

Chatham Charter School

Interest Meeting
High School Breakout Session
January 23, 2023

Presentation Overview

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- Community college partnership
- Requirements to enter CCCC program
- Earning transferable college credits from CCCC
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- Next steps: applications/intent forms/timeline
- Questions and answers

Student Panel

High School Graduation Requirements

- The State of North Carolina requires all graduating seniors to have 22 credits. Chatham Charter has a local requirement of 28 credits.
- We offer honors courses.
 - Adds 0.5 to the GPA (example B= 3.0. With honors weight a B becomes 3.5). Most college courses are also weighted & add 1.0 to the GPA.
- For additional information visit:
<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/high-school-graduation-requirements#Future-ReadyCourseofStudy22creditsStudentsenteringGrade9in2021-2022-1951>

High School Graduation Requirements

- **English (4)**: English I, II, III, IV
- **Math (4)**: Math 1, Math 2, Math 3 and one higher level math (Math 4 or Pre-Calc)
- **Science (3)**: Earth Science, Biology, and a Physical Science (Chemistry)

High School Graduation Requirements

- **Social Studies (4)**: World History, Civic Literacy, Economics and Personal Finance & American History
- **Health and PE (1)**
- **Electives (12)**: Marketing, English area, Arts, World Languages*, etc.

**The UNC university system schools require two levels of a World Language for admission.*

Typical Schedules of Our Students

Freshmen

4 classes per semester

English I

Math 1

Math 2

Earth Science

World History

Health & PE

Elective course

Elective course

Sophomores

4 classes per semester

English II

Math 3

Pre-Calculus

Biology

Civic Literacy

World Language I

World Language II

Elective course

Juniors

Fall Semester

Chemistry

Elective course

CCCC ACA 122

CCCC ENG 111

CCCC MAT 171

or MAT 143

Spring Semester

Elective course

CCCC PSY 150

CCCC ENG 112

CCCC HIS 131

CCCC MAT 172

or ART 111*

Seniors

Fall Semester

Elective course

CCCC COM 231**

CCCC ENG 232

CCCC GEL 111,

BIO 111 or CHM 151

CCCC HIS 132

Spring Semester

English IV

NCVPS Economics &

Personal Finance

CCCC COM 231**

+

Other high school

or CCCC courses of

choice

CCCC = Central Carolina Community College

NCVPS - NC Virtual Public School

**Depending on pathway*

***Class is split into 2 sections*

Sample Schedule of a Struggling Student

Scenario: Math concern & low grades in other classes

Freshman

English I

Math 1 *(failed)*

~~Math 2~~

Earth Science

World History

Health & PE

Elective Course

Elective course

Sophomore

English II

Math 1

Math 2

Biology

Civic Literacy

World Language I

World Language II

Elective course

Junior

Fall Semester

Math 3

English III

Chemistry

Elective course

Spring Semester

NCVPS American History

Math 4

CCCC CTE (online)

Senior

Fall Semester

NCVPS Economics &
Personal Finance
CCCC CTE (online)

Spring Semester

English IV

+

Other required or
elective courses
needed to graduate

CCCC = Central Carolina Community College

NCVPS - NC Virtual Public School

CTE = Career & Technical Education class

Partnership with CCCC

- Career & College Promise is available to high school upperclassmen.
- Similar to a middle college program - Students earn both high school and college (dual) credit in high school.
- Program tuition is funded entirely by the state.
- Chatham Charter will pay for most books and associated student fees (i.e. computer fee).

Career & College Promise

College Transfer

Career & Technical Education Pathway

leading to Associate in Arts

Options

leading to Associate in Science

leading to Associate in Engineering

Rising juniors must have a cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.8 at minimum.

What happens if a student does not meet the CCCC requirements?

Teacher-led high school courses for juniors and seniors will be limited, except for electives. Students will have options to complete their high school requirements online through programs such as the North Carolina Virtual Public High School (NCVPS).

Earning College Credits

- Students will have the opportunity to complete a pathway, earning a minimum of 32 and as many as 45+ transferable college credits.
 - Must finish pathway in 2 years
 - Number of college courses per semester may vary based on student comfort
 - Must finish a pathway before taking other college courses
- Students must maintain a 2.0 (C) average at CCCC to remain eligible.

Program Benefits

- Students are exposed to rigorous coursework.
 - Time management/organizational skills
 - Study skills
 - College coursework expectations
- Students leave high school with many transferable college credits.
 - Leads to associate degree
 - Typically translates to 1 to 1.5 years of college credit
 - Average cost of attending UNC Chapel Hill for 1 year - \$26,118
 - Increased rank for military (enlisted)

How We Have Adapted

- Added more varied electives
- Added a House system (for social aspects)
- Increased staffing support for upperclassmen navigating college level routines
- Adjusted the CCP college transfer course order to be better balanced
- Have students who accepted into the NC School of Science and Math Online Program through a dual enrollment agreement

Daily High School Schedule

- 7:30 AM: High school building opens
- 8:30-10:00 AM: First period
- 10:03-11:33 AM: Second period
- 11:36 AM-1:57 PM: Third period (12:35-1:20 PM, Lunch)
- 2:00-3:30 PM: Fourth period

The time before first period and the lunch period are frequently used for club meetings, tutorials and/or academic enrichment.

The school year begins in mid-August with the first semester ending in December. The second semester begins the first week of January and ends in mid-May.

Other

PITTSBORO BUS ROUTE

Chatham Charter has a single bus pick-up/drop-off for K-12 students at the Pittsboro Food Lion parking lot.

LUNCH

Chatham Charter participates in the National School Lunch Program. Students can order or bring their lunch.

DRIVER EDUCATION

Each year Chatham Charter offers class sessions of the Driver Education program under the umbrella of Chatham County Schools. The six-hour driving portion is done with instructors from the NC Driving School.

Extracurricular Activities / Sports

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Multiple clubs and school year activities
- Volunteer & summer programs (Governor's and legislative page, Governor's School, Summer Ventures, etc.)

SPORTS

- High school sports offered (*click to access list*)
- Member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association & the Central Tarheel Conference
- First-time 9th graders are automatically eligible to tryout for fall sports.
- Student-athletes must maintain at least a 65 average in all classes throughout the season to participate.

Next Steps for Potential Students

Applications

- Applications for new Chatham Charter enrollees are due by January 27, 2023.
- The online application can be found at www.chathamcharter.org under the *Admissions* tab:

Lottery Process

- Lottery: Electronic
 - Siblings of current Chatham Charter students are given preference.
 - After siblings are placed, other available spaces are filled by the remainder of applicants chosen from the lottery.
 - Applicants can expect to be notified of acceptance or wait list number by mid-February.

Question & Answer

For more information visit
www.chathamcharter.org

Thank you for your time
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