



COEUR D'ALENE CHARTER ACADEMY

2025-2026 SCHOOL PROFILE



Dedicated to providing a rigorous, content-rich, college preparatory education for any students who are willing to accept the challenge.

The Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy, established in 1999, was founded with the mission of providing a tuition-free education comparable to the nation's most prestigious preparatory schools. In 2025, U.S. News recognized the Academy as the top-ranked school in Idaho and placed it within the top one percent of high schools nationwide.

Coeur d'Alene, northern Idaho's largest town with a population of about 60,000, has shifted from a logging-based economy to one driven by tourism. This transition has created a high demand for service-sector jobs but has also significantly increased the cost of living. Consequently, students who don't pursue higher education might struggle to afford staying in their hometown.

Prior to the Academy's founding, local residents who wanted a dedicated college-preparatory experience were forced to seek out expensive private schools thirty miles to the west, in Spokane, Washington. The Academy provides a local and tuition-free option for "a rigorous, content-rich college-preparatory education for any students who are willing to accept the challenge" (from the Academy's mission statement).

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Graduation requirements at the Academy are highly prescribed to ensure that every graduate has a broad and deep academic base.

Requirements:

9th grade: *Ancient Literature, Ancient History, Math, Physical Science, Foreign Language*

10th grade: *European Literature, European History, Math, Biology, Foreign Language*

11th grade: *American Literature (or AP Language and Composition), American History, Math, Chemistry, (third year of Foreign Language strongly encouraged)*

12th grade: *World Literature (or AP Literature and Composition), US Government, Math (fourth year Foreign Language and Science strongly encouraged)*

In addition to grade-specific requirements, students must take classes in health, economics, communication, and fine arts to total a minimum of 46 semester credits.

The Academy operates on a traditional semester calendar (1 semester=1 credit). Advanced classes include:

Math	Science	English	History	Foreign Language
AP Calculus AB/BC	AP Physics C	AP Literature & Composition	AP Government	AP Spanish
Honors Calculus	AP Chemistry	AP Language & Composition	AP US History	Honors Spanish 3
AP Computer Science	Honors Physics	Honors World Literature	AP European History	Independent Study Latin
Honors Pre-Calculus	Honors Chemistry	Honors American Literature	Honors US History	Honors Latin 3
Honors Algebra 2	Honors Biology	Honors European Literature	Honors European History	
Honors Geometry	Honors Physical Science	Honors Ancient Literature	Honors Ancient History	

GRADING

Coursework is intended to be unusually challenging. Additionally, the school has committed to combatting the national trend of grade inflation—to "reestablish C as an average grade." In other words, a student with a B average at the Academy has achieved a high level of mastery, and is prepared to take on the challenge of the most rigorous college courses.

Grade point averages are calculated on a weighted 4-point grading scale. Weighting is used for Honors (4.5) and Advanced Placement (5.0) courses for the purpose of establishing class ranking. Transcripts include both weighted and unweighted GPAs, to provide the clearest picture of a student's achievement. It should be noted that students may take several Honors courses in all grades, but Advanced Placement courses are not generally available until eleventh grade.

Grade System	College Prep	Honors Classes	Advanced Placement	
A	93-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	83-86	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	73-76	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.2	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	1.8	2.3
D	63-66	1.0	1.5	2.0
D-	60-62	0.7	1.2	1.7
F	0-59	0.0	0.0	0.0

CLASS OF 2026 GPA* DISTRIBUTION _____

*As of August 2025 *Weighted GPA*

In the Class of 2026, 49 of the 58 students have a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher.

ENROLLMENT _____

The 2025-2026 student body includes 58 seniors, 57 juniors, 61 sophomores, and 58 freshmen.

TEST SCORES _____

Three students in the class of 2026 qualified as National Merit Semi-Finalists and two students achieved Commended status.

SAT EXAM SCORES						
	EBRW		MATH		COMPOSITE	
	Charter	State	Charter	State	Charter	State
2021	631	495	641	485	1271	980
2022	648	490	645	473	1294	962
2023	642	504	633	486	1275	991
2024	623	509	623	488	1246	997
2025	637	515	625	487	1263	1007

AP EXAM SCORES	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total AP Students	82	95	96	95	88
Number of Exams	188	162	205	175	162
Number of Tests 3+	70	82	86	91	84
% of Test with 3+	81%	86%	84%	96%	95%

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE _____

Students who choose to attend the Academy do so knowing that they will be held to a high academic standard, and that the workload will be significant. The Academy's commitment to open dialogue and the respectful debate of ideas prepares students to participate actively in their college classes. Graduates report that they feel far better prepared for success in college than peers who attended regular public high schools. Indeed, college completion rate for Academy graduates is over 80%

On average, about 60% of our alumni attend 4-year colleges and 30% attend 2-year colleges after graduation. 94% of our alumni return to college for their second year, and over 80% of those graduate college with a bachelor's degree within 6 years.

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EXTRACURRICULAR _____

Academy students' success extends beyond the academic setting. They excel in a long list of extracurricular activities, clubs, sports, volunteer service, and employment.

Our music programs regularly produce a disproportionate number of finalists in state and regional competitions, as do our Speech and Debate and Drama programs. At the prestigious Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, Academy students earned first place as a group. Twenty-one students qualified for All-State Ensemble, and fourteen qualified as soloists.

The Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy drama team has had an amazing run, bringing home the Idaho 3A State Drama Championship six years in a row. Since 2019, they've dominated the competition and built a reputation as one of the strongest high school theater programs in the state.

The Academy has long been the only Idaho school to participate in the Model United Nations event in Missoula, Montana, where they consistently win recognition for their excellence.

Our sports teams also find success on the field of play. Our women's soccer team has won the state championship six times in the last eleven years. Our coach, Stacy Smith was named National Coach of the Year by the United Soccer Coaches Organization. Our men's soccer team has only been in existence for six years, and has made it to the state tournament four times, taking second place in 2024.

Our other sports offerings have also been very successful, with individuals in Cross Country, Track, and Tennis placing at state each year.

Although the Academy does not have a service requirement, our students are heavily involved in their community—as volunteers, tutors, and employees. More than one local employer has made the statement that Charter kids are their best workers!

ACCREDITATION _____

The Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy is accredited by Cognia.

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