

# Chatham Charter School Profile 2023-2024

Data based on the 2022-2023 school year

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34.5 Teachers

1 Upperclassmen & Online Learning Facilitator

12 Teacher Assistants

.5 Speech Therapist

2 Building Administrators

1 College Liaison

1 Athletic Director/Operations Director

.5 Technology Specialist

2 Student Support Services Staff

1 Lunch Program Staff

1 Title I/Tutoring Program Coordinator

4 Support Staff

4 Operations Staff

## School Overview

Chatham Charter was among the first group of schools in North Carolina to receive a charter in 1997 after having been founded as a private K-8 school, Chatham Academy. A high school expansion opened in the fall of 2013. Enrollment increased from 126 in 1997 to 315 in 2011, to over 550 by 2016, and currently over 570. The 90+ acre campus is home to three buildings, one of which includes a gym, and a growing set of outdoor athletic facilities.

The Chatham Charter comprehensive high school program is designed to equip students to seamlessly move into a full college experience after graduating from high school. The focus incorporates a blend of innovative teacher instruction; aspects that are similar to a college atmosphere; and developing life skills such as responsibility, organizational skills, and time management. The program is built on a middle college concept.

In a "four-by-four" block schedule, ninth and tenth graders concentrate on completing the majority of courses required by the State of North Carolina for high school graduation. By the end of the sophomore year, the typical student will have completed two levels of a World Language, several electives, and all core course requirements except English III and IV, Chemistry, American History, and Economics & Personal Finance. The next phase of the high school career offers high school, college transfer and dual credit opportunities to take the remaining courses.

Chatham Charter juniors and seniors participate in the NC Career and College Promise (CCP). The program is a partnership between the NC Community College System, the NC Department of Public Instruction, the University of North Carolina system, and other state colleges and universities. The CCP program allows high school students to take tuition-free college credit classes in a chosen course of study. Some students choose paths of study in Career and Technical Education areas. Instructors from Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) teach a mixture of seated, hybrid, and online courses that students take on the high school campus or on one of the three CCCC campuses.

In supporting the academic and life skill expectations, multiple initiatives are in place. They include: targeted preparation at the K-8 level; a school year calendar similar to a college one; weekly junior and senior seminars; a Family Night for high school grade levels each semester; typically over 15 college tour opportunities; and specialized staffing that monitors student progress and encourages tutoring.

## High School Student Profile

### Enrollment

9<sup>th</sup> grade - 61

10<sup>th</sup> grade - 44

11<sup>th</sup> grade - 44

12<sup>th</sup> grade - 39

**Total Enrollment: 188**

### Grades 9-12 Student Demographics

Caucasian - 78%

African American - 7%

Hispanic - 7%

Asian - 0%

Multi-Racial - 8%

### Graduate Intentions for Class of 2023

Four-Year College/University - 62%

Workforce - 2%

Two-Year Community College - 36%

Military - 0%

## Chatham Charter Course Offerings

### Seated Honors Courses:

Honors English I, II, III, IV, Honors Journalism III and IV

Honors Math 2, Math 3, Pre-Calculus, Math 4

Honors Earth/Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry, Forensic Science II

Honors Civics and Economics and World History

Honors Spanish III and IV and French III and IV

Honors Visual Arts III and IV, Electronic Arts III and IV, Band III and IV, Honors Advanced Studies Marketing

*Note: A few students take NC Virtual Public School courses in the event of a schedule conflict or if they do not qualify to take HIS 131 and HIS 132. Seated high school American History courses are not taught at Chatham Charter.*



### College Transfer Pathway Leading to an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science Degree

*Dual enrollment through the Career and College Promise Program*

**English Composition:** ENG 111: Writing & Inquiry\*, ENG 112: Writing/Research in the Disciplines\*

**Math:** MAT 143: Quantitative Literacy, MAT 171: Pre-Calculus Algebra, MAT 172: Pre-Calculus Trigonometry

**Natural Sciences:** BIO 110: Principles of Biology, BIO 111/112: General Biology I/II, CHM 151/152: General Chemistry I/II, GEL 111: Intro Geology

**Humanities/Fine Arts:** ENG 232: American Literature II\*, ART 111: Art Appreciation, PHI 240: Intro to Ethics

**Communications:** COM 231: Public Speaking

**Social/Behavioral Science:** PSY 150: General Psychology, HIS 131: American History I\*\*, HIS 132: American History II\*\*

**Academic Transition:** ACA 122: College Transfer Success

*After completing all required courses in the selected pathway, students may take additional college courses in the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree.*

86% of juniors and seniors qualified to take courses in the College Transfer Pathway. Thirty-one students completed a Pathway.

97% of College Transfer courses were completed with a grade of C or better.

\*Successful completion of all three courses awards credit for high school English III.

\*\*Successful completion of both courses satisfies the American History requirement for 2023 high school graduation.

### Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathways and Courses

*Dual enrollment through the Career and College Promise Program*

*During the 2022-2023 school year, students took courses in the following Pathways:*

**Automotive Technology, Business Administration, Criminal Justice Technology, Dental Assisting, Health & Fitness Science, Health Information Technology, Healthcare Management Technology, Human Services Technology, Industrial Systems Technology, Information Technology, Library and Information Technology, Medical Assisting, Nurse Aide, and Welding Technology.**

91% of CTE courses were completed with a grade of C or better. One student completed a CTE Pathway.

Grading Scale: Ten-Point	GPA Calculation	Graduation Requirements
<p>To align with the state and Central Carolina Community College grading scales, Chatham Charter uses a ten-point grading scale.</p> <p>A = 90-100 B = 80-89 C = 70-79 D = 60-69 F = 59 and below</p>	<p>Chatham Charter reports GPA on a 4.0 scale. Honors courses and college courses taken through the Career and College Promise program award extra weight when calculating a student's weighted GPA. Students receive an extra half point for high school courses.</p>	<p>(Total of 28 credits)</p> <p>English (4 credits) Math (4 credits) Science (3 credits) Social Studies (4 credits) Health/PE (1 credit) Electives (12 credits)</p>

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- One of the many advantages in a K-12 school is being able to create a spiraled curriculum through which strong connections are made from one grade level to the next, each building toward graduating young people who are well prepared for post-secondary study, the workforce, or the military.
- Students in kindergarten through grade 12 receive instruction in a technology-rich environment. Grade level and classroom sets of electronic devices are in elementary and middle grades while high school students are issued Chromebooks or, as upperclassmen, have the option to participate in a “bring your own device” alternative that prepares them for college expectations.
- Students in grades K-6 typically have three elective courses that all meet multiple times each week.
- Seventh and eighth grade students have four electives each year, two per semester: French, Marketing, Physical Education, and Visual Arts. Band is also a course option.
- Middle and high school students frequently work with elementary students in reading buddy, mentoring, or tutoring capacities.
- During the 2022-2023 school year, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the NC Career and College Promise. The Class of 2023 completed an average of 37.6 college level course credits during their junior and senior years.

### Student Awards and Honors

- Our students have attended the North Carolina Governor’s School and Summer Ventures as well as various leadership programs.
- Our students have participated in the NC School of Science and Math online program.
- Our athletic teams have been recognized by the NC High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) for sportsmanship and for having the highest GPA in the state. Many student-athletes have also earned All-District and All-Conference honors. Teams often qualify for post-season play.
- Over 75% of students complete a Career & College Promise Pathway.

### Average ACT (Class of 2023)

Composite: 22

### Average SAT (Class of 2023)

Evidence-Based Reading & Writing: 575

Math: 551

### Chatham Charter Affiliations

Accredited by SACS CASI AdvancED  
 Member, NC High School Athletic Association  
 Member, NC Assn. of Public Charter Schools  
 Member, Chatham Chamber of Commerce (NC)  
 NOAA Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador™

### High School Athletics

Volleyball (W)  
 Basketball (M & W)  
 Cross Country (M & W)  
 Soccer (M & W)  
 Tennis (M & W)  
 Cheerleading (M & W)  
 Wrestling (M & W)  
 Baseball (M)  
 Golf (M & W)  
 Softball (W)  
 Track (M & W)

M = Men’s  
 W = Women’s



## Class of 2023 College Acceptances

Appalachian State University  
 Campbell University  
 Catawba College  
 Central Carolina Community College  
 East Carolina University  
 Elon University  
 Gardner-Webb University  
 Guilford College  
 High Point University  
 NC Agricultural and Technical Univ.  
 North Carolina State University  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Pfeiffer University  
 Randolph Community College  
 South Carolina State University  
 University of Alabama  
 UNC Asheville  
 UNC Chapel Hill  
 UNC Charlotte  
 UNC Greensboro  
 UNC Pembroke  
 UNC Wilmington  
 Wake Technical Community College  
 Western Carolina University  
 Wingate University