



Philosophy of Education

At Charlotte Preparatory School, we believe education is a transformative journey that empowers students to become lifelong learners and thoughtful, compassionate leaders. Informed by best practices and evolving research, our philosophy is rooted in the following core principles:

We provide a nurturing, joyful learning community where students thrive.

Students are genuinely known in our intentionally small school community. Our students are valued and empowered, which creates a safe and supportive environment for learning and building personal and empathetic relationships.

Our teachers foster inclusive and engaging classroom communities where children are supported and challenged to learn from each other and grow as students and people. Our community embraces **viewpoint diversity** as a means to build compassionate global citizens. We value open-mindedness, respectful dialogue, and the exploration of diverse perspectives, cultivating understanding and empathy

We take a holistic approach to each child's learning journey.

Learning is a reciprocal process, whereby students, teachers, and families all play active roles. Each person brings unique perspectives, talents, and experiences to the learning community, fostering a culture of shared inquiry and exploration.

Our teachers work closely with students to set and achieve individualized goals, leading to mastery of concepts and skills.

Children's natural curiosity is leveraged, enabling them to pursue their interests, formulate essential questions, and ultimately drive the creation of new knowledge.

Our classrooms are vibrant spaces designed for joyful learning, where we celebrate inquiry, creativity, and innovation. Engaging and meaningful experiences inspire children's sense of wonder and imagination.

Communication, collaboration, and critical thinking are valued as essential skills that are practiced and refined throughout these foundational years.

Students and teachers embrace the iterative learning process, understanding that making mistakes and taking risks are essential for growth. We cultivate a growth mindset that promotes resilience, perseverance, and an appreciation for lifelong learning.

We empower student leadership, character development, and personal resilience.

Students are leaders in their classrooms and beyond. They seek solutions to problems, take ownership of their learning journeys, and advocate for themselves and others.

Students acquire the courage necessary to discover and live their own values, developing long-lasting ethical responsibility to themselves and society.

As a result of our comprehensive approach, **Prep graduates** carry with them not only strong academic skills but also a deep sense of purpose and a firm ethical foundation. Students graduate prepared to thrive in the complex world beyond our school.

Guided by this philosophy of education, Charlotte Preparatory School offers an educational experience that nurtures the whole child, sparks intellectual curiosity, and equips students to make positive contributions to their communities and the world at large.