



Fast Facts



Our Goal

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools strives to become the premier, urban integrated school system in the nation in which all students acquire the knowledge, skills and values necessary to live rich and full lives as productive and enlightened members of society.

Our Budget

Operating budget (2005-2006)	\$943,977,703
Per pupil expenditure	\$7,439
Beginning teacher salary	\$28,826
Estimated average certified salary*	\$40,119

**Based on September 2005 payroll*

Our Schools

Total number of schools	150
Elementary Schools	91
Middle Schools	32
High Schools	17
Special Programs	10
New schools opening in 2005-2006	4

Magnet schools

Number of magnet school programs	15
Number of magnet schools	51

Graduates

Total number of 2005 graduates	5,850
Percentage of 2005 graduates who took the SAT	75%
Top 10% of 2005 CMS graduates – average SAT score	1205
Top 10% of students in state	1187
Top 10% of students in nation	1191

Scholarships Received by CMS Students (04-05)

Academic	\$39.2 million
Athletic	\$14.9 million

Our Employees

CMS is one of the largest employers in Mecklenburg County.

Total number of employees	15,783
Total number of full-time teachers	8,141
Total number of student support staff	6,690
Total number of administrative/office staff	950
Total number of certified teachers	8,141
Total number of teachers with advanced degrees	2,461
Total number of teachers with national board certification	645

Our Students

Total number of students enrolled	126,903
Pre-kindergarten	3,114
Kindergarten-grade 5	60,041
Grades 6-8	28,640
Grades 9-12	35,108
Special Education Self Contained*	3,083

**Special education students are included in each grade level as indicated above*

Student Ethnic Distribution

American Indian/Multi racial	3.2%
Asian	4.2%
African-American	43.1%
Hispanic	12%
White	37.6%

Diversity in CMS

Native languages spoken by students in CMS	94
Countries represented in CMS	130
Students enrolled in ESL	8,964

Other Information

Child Nutrition

Breakfasts served daily	20,000
Lunches served daily	88,000

Meal Cost

Pre-Kindergarten	Breakfast/\$1.00 & Lunch/\$1.75
Elementary Middle, High School	Breakfast/\$1.25 & Lunch/\$2.00
Adult	Breakfast & Lunch/a la carte

Transportation

Total number of buses	1,175
Total number of daily bus runs	over 5,200
Miles traveled daily	130,000
Total number of students assigned to buses	102,000

Advanced Courses

Students taking AP exams	5,886
Total number of AP exams taken by students	12,566
IB diplomas conferred	131
Total IB candidates	188

State ABCs Program

Honor School of Excellence	28
Schools of Excellence	6
Schools of Distinction	30
High Growth Schools	27

Volunteers

Number of Volunteers	45,000
Number of Hours	945,357

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