

2016-2017

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2014 National Blue Ribbon School—Exemplary High Performing School

OVERVIEW

Raleigh Charter High School, a public college-preparatory school, combines a demanding honors-level curriculum with the enrichment of field experiences. All students are encouraged to attain their own levels of excellence in academics and to discover how to make contributions as citizens of the world. Our first Senior Class graduated in 2002.

SELECTED FEATURES

- We have 562 students in grades 9-12.
- Student-faculty ratio: 19:1.
- Our school day has six 45-minute periods.
- Community service and citizenship education are integral curricular and extracurricular components.
- Experiential education occurs on Flex Days, Ex Days, Community Crosswalk and Community Work Days.
- We are members of NACAC and SACAC.
- In 2011, the Model Schools Network identified Raleigh Charter High School as one of five high schools in the nation recognized for proven and promising practices.
- Our athletics program offers basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, and volleyball.
- The 135 students in the Class of 2016 were accepted at 142 different colleges and universities and matriculated at 43 different schools in 16 states. Scholarship awards totaled over \$6 million.
- By virtue of first- and second-place finishes in NC, our school competed in the National Science Olympiad in 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013 and 2016, a singular achievement in that span.
- *Newsweek's* America's Top High Schools: Raleigh Charter High School ranked 9 (2005), 53 (2006), 18 (2007), 27 (2008), 34 (2009), 43 (2010), 189 (2011) and 34 (2012), 40 (2013), 33 (2014) and 17 (2015).
- *USNews's* America's Best High Schools: Raleigh Charter High School ranked 20 (2008) and 24 (2009). *USNews* ranked us 11 in Best High Schools for Math and Science (2011). *US News* ranked us 8 for best charter schools in the nation (2015). *US News* ranked us 37 in the nation and 7 for best STEM school in the nation (2016).
- *Washington Post's* High School Challenge: 55 (2011), 88 (2012), 79 (2013) and 55 (2014).
- *Washington Post* ranked us 124 nationally, 68 in the South and 1 in North Carolina in 2015. We were ranked 132 nationally, 83 in the South, and 1 in North Carolina in 2016
- In 2016, 335 RCHS students took 840 AP exams in 22 areas; 94% received scores of 3 or better. The Graduating Class Summary is 88.9%.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must successfully complete a minimum of 22 credits in grades 9-12 (1 credit=1 year).

- 4 English
- 4 Mathematics
- 3 Science (Environmental Science state requirement)
- 4 History
- 2 Modern Languages
- 1 Healthful Living (state requirement)
- 4 Electives

RANKING OF STUDENTS

The student transcript reports both the weighted and unweighted Grade Point Averages. Because of its relatively small size and its college-preparatory program, Raleigh Charter High School does not rank its students for purposes of college applications. There are 136 students in the class of 2017.

Class of 2017 Statistics

Fall 2016 Unweighted RCHS GPA

6%	4.0	7%	2.50 – 2.74
24%	3.75 – 3.99	7%	2.25 – 2.49
18%	3.50 – 3.74	<1%	2.00 – 2.24
15%	3.25 – 3.49	1%	0.00 – 1.99
11%	3.00 – 3.24		
11%	2.75 – 2.99		

GRADING (2015-2017)	QUALITY POINTS BY COURSE		
	AP	Honors Adv./ Enriched	Standard
A (90-100)	6.0	5.0	4.0
B (80-89)	5.0	4.0	3.0
C (70-79)	4.0	3.0	2.0
D (60-69)	3.0	2.0	1.0
F (<60)	0	0	0
GRADING (2013-2015)	QUALITY POINTS BY COURSE		
	AP	Honors Adv./ Enriched	Standard
A+ (99-100)	6.0	5.0	4.0
A (95-98)	6.0	5.0	4.0
A- (93-94)	5.667	4.667	3.667
B+ (91-92)	5.333	4.333	3.333
B (87-90)	5.0	4.0	3.0
B- (85-86)	4.667	3.667	2.667
C+ (83-84)	4.333	3.333	2.333
C (79-82)	4.0	3.0	2.0
C- (77-78)	3.667	2.667	1.667
D+ (75-76)	3.333	2.333	1.333
D (72-74)	3.0	2.0	1.0
D- (70-71)	2.667	1.667	.666
F (<70)	0	0	0

W – Withdrawal I – Incomplete

Graduation Requirements and Testing Data

RALEIGH CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits (Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science)
History	4 credits (World History, Civics and Economics, American History I and II or AP US History and 1 History elective.)
English	4 credits (English I, II, III, IV)
World Languages	2 credits (including one course beyond the first year)
Healthful Living	1 credit
Electives	<u>4 credits</u>
TOTAL	22 credits

Healthful Living and either Environmental Science or Earth Science are state requirements.

NORTH CAROLINA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FUTURE-READY CORE

Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits (Biology, a physical science, and Environmental Science)
Social Studies	4 credits (World History, Civics and Economics, American History I and II) AP US History and 1 Social Studies elective)
English	4 credits (English I, II, III, IV)
World Languages	Not required for graduation. A two-credit minimum is required for admission to a university in the UNC system.
Healthful Living	1 credit
Electives	<u>6 credits</u>
TOTAL	22 credits

Class of 2017 Mean Scores

SAT	Evidence Based Reading and Writing	650
	Math	650
	Writing	33
ACT	Composite	28.2

The Class of 2017 has 13 National Merit Semi-Finalists.