



School Profile for South Mecklenburg High School

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About Our School

Established in 1959, South Mecklenburg High School has evolved over the last several years to become a vibrant multicultural campus community with an enrollment of over 3,100 students, making our school one of the largest high schools in North Carolina.

South Mecklenburg High School, as part of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, is accredited by AdvancED and offers a comprehensive college preparatory course of study. Included as a partial magnet, our World Language Magnet provides access to coursework in five languages (Spanish, German, French, Japanese, Chinese) with the goal of proficiency in at least one for magnet students that includes successful completion of AP coursework in their language. Our IDEA Academy (Innovation, Design, Engineering and Art) offers interested students the opportunity to learn critical thinking and problem solving skills and apply them in areas of interest over their four years in the Academy.

The 65-acre, college-style campus is comprised of 13 buildings organized by academic department. The campus has wireless connectivity and our faculty and students utilize technology in the classroom to enhance student learning.

The Student Body Demographics and Future Plans

The current student population is: 35% White; 24% African-American; 35% Hispanic; 3% Asian; 3% multi-racial or other. Out of the 652 students in the graduating class of 2018, approximately 72% of the students were academically eligible to attend a 4 year public North Carolina college and/or university.

The Faculty and Staff

The faculty consists of 193 certified staff members, including our principal, four assistant principals, four facilitators, three deans, eight counselors, and the support of two additional counselors assigned through the Communities in Schools program. Among our faculty, 43% hold advanced degrees including two doctorates, and 15 staff members hold National Board certification. With regard to teaching experience, 12% have five or less years teaching experience, 14% have six to ten years teaching experience and 74% have eleven or more years teaching experience.

Curriculum

South Mecklenburg High School recognizes the wide range of talents and needs that come with a diverse student body, and offers programs that allow each student to pursue their interests and maximize their potential:

- Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors courses are offered in most academic areas. Beginning in August 2018, South Mecklenburg High School began offering AP Seminar, the first of two AP Capstone courses required for students to earn an AP Capstone Diploma. The graduating class of 2019 is not eligible for an AP Capstone diploma due to the two year course requirement. In May 2018, South Mecklenburg High School administered 2049 AP Exams for the following AP courses:

Art History	Computer Sci. A	French Lang	MicroEconomics	Spanish Lit
Biology	Computer Sci. Prin.	German Lang	Music Theory	Statistics
Calculus AB	English/Lang	Government: US	Physics I	Studio Art 2D
Calculus BC	English/Lit	Human Geography	Physics II	Studio Art 3D
Chemistry	Env. Science	Japanese Lang	Psychology	U.S. History
Chinese Lang	Euro History	MacroEconomics	Spanish Lang	World History

- A range of elective offerings are provided, including a comprehensive world language program offering Spanish, French, German, Chinese and Japanese which are available to all students. Computer Science, Biomedical Science, Engineering, Architecture, Business and Marketing, Health and Physical Education and Visual and Performing Arts complement these opportunities, and we offer a Naval JROTC program for interested students.

Extracurricular Programs

South Mecklenburg High School supports 34 junior varsity and varsity sports for men and women. South Mecklenburg High School offers a wide range of special interest clubs and service organizations, many of which have won national and regional recognition, including a very successful HOSA chapter, Science Olympiad, Odyssey of the Mind, and Future Problem Solvers. Additionally, our students have the opportunity to qualify for admission into a variety of honor societies including National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National Math Honor Society, and others.

Graduation Requirements

To receive a high school diploma, students must meet requirements as prescribed by the NC Department of Public Instruction and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Specific requirements may be accessed through the CMS website at www.cms.k12.nc.us.

Academic Information

Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools uses a 10 point grading system and does not utilize pluses/minuses.

A: 90-100

B: 80-89

C: 70-79

D: 60-69

F: 0-59

Please note: All grades issued by CMS prior to July 2015 were on a 7 point grading scale (A=93-100, B=85-92, C=77-84, D=70- 76, F=0-69).

GPA and class rank are run on the 15th day of each semester. Honors and AP courses receive extra weight when calculating the weighted GPA. For students who entered 9th grade in 2015:

Standard classes: A=4 B=3 C=2 D=1

Honors classes: A=4.5 B=3.5 C=2.5 D=1.5

AP classes: A=5 B=4 C=3 D=2

Colleges attended by South Mecklenburg High School graduates over the last four years

Allen University	Howard University	Stanford College
Appalachian State University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Texas A&M University
Art Institute of Pittsburgh	Johns Hopkins University	The Boston Conservatory
Art Institute of Charlotte	Johnson & Wales University	The Citadel
Asbury College	Johnson C. Smith University	UNC – Asheville
Auburn University	Kenyon College	UNC – Chapel Hill
Belmont Abbey College	King's College	UNC – Charlotte
Belmont University	Lees McRae College	UNC – Greensboro
Benedict College	Lenoir Rhyne University	UNC – Pembroke
Berea College	Liberty University	UNC – Wilmington
Berry College	Livingstone College	University of Alabama
Boston College	Louisiana State University	University of the Arts Philadelphia
Brenau University	Lynchburg College	University of California, Los Angeles
Brevard College	Mars Hill College	University of Central Florida
Brigham Young University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Colorado - Boulder
Brown University	McGill University	University of Charleston
Campbell University	Meredith College	University of Delaware
Catawba College	Methodist University	University of Florida
Chowan University	Michigan State University	University of Georgia
Claflin University	Mississippi State University	University of Kentucky
Clark Atlanta University	Montreat College	University of Maryland
Clemson University	Morehouse College	University of Massachusetts
Coastal Carolina University	Morgan State University	University of Miami
College of Charleston	Nazareth College	University of Michigan
College of William and Mary	Newberry University	University of Mississippi
Colorado State University	New York University	University of Notre Dame
Columbia University	Norfolk State University	University of Pennsylvania
Cornell University	North Carolina A&T	University of Richmond
Davidson College	North Carolina Central University	University of South Carolina
Denison University	North Carolina State University	University of South Carolina – Aiken
DePaul University	North Greenville University	University of South Carolina – Lancaster
Devry University	Oberlin College	University of South Carolina – Upstate
Duke University	Ohio State University	University of Southern California
East Carolina University	Oklahoma State University	University of Tennessee
Elon University	Pace University	University of the District of Columbia
Emory University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Virginia
Fayetteville State University	Pheiffer University	US Merchant Marine Academy
Florida State University	Presbyterian College	US Military Academy
Francis Marion University	Princeton University	US Naval Academy
Full Sail University	Purdue University	Vanderbilt University
Furman University	Queens University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Gardner-Webb University	Roanoke College	Virginia Military Institute
Gaston College	Rhode Island School of Design	Virginia State University
Georgetown University	Rhodes College	Virginia Tech University
Georgia Perimeter College	Rice University	Wake Forest University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Rollins College	Washington and Lee University
Gettysburg College	St. Augustine's University	West Virginia University
Guilford College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Western Carolina University
Hampton University	Salem College	William Peace University
Harvard University	Shaw University	Wingate University
Harvey Mudd	Slippery Rock University of Penn.	Winston-Salem State University
High Point University	South Carolina State University	Winthrop University
Hofstra University	Spartanburg Methodist	Wofford University
Hollins University	Spellman College	Xavier University of Louisiana