



Dogwood Charter School is a K-12 school being formed by families and educators who want more choices in education. We believe that it is essential to have more educational opportunities that have a focus on the whole child available to the communities where we live and that we love. We finalized our charter application and submitted it to the Chartiers Valley School District in November. If approved, we plan to open as soon as Fall 2021-2022.

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Dogwood Charter School is based on the teaching philosophies of Charlotte Mason who believed in providing students with a relational education: a philosophy of teaching that focuses on the relationships between the student and the ideas presented to them. It respects children as persons, fosters critical thinking, curiosity, relationships, and excellent communication skills, and results in inspiring self-education. Charlotte Mason believed that students thrive when educated in this manner, and naturally become lifelong learners.

If you are interested in a school based on these principles, please consider filling out a letter of intent. This letter provides evidence that our school is wanted in the community and will help build support within the school district. Signing the letter does not mean you are enrolling your child, but rather it demonstrates that families are interested in the educational options Dogwood Charter School will provide to the community. <https://forms.gle/5AYprkeK5kWxGpXRA> or find it on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Dogwoodcharterschool>

If you are interested in finding out more about how our school will differ from other schools, check out our mentor school, Gillingham Charter School, that is consulting with our team. <https://youtube/gr3jSJ2ryAk>

Starting a charter school is a complex and challenging process. If you are interested in joining our team to help open this school, please email Dogwoodcharterschool@gmail.com, or submit the Dogwood Charter School Letter of Intent. If you join our team, you will be considered a founding member and your child or children will be given priority when enrolling.

“An education is an atmosphere, a discipline, a life.” ~Charlotte Mason

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Where learning is a shared experience

Mission Statement: We, at Dogwood Charter School, will offer students a unique, tuition-free public education fostering the love of learning and curiosity in an intentional environment based on the belief that children are, foremost, persons.

Who are we and why have we begun this endeavor?

Dogwood Charter School is being formed by local families who wanted more choices in education for their children. We believe that it is essential to have more educational opportunities that have a focus on the whole child available to the communities where we live and that we love. Once we discovered a charter school in eastern PA, named Gillingham, which uses Charlotte Mason's educational principles, we were hooked! Our hearts leapt to educate all children this way - as persons born with curiosity, feelings, and strengths. ([For more on Charlotte Mason click here](#))

What is a charter school?

A charter school is a tuition-free public school funded by taxpayers. It is a non-profit, self-managed organization led by passionate administrators, a board of trustees, and faculty and staff members. A charter school has more control over budget, staff, and curriculum.

What will make Dogwood Charter School different?

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Where will the school be located?

We will be located in the Chartiers Valley School District.

When will the school be ready for your children

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How can you help?

- Join our team - Starting a charter school is a complex and challenging process. Every effort will help us bring Dogwood to the South Hills as soon as possible. If you join our team, you will be considered a founding member and your child or children will be given priority when enrolling.
- You can submit the Dogwood charter school Letter of Intent. This provides evidence that our school is wanted in the community and will help build support within the chosen school district.
- Donate to Dogwood Charter School

Contact information:

Email: dogwoodcharterschool@gmail.com

We are on Facebook too!

<https://www.facebook.com/Dogwood-Charter-School-113144937182358>



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Letter of Intent

I, _____, would like to express my support for Dogwood Charter School and would like to state my intention in the way(s):

- I intend to enroll my child(ren) at Dogwood Charter School for the 2022-23 school year.
- I am aware that this letter only serves as a demonstration of my interest. It does not legally guarantee my child's enrollment, nor does it legally bind me to enroll my children. I understand that if I am not a Founding Member, my children will be included in the school lottery to determine enrollment.
- I am interested in supporting Dogwood Charter School financially.
- I am interested in joining the Dogwood Charter School Start-Up Committee

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date of Signature

Printed Name

First and Last Name of Child

Age/Grade

Name of Child's Current School

First and Last Name of Child

Age/Grade

Name of Child's Current School

First and Last Name of Child

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Name of Child's Current School

First and Last Name of Child

Age/Grade

Name of Child's Current School

Telephone Number

Email Address

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code