



Together we learn, lead and serve

OUR SCHOOL

Mission/Values/Offerings/Facts/Priorities/Programs

LNC's Mission: Lake Norman Charter School provides a rigorous and comprehensive educational environment to develop students with a focus on college readiness, leadership and social responsibility.

LNC's Core Values guide the school and all stakeholders and are fundamental to what we believe in.

Lake Norman Charter:

- Supports a mission of leadership and service and requires that all high school students complete a minimum of 40 hours of community service to graduate. Over 8,000 hours of volunteer time is served by our high school students every year in the community.
- Initiated Leadership in Action in 2017 to teach our students invaluable life skills that will serve them well in future academic or employment pursuits as well as distinguish them from other college applicants. Leadership in Action occurs in an age-appropriate way over the course of a student's 13-year journey at LNC.
- Is governed by an active Board of Education that supports LNC's vision and mission.
- Offers over 15 Advanced Placement courses and 33 Honors courses.
- Participates in the Career and College Promise program where students can earn college-level credit by being dually enrolled at LNC and Central Piedmont Community College.
- Offers 22 hours of Digital Citizenship training to all students during their middle school careers.
- Features a 21st Century Learning Commons at the HS to encourage student communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creative thinking.
- Features a state of the art "DigCit" classroom and green room studio as part of our MS media center.
- Offers a 1:World program with all HS and MS students issued a personal school iPad or laptop for instruction.
- Offers rich extra-curricular opportunities, including 45 varsity, JV and middle school athletic teams, wide-ranging and diverse clubs at the high, middle and elementary schools and strong band, drum line, chorus, dance and theater arts programs.

- Teaches fifth grade students decision-making skills for healthy and safe living through the O.H.A.N.A. (Officers Helping Adolescents Navigate Anything) program.
- Teaches second grade students about healthy living choices through the Live Healthy Program.
- Focuses on two areas of strategic importance: **Global Diversity & Inclusion** and **THRIVE**.
- Is beginning its 25th year of providing education excellence to NC students, making it among the longest-serving charter schools in NC.
- Consistently attracts a large applicant pool with over 5,200 prospective students applying for the school lottery (2018-2022).
- Enjoys a long-standing partnership with Huntersville Parks & Recreation Department sharing gym and community room facilities.

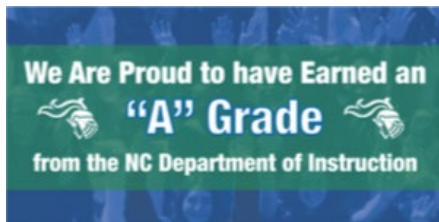
Academic Distinctions

- “Exceeded growth” for the past 7 years in a row (2013-2019) on NC State Testing; a distinction that only three other charters in the State earned. (*School report cards for the 2019-2020 school year were not issued because state assessments were waived due to COVID.*)
- Received **US News & World Reports’** 2022 Gold ranking (#725 out of 17,843 high schools nationwide) based on AP performance, academic proficiency, college readiness and graduation rates.



Other rankings by **US News & World Reports** (2022 data):

- ❖ #142 (out of 2,830) National Charter School High School
 - ❖ #22 (out of 672) Best High School in North Carolina
 - ❖ #8 (out of 137) Best High School in metro Charlotte
- Recognized by **Niche.com** (2022 data):
 - ❖ #19 (out of 584) Best Public High School in North Carolina
 - ❖ #4 (out of 87) Best College Prep High School in Charlotte area
 - ❖ #11 (out of 576) Best Public High School Teachers in North Carolina
 - ❖ #8 (out of 737) Best Public Middle School in North Carolina
 - ❖ #9 (out of 1,486) Best Public Elementary School in North Carolina



- Received an "A" from the NC Department of Public Instruction, putting LNC in the top 7.8% of all public schools and the top 9% of all charter schools in NC for 2014-2019. (*School report cards for the 2019-2020 school year were not issued because state assessments were waived due to COVID.*)



- Received Digital Citizenship certification from **Common Sense Media** (2017-2021).





- One of only fifteen NC charter schools to be awarded the GreatSchools College Success Award. This award recognizes and celebrates public high schools across the country that excel at helping students enroll and succeed in college.

Facilities:

- 2007 - built 80,000 sq. foot middle school facility on Old Statesville Road in Huntersville
- 2009 - opened phase one of the high school located adjacent to the middle school, establishing the LNC campus
- 2013 - completed all phases of the 80,000 sq. foot high school facility
- 2016 - purchased 39 acres on Hambright Road to open K-4 elementary
- 2017 – developed sports and recreational fields on the elementary land
- 2017 - developed elementary campus, including six mobile classrooms for the 2017-18 school year
- 2019 – built 72,000 sq. foot elementary school building for students in grades K-4
- 2020 – upgraded recreational facilities, built press box and remodeled middle school

OUR STUDENTS:

Performance Metrics:

- **State EOC Exams**
 - ❖ Student grade level proficiency was significantly higher than state and national levels (2021).
 - ❖ **Exceeded** expected growth on Biology, English II, Math III EOCs (2019).
Exams were waived in 2020 due to COVID.
- **College Admittance Tests**
 - ❖ SAT
 - Class of 2020
ERW 595 (NC average-548, National average-520)
Math 589 (NC average-540, National average-510)
*Highest average SAT score in the North Mecklenburg-area with 84% of all students testing
Total score earned LNC 27th place of 615 high schools in NC; top 4% of NC HS's*
 - Class of 2019
ERW 611 (NC average 550)
Math 607 (NC average 540)
 - Class of 2018
ERW 620 (NC average 546)
Math 610 (NC average 537)
 - Class of 2017
ERW 610 (NC average 490)
Math 609 (NC average 500)

- ❖ ACT
 - Class of 2020: Composite 23.7 (NC average 18.8)
 - Class of 2019: Composite 23.3 (NC average 18.4)
 - Class of 2018: Composite 25.7 (NC average 19.1)
 - Class of 2017: Composite 24.2 (NC average 19.1)

➤ **Advance Placement (AP) Exams**

- ❖ 76.3% of our students taking AP exams earned proficiency (2021). *Proficiency is earning a level III, IV, or V.*
- ❖ 13 AP subjects were higher than the national average (2021).
- ❖ 81.5% of our students taking AP exams earned proficiency (2020).
- ❖ 84.8% of our students taking AP exams earned proficiency (2019).
- ❖ AP exam proficiency:
 - 30% higher than the national average in Chemistry, English Language, Human Geography, Psychology, U.S. Government (2021).
 - 100% in Biology, Studio Art: 2-D and Studio Art: Drawing (2020).
 - 90+% range in Chemistry, English Literature and U.S. Government (2020).
 - At least 20% higher than the national average for nine subjects (2020).
 - At least 30% higher than the national average for four subjects (2020).
 - Above the national average in 14 out of 15 subjects, with the remaining subject earning an 82% proficiency (2020).
 - 100% in Chemistry, English Literature, Physics I, U.S. Government & Politics, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio and Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio (2019).
 - 40+% higher than national average in Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Physics I, and U.S. Government & Politics. (2019)
 - 100% in U.S. Government & Politics, Spanish Language, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio and Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio (2018).
 - 40+% higher than national average in English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography and U.S. Government & Politics. (2018)

Student Honors:

- National Merit Scholar Finalists & National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013).
- Students regularly accepted to Governor's School.
- Students accepted yearly to the NC School of Science and Math.

Graduate Statistics:

- Graduation rate:
 - ❖ 98% (2022)
 - ❖ 96% (2021)
 - ❖ 99% (2020, 2018, 2017)
 - ❖ 98% (2019)
- Graduates advancing to college:
 - ❖ 99% (2022)

- ❖ 94% (2021)
- ❖ 97% (2020)
- ❖ 99% (2019)
- ❖ 96% (2017)
- Offered scholarship money:
 - ❖ \$7 million (2022)
 - ❖ \$5 million (2021)
 - ❖ \$11 million (2019)
 - ❖ \$9 million (2017, 2018)*(Class of 2020 scholarship figure unavailable.)*

OUR PARENTS:

- Helped found our school in 1998.
- Lead active and involved PTO, volunteering their time and monetarily supporting instructional programs and teacher professional development.
- Lead active and involved Athletic Boosters, supporting 46 athletic teams at the middle and high school levels.
- Donated more than \$2.7 million (2017-2021).

OUR TEACHERS, STAFF and ADMINISTRATION:

- 99.2% of our teachers are licensed, highly qualified, and teaching in their content area.
- 60.3% of our teachers are Nationally Board Certified and/or have advanced degrees.
- One of the lowest teacher turnover rates in the state.
- One of ten winners of the Gilder Lehrman Institute's American History in 100 Documents: An Innovative Curriculum Contest (2021) (Brandon Brown).
- HS teacher is author of three published books. Her third, an AP Literature test prep book, was published in 2022. She is also the creator of the #TeachLivingPoets movement.
- North Carolina Charter School 2021-2022 Principal of the Year finalist (2021) (Michelle Holland).
- North Carolina Charter School Teacher of the Year Finalist (2018) (Casie Zamaira).
- North Carolina Gilder-Lehrman Social Studies Teacher of the Year (2018) (Brandon Brown).
- Teacher selected to represent the state of North Carolina for the Presidential Awards of Excellence in Teaching Math and Science (2018) (Sarah Patterson).
- North Carolina Charter School Teacher of the Year (2016, 2015) (Brandon Brown, Elizabeth Padgett).

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Arts:

- HS student awarded National Gold Medal for her artwork in the National Scholastic Art and Writing Competition (2022, 2021).
- HS students received High School Regional Scholastic Awards for their artistic work in the areas of personal essay and memoir, painting, printmaking, mixed media and drawing (2022, 2021).
- HS band received a “Superior” rating at the South Central District Music Performance Adjudication. (2022, 2019)
- 7th grade band received an “Excellent” rating at the Carowinds Festival of Music (2022, 2019).
- 8th grade band received a bronze trophy at the Southern Star Music Festival (2019).
- HS students won multiple awards for acting, directing, scenic design, choreography and costume design at NCTC state festival (2018-2019).
- HS students won multiple awards for acting, directing, scenic design, choreography and costume design at NCTC regional festival (2013-2019).

STEM:

- 5th grade Math team won top elementary school award in the National MATHCON math competition (2022).
- MS Science Olympiad team awarded seven medals at the North Carolina State Tournament (2021).
- MS student earned 1st place honors on the American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 8 test. His high score also earned him Honor Roll of Distinction, given to the top 1% of testers in the nation (2021).
- HS and MS students won gold medals and ES and HS students won bronze medals at the National MathCON math competition (2022, 2021).

Athletics:

- 2A Wells Fargo Cup Runner-Up (2020-2021, 2018-2019, 2016-2017, 2015-2016, 2014-2015)
- 2A Wells Fargo Cup Winner (best overall 2A school athletic program in NC) (2017-2018)
- Wells Fargo Big South 2A/3A Conference Cup Winner (2015-2016)
- 1A Wells Fargo Cup Winner (best overall 1A school athletic program in NC) (2012-2013)
- **High School Athletics**
 - ❖ Cheerleading
3 State Championship Medium Varsity Division (2019, 2018, 2017)
 - ❖ Women’s Cross Country
2A State Champions (2017)
NC Gatorade Runner of the Year (Mariah Howlett 2017)
Mariah Howlett invited to Footlocker Nations (placed 20th) (2017)
1A State Champions (2011)

- ❖ Men's Cross Country
2A State Champions (2016)
- ❖ Men's Lacrosse
1A/2A/3A State Champions (2022)
- ❖ Men's Golf
2A State Champions (2021, 2019)
- ❖ Women's Soccer
3A State Champion (2022)
2A State Champions (2021)
1A State Champions (2013)
NC Gatorade Women's Soccer Player of the Year (Ayden Yates 2019, Asha Means 2021)
- ❖ Women's Tennis
2A State Champions (2016, 2014, 2015)
2A Individual State Champ (Olivia Archer- Singles) (2016)
1A Individual State Champ (Hannah Archer-Singles) (2012)
2A Individual State Champ (Hannah & Olivia Archer-Doubles) (2014, 2015)
- ❖ Women's Track
2A Individual State Champ (Chioma Asiegbonam, Katie Eisley, Ryan Selden, Jordyn Earl Girls 4x2) (2019)
2A State Champions (2018)
2A Individual State Champ (Mariah Howlett 3200 & 1600) (2018)
2A Individual State Champ (Chioma Asiegbonam, Jordyn Earl, Kiya Means, Destiny Benson 4 x 100) (2018)
- ❖ Swim and Dive
2A State Champ (Harrison Powe-200 Free) (2021)
2A State Champ (Harrison Powe-100 Breast) (2021)
2A State Champ (Kyle Hawkins, Devin Buckler, Ethan Hill, Harrison Powe-400 Free Relay) (2021)
2A State Champ (Sean Odell-1M Diving) (2020)
2A State Champ (Ariel Hopper-100 Fly) (2019)
2A State Champ (Jennifer Schimmoller-500 Free) (2019)
2A State Champ (Ariel Hopper, Mattie Luther, Riggan Ayscue, Anna Rubel-200 Free Relay) (2019)
2A State Champ (Ariel Hopper-100 Back) (2019)
2A State Champ (Harrison Powe-100 Free) (2019)
2A State Champ (Anna Rubel, Mattie Luther, Ariel Hopper, Riggan Ayscue-200 Medley Relay) (2018)
2A State Champ (Ariel Hopper-100 Free) (2018)
2A State Champ (Mattie Luther, Ariel Hopper, Riggan Ayscue, Anna Rubel-400 Free Relay) (2018)
2A State Champ (Anna Rubel, Kara Jones, Mattie Luther, Riggan Ayscue-200 Medley Relay) (2017, 2018)

2A State Champ (Riggan Ayscue-100 Breast) (2017)
2A State Champ (Riggan Ayscue-200 IM) (2017)
2A State Champ (Padgett Powe-500 Free) (2016)
2A State Champ (Sean Powers, Corrin Rothwell, Padgett Powe, John Creel-200 Free Relay) (2015)
2A State Champ 2A State Champ (Drew Queen-200 IM) (2014)
2A State Champ (Chris Cardwell, Drew Queen, Corrin Rothwell, Austin Jones-200 Medley Relay) (2013)
2A State Champ (Chris Cardwell-100 Fly) (2013)
2A State Champ (Chris Cardwell-100 Back) (2013)
2A State Champ (Emma Rubel-200 Free) (2012)
2A State Champ (Emma Rubel-50 Free) (2012)
2A State Champ (Adyson Lowe-1 M Diving) (2012)
2A State Champ (Brian Piccirilli-50 Free) (2012)

➤ Middle School Athletics

- ❖ Conference Championships
 - Baseball (2019, 2012, 2011, 2008, 2006)
 - Girls' Basketball (2018, 2013)
 - Football (2017)
 - Boys' Cross Country (2017, 2013)
 - Girls' Soccer (2017, 2011, 2008)
 - Softball (2014, 2013, 2011, 2008, 2006)
 - Boys' Basketball (2013, 2008, 2007)
 - Girls' Cross Country (2013, 2005)
 - Volleyball (2012, 2008, 2007, 2006)

