

# Raleigh Charter High School



Educating knowledgeable,  
thoughtful, contributing citizens

[www.raleighcharterhs.org](http://www.raleighcharterhs.org)

# Goals for Presentation

- Learn basic information about the school and our approach to education
- Be aware of our school mission
- Understand the application process
- **Decide whether or not to complete an application**



# Charter Schools

- Free, public school
- 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 with an 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



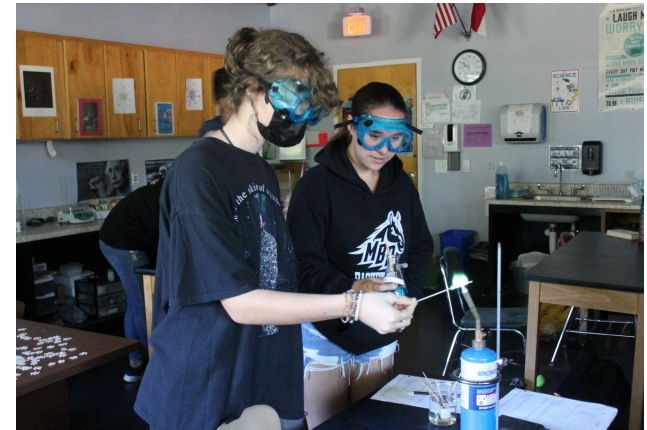
# The Basics

- **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 9<sup>th</sup> graders; more when taking AP classes
- **Calendar:** School starts **August 12** and mid-year exams are held in December



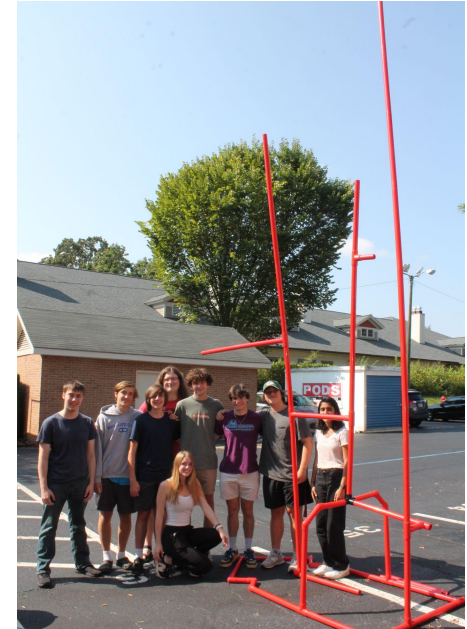
# Finding the Right Fit

- [Raleigh Charter High School](#) curriculum guide
- Math 1 (Algebra 1) or higher in Grade 9 - Four high-school math courses:  
**Minimum load** is Math 1, Math 2, Math 3, and Math 4.
- Only Honors courses in Science, English, and History
- Two consecutive years of a second language (German, Spanish, French)
- **Ninth-Grade Courses**
  - **Four core courses:** Math, English, World History, and Biology
  - **Two electives:** World 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
  - Financial assistance is available





# 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)
  - 2A in NC High School Athletic Association



# Raleigh Charter Parents

- Commitment to the school's mission
- Phoenix Parents organization
- Lots of volunteer opportunities
- Parent Education Nights
- Transportation - Carpools, city buses, parking



# Equity and Access

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

# Admissions Lottery

- **We use a software vendor to hold a random admissions lottery. Families apply through a short online application. Preference in the lottery is given only to siblings of current students and alumni, and to children of full-time faculty and staff.**
- **Lottery will be on Monday, March 21**
  - Over the past few years, rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders have had a 7-11% chance of being admitted in our lottery due to the large number of applications.
  - Students applying for 9<sup>th</sup> grade will be admitted through their math classes. [More information about math pools.](#)
  - Rising Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors will be placed on waiting lists.

# Application Process

- **Application Window, January 13 – February 28**
  - A link to the **online application** can be found on the main page of our website ([www.raleighcharterhs.org](http://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.



# Lottery Results

- Results will be emailed to you by the evening of March 21.
- Accepted students will receive materials via email soon after the lottery.
- You can log in to your lottery application account to view waiting list updates.
- Students who are admitted off of the waiting list will receive an email or phone call from the school.



# Thank You!

- **We appreciate your interest in Raleigh Charter High School. We hope that you now have enough information to decide whether or not to complete an application.**
  - For students admitted through the lottery, we will have additional information sessions in April to answer questions about next steps, academics, scheduling, and extracurriculars.
  - Thank you!

