding the Right Fit

- Math 1 (Algebra 1) or higher in Grade 9 - Four high-school math courses: **Minimum load** is Math 1, Math 2, Math 3, and Advanced Functions & Modeling.
- Only Honors courses in Science, English, and History
- Two consecutive years of a foreign language (German, Spanish, French)
- **Ninth-Grade Courses**
 - **Four core courses:** Math, English, World History, and Biology
 - **Two electives:** Foreign Language, Fine Arts, Health, or another core course

Innovative Programs

- **Daily Learning**
 - Active, Social, Creative instruction
- **Special Days**
 - Ex Days (Extended-Period Days)
 - Flex Days (Flexible-Schedule Days)
 - Community Work Days
 - Phoenix Fest Day
- **Enriching Resources**
 - Community guests
 - Experiences in downtown Raleigh
- **Bring your own Touchscreen Chromebook**
 - Used only to enhance active learning
 - 2019-2020 for 9th, 10th, and 11th grades only

College Counseling

- The essence of college counseling is finding the *right college match*.
- Colleges know our academic program well.
- We foster *relationships with colleges*.
 - We publish a school profile and a curriculum guide.
 - College representatives visit RCHS, and our counselors visit colleges.
 - Our counselors are involved in and experienced in the profession of college counseling.

Student Life

- **The Arts**
 - Visual art, vocal music, instrumental music, and drama
- **One lunch period**
 - Club meetings, tutoring, socializing
- **Clubs**
 - More than 70 student-led clubs with wide variety of activities
- **Athletics**
 - Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Volleyball (women's only)
 - 1A in NC High School Athletic Association

Parent Support

- Commitment to the school's mission
- Transportation - Carpools, city buses, parking
- Phoenix Parents (Visit Room 128)
- Supplemental books
- Lots of volunteer opportunities
- Support for the annual Phoenix Fund

Equity and Access

- **Diversity**
 - RCCHS is committed to creating a school environment which is culturally rich and reflective of the diversity of Wake County.
- **Financial Needs**
 - RCCHS will meet the financial needs of all students at school and will provide books, lunches, bus passes, and other items as needed.
- **Special Programs**
 - RCCHS supports students with disabilities including those with Individual Education Plans and 504 Plans.

Application Process

- **Application Window, January 28 – February 28**
 - A link to the **online application** can be found on the main page of our website (www.raleighcharterhs.org).
 - Application must be **submitted online by 11:59 p.m. on February 28.**
 - It takes about 10 minutes to complete an application.
 - After you submit your application, you will receive an **email confirmation.**
 - Families with limited or no internet access may visit the school office during business hours to complete an application.

Admissions Lottery

- **Public Lottery on Friday, March 22 at 4 p.m.**
 - Students applying for 9th grade will be admitted in 3 separate math pools: Math 1, Math 2, Math 3 and above.
 - Rising Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors will be placed on waiting lists.
 - Waiting lists are capped at 40 students each.
- **Lottery Results**
 - Results will be emailed to you by the evening of March 22.
 - Accepted students will receive a packet of materials in the mail soon after the lottery.
 - You can login to your lottery application account to view waiting list updates.
 - Students who are admitted off of the waiting list will receive a phone call from the school.

Please visit with us!

Subject or Topic	Room
English	230
French, German, Spanish	223
Science	142
Visual Art and Drama	203
Special Programs (IEP/504)	200
College Counseling	112
Phoenix Parents	128
History	139
Math	133
Strings	205
Choral Music	209
Band	211