WE ARE CHARLOTTE PREP

425 STUDENTS

40+% of students from diverse backgrounds

43 countries from which students or teachers hail

100% of graduates admitted to one or both of their top two choice high schools in 2024



PREP FACTS

8:1 student teacher classroom ratio

O high school pressures in our PreK-8 school

20+ art performances and events per year



RESPECT COURAGE INTEGRITY PERSEVERANCE













A NOTE FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

SEHER KHANNA DIRECTOR OF ENROLLMENT



If you believe your children will thrive in an environment where every child is known, then Charlotte Prep is the perfect place for your family.

We want to answer all your questions about Prep, our PreK-8 model, and all the wonderful growth opportunities that this time-tested and research-supported structure makes possible —inside and beyond the classroom.

Please review the information in our <u>Admissions Portal</u>, browse through our viewbook, and call us to discover why a Charlotte Prep education may be the right choice for your children.





NEXT

Book a personal <u>tour</u> to get another look at our program

Submit an online <u>application</u>
Submit <u>supplemental material</u>

Testing: Students applying to grades 5–8 are required to take the Independent School Entrance Examination (ISEE), grades K–1 are required to take the WPPSI test, and grades 2–4 are required to take the WISC test.

We will reach out to schedule a <u>visit for your child</u> once you apply.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

December 31

Early school & kindergarten priority applications due

January 15

1st-8th grade priority applications due

February 28

Priority notifications for early school and kindergarten

March 28

Priority notifications for grades 1-8

A day in EARLY SCHOOL

THE MONTESSORI METHOD

is an enormously powerful, confidence-building approach to early education that focuses on a child's immense capacity to absorb information when learning is driven by his or her own curiosity. We believe this is the most successful method to teach young children and the most effective way to enable them to reach their full potential.











PRE-PRIMARY SCHEDULE (AGE 2)

8:00 - 8:30 Arrival

8:30 - 9:15 Work Cycle

9:15 - 9:30 Transition

9:30 - 9:45 Snack

9:45 - 10:00 Morning Meeting &

Montessori Lesson Presented

10:00 - 10:15 Transition

10:15 - 11:15 Recess - Playground

11:15 - 11:30 Transition

11:30 - 12:00 Lunch or Noon Dismissal*

PRIMARY CYCLE SCHEDULE (AGES 3 – 5)

8:00 - 8:30 Arrival

8:30 - 10:45 Morning Work Cycle and Snack

9:00 - 9:30 Morning Meeting

10:45 - 11:45 Recess - Playground

12:00 - 12:15 Primary Dismissal

12:00 - 12:30 Lunch

12:35 - 13:00 TK Rest

13:00 - 14:30 TK Work Period

14:30 TK Dismissal**

13:00 - 15:00 MK Work Period

15:00 MK Dismissal**

*EXTENDED DAY SCHEDULE (2 - 3 YEAR OLDS)

12:15 - 17:30: rest time, playground, snack, and curriculum activities.

**EXTENDED DAY SCHEDULE (4 - 5 YEAR OLDS)

12:30 - 17:30: playground, snack, and curriculum activities.



All early school students participate in music classes. Montessori Kindergarten students have weekly art, P.E., Spanish, and Tech classes.



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ACTIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

define our lower school, as children build upon a foundation of early childhood development through continued concrete hands-on learning. In our small classes, teachers work shoulder-to-shoulder with students, supporting each child's development and learning experiences through ability-appropriate instruction.

Throughout the lower school years, children grow their understanding from the concrete to symbolic and, eventually, to abstract levels. Through systematic, scaffolded learning opportunities and varied interactions with peers, the elementary-age child builds a strong academic foundation, a curiosity for learning, and a sense of self that will support positive and productive educational, social, and emotional development in his or her lifelong journey of growth.

In kindergarten through 2nd grade, foundational language skills—in the areas of reading, writing, speaking, and listening—are the focus of daily instruction, including decoding knowledge, word attack strategies, fluency, literal and inferential comprehension skills, and essential skills in the writing process. As students progress into 3rd and 4th grades, they utilize these foundational abilities to support cross-discipline learning, develop interpretive and analytic comprehension skills, and establish their voices as writers. Mathematics at Charlotte Prep is grounded in a global philosophy. A balanced approach is used to build and apply computational, conceptual, and problem-solving knowledge and skills in to daily work with real-world mathematical situations.

Concepts are taught over time, first at a simplified level and eventually at a complex level, each time gradually increasing in difficulty. With a workshop framework as the core of our instructional model, students can set and achieve personal goals for growth, while continuing to build developmentally-appropriate cognitive skills alongside peers.

Additionally, our right-sized classes and nurturing learning environment allow students to cultivate critical cocognitive traits, including confidence, independence, courage, metacognition, and empathy.















Highlights of MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

is the culmination of Prep's intentionally-designed preK-8 educational program. It is well proven to provide students with the requisite tools for success in and out of the classroom and beyond prep. Our Middle School students are campus leaders, athletes, and responsible citizens defining their path to high school and beyond.









At Charlotte Prep, our students can be children for a little bit longer, and leaders a little bit sooner. The results are clear and remarkable. Our students leave our care exceptionally well prepared to succeed in high school. Charlotte Prep's model empowers students to learn and grow in a safe and nurturing space where they are able to take risks and discover their strengths.

We believe that by 8th grade, students and parents understand what their best-fit high school experience should look like, and our high school placement process begins long before the first day of the 8th-grade year.

Our strong curriculum introduces students to concepts at developmentally appropriate times, and reinforces and extends that knowledge over time in a spiraling manner.

- Reading and writing are emphasized throughout the curriculum.
- Our standard math curriculum is a full year ahead of learning at most other schools.
- Our students learn the emerging technologies that are transforming our world.
- We offer Spanish as our foreign language for grades K-8. Middle school students take Spanish as a core class, developing the confidence and skills they will need to succeed in high school Spanish.
- Our integrated STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program reaches every classroom.
- Students benefit from tangible opportunities to learn characteristics of leadership and exemplify good character.
- Students learn how to present themselves, speak confidently in public, and thrive in an increasingly complex, global society.
- Our robust arts and athletics programs provide a well-rounded experience for all students.

Students may choose between **Chorus** and **Band** as 5th graders, while they continue to take both **Drama** and **Art**. Once they are in 7th grade they may choose between **Drama** and **Art**. In addition, students have **Physical Education** twice a week, and a variety of after-school **team sports**. Charlotte Prep is one of few area schools encouraging students as young as 5th grade to participate in school teams.

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