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Principal Spotlights

Celebrating Exceptional Leaders



Principal Joline Adams **Ashley Park PreK-8 School**

With 27 years of experience in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Principal Adams has served as an Exceptional Children's teacher, data analyst, assistant principal and principal. Holding dual bachelor's and master's degrees, plus advanced leadership training from Wingate University, Relay Graduate School of Education and Harvard, she is dedicated to expanding opportunities for students. Under her leadership, Ashley Park's culture of high expectations and strong partnerships helps students thrive daily. "Together, every child can succeed."



Principal Bridgette Best **Coulwood STEM Academy**

With 18 years of experience in public education, Principal Best has served in instructional and administrative roles in elementary and middle schools, including at Coulwood STEM Academy. A graduate of Virginia State University and doctoral candidate at Gardner-Webb University, she is passionate about literacy, student achievement and growth. Under her leadership, Coulwood's focus on data-driven instruction and celebrating progress helps students excel. "Every student has limitless potential and can soar."



Principal Michelle Givens **South Pine Academy**

With 34 years of experience in public education, Principal Givens has served as a teacher, assistant principal and school leader in New York City Public Schools and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Holding degrees from Binghamton University, Adelphi University and Baruch College, she is committed to academic excellence and whole-child success. Under her leadership, South Pine Academy's culture of high expectations, strong relationships and commitment helps students thrive. "Together, every child can achieve their best."



Principal Eric Olejarczyk **Palisades High School**

With 23 years of experience in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Principal Olejarczyk has served as a science teacher, mentor, department chair, assistant principal and principal. Holding degrees from the University of Akron and UNC Charlotte, he is passionate about fostering a culture where every student thrives. Under his leadership, PHS has exceeded growth expectations annually and ranks among the state's top-performing schools for academic growth. "When we invest in every student, success follows."

Accessing Data

Scan the codes below to access more data and see the full data presentation



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State Website



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Grade Level Proficiency

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools increased in overall grade level proficiency in every content area with significant increases in:

Reading (GRADES 3–8)

+4.0%

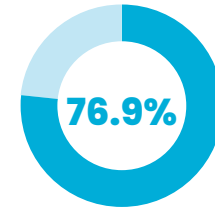
Math (GRADES 3–8)

+3.5%

Math I*

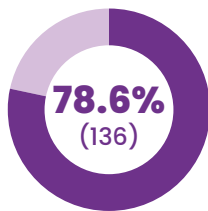
+7.1%*

* MATH I HIGH SCHOOL & MATH I MIDDLE SCHOOL COMBINED



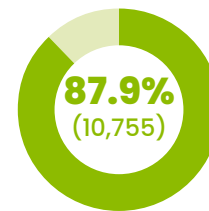
of 3rd grade students **demonstrated proficiency through state Read to Achieve** — +11 percentage points in 3rd Grade Reading

School Performance Grades



schools earned a **school performance grade of A, B or C** — an increase of 12 from 2024–25

Graduation Rate



of students **graduated with their cohort** in the 2025–2026 school year — +3.3 percentage points from 2024–25

Schools with Improved Performance Grades

40 schools **improved** school letter grades in 2025 – 26.

Ashley Park PreK–8 School
Ballantyne Ridge High
Berryhill School
Blythe Elementary
Charlotte Teacher Early College
Cochrane Collegiate Academy
Coulwood STEM Academy
Crestdale Middle
Crown Point Elementary
Elbert Edwin Waddell High
Esperanza Global Academy
First Ward Creative Arts Middle
Garinger High

Hawthorne Academy
of Health Sciences
Hidden Valley Elementary
Hopewell High
Independence High
J.H. Gunn Elementary
J.M. Alexander Middle
J.V. Washam Elementary
Joseph W. Grier Academy
Lawrence Orr Elementary
Long Creek Elementary
Mallard Creek High
Mountain Island Lake Academy
North Mecklenburg High

Northwest School of the Arts
Oakdale Elementary
Palisades High
Ranson Middle
River Gate Elementary
River Oaks Academy
Rocky River High
Sedgefield Montessori
South Pine Academy
Stoney Creek Elementary
University Meadows Elementary
West Mecklenburg High
William Amos Hough High
Winterfield Elementary

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2025 – 26 State Accountability Model: Exceeded Growth

- * Exceeded growth in 2025–26
- ** Exceeded growth in 2024–25 and 2025–26 (the last two years)
- *** Exceeded growth in 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26 (the last three years)
- **** Exceeded growth in 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26 (the last four years)
- ***** Exceeded growth in 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26 (the last five years)

Allenbrook Elementary School**
 Ardrey Kell High School*****
 Ashley Park PreK–8 School**
 Bain Elementary School**
 Ballantyne Elementary School**
 Ballantyne Ridge High School*
 Barnette Elementary School**
 Berryhill School**
 Blythe Elementary School*
 Central Piedmont Early College***
 Charlotte East Language Academy**
 Charlotte Engineering Early College–UNCC*
 Charlotte Teacher Early College*
 Cochrane Collegiate Academy*
 Community House Middle School*****
 Coulwood STEM Academy*****
 Crown Point Elementary School**
 David W. Butler High School*
 Davidson K–5*****
 Devonshire Elementary School**
 Druid Hills Academy***
 Eastway Middle School***
 Elizabeth Lane Elementary School**
 Elizabeth Traditional Elementary School***
 Endhaven Elementary School**
 Grand Oak Elementary School**
 Hawk Ridge Elementary School*****
 Hawthorne Academy of Health Sciences*
 Hickory Grove Elementary School***
 Highland Creek Elementary School**
 Hopewell High School*
 Huntersville Elementary School**
 Idlewild Elementary School***
 Independence High School*****
 J. H. Gunn Elementary School*
 J. V. Washam Elementary School*
 Jay M. Robinson Middle School*****
 Joseph W. Grier Academy**
 Lake Wylie Elementary School**
 Lansdowne Elementary School*
 Lawrence Orr Elementary*

Long Creek Elementary School**
 Mallard Creek Elementary School***
 Mallard Creek High School**
 Matthews Elementary School****
 McClintock Middle School***
 Merry Oaks International Academy*
 Montclair Elementary School**
 Mountain Island Lake Academy**
 Myers Park High School*****
 North Academy of World Languages***
 North Mecklenburg High School*****
 Northeast Middle School*
 Northridge Middle School**
 Northwest School Of The Arts**
 Oakdale Elementary School*
 Oakhurst STEAM Academy*
 Olde Providence Elementary School**
 Olympic High School***
 Palisades High School*****
 Paw Creek Elementary School*****
 Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology**
 Piedmont IB Middle School**
 Polo Ridge Elementary School**
 Providence High School*****
 Ranson Middle School*
 Reedy Creek Elementary School**
 Reid Park Academy**
 River Gate Elementary School**
 River Oaks Academy*
 Shamrock Gardens Elementary School**
 South Pine Academy*
 Statesville Road Elementary School***
 Sterling Elementary School*****
 Stoney Creek Elementary School*
 Torrence Creek Elementary School*
 Tuckaseegee Elementary School***
 University Meadows Elementary School*
 West Charlotte High School*****
 William Amos Hough High School**
 Wilson STEM Academy**
 Winterfield Elementary School*****