2026–27 CHARLOTTE LATIN UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

CHARLOTTE LATIN SCHOOL



SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

The founders of Charlotte Latin School shared a vision of a school where academic excellence is encouraged, leadership is cultivated, liberal arts are valued, and phonics-based reading is essential. Since 1970, Latin has educated thousands of students in the importance of learning, citizenship, service to others, hard work, and Honor Above All.

- Latin is a safe place for students to express themselves and learn. Each student is known as an individual and as a member of our school community.
- Relationships are key. Our faculty and staff teach, coach, counsel, encourage, support, and care for our students.
- Academic excellence and highly skilled teachers are the foundation of our school.
- We value diversity and the inclusion of various viewpoints, perspectives, and backgrounds. As a community of learners, we are committed to creating a welcoming and supportive environment that accepts and honors all people.

FAST FACTS

Grades served: **TK–Grade 12**

1,555
Total enrollment

589
Upper School enrollment

151
2026–27 senior class members

UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY

100%
US faculty and staff actively engage in professional development each year

100
faculty and administrative teaching staff

60%
of faculty hold advanced degrees

OUR MISSION

is to encourage individual development and civility in our students by inspiring them to learn, by encouraging them to serve others, and by offering them many growth-promoting opportunities.

COMMUNITY, BELONGING, AND GLOBAL EDUCATION

Our culture of inclusive excellence is rooted in the school's Mission and Core Values. We embrace the creativity that arises from diverse points of view, honor our students' rich cultural experiences, and aspire to foster a sense of belonging for every member of our school community.

ACCREDITATION

Southern Association of Independent Schools

MALONE SCHOLARS SCHOOL

Charlotte Latin School is proud to be North Carolina's only Malone Scholars School, endowed by the Malone Family Foundation to provide scholarships to highly capable students.

MIT PARTNER FAB ACADEMY

Charlotte Latin is the world's only K-12 school where students participate directly in the Fab Academy, a university-level global program that teaches them to turn ideas into reality alongside innovators from around the planet.

SPEECH & DEBATE CHAMPIONS

Latin students have won championships at the National Speech and Debate Tournament. In 2025, Charlotte Latin was honored with membership in the National Speech and Debate Association's 200 Club.

CORE VALUES

- Honor Above All
- Commitment to Excellence
- Leadership
- Respect for Oneself and Others
- Personal Responsibility
- Moral Courage

Chuck Baldecchi
Head of School

Tracey Vanneste
Head of Upper School

Jody Jennings
Director of College Counseling

Haley Cripps
Associate Director of College Counseling

Alex Segura
Associate Director of College Counseling

Lucy Smith
Associate Director of College Counseling

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

2024-26 Advanced Placement Scholars
192 Scholars with Distinction **49** Scholars with Honor **116** Scholars

2024-26 National Merit Scholarship Program
27 National Merit Semifinalists **50** Commended Scholars

A traditional college-preparatory curriculum is offered on a semester system. Six courses are required each year, of which four must be academic. The recommended and typical course load is five academic courses and one enrichment class. Twenty-one credits are required for graduation, including English (4 credits); math (4 credits); science (3 credits); history (3 credits including World History I, World History II, and U.S. History); world language (3 credits in the same language); and physical education (1 credit, of which ½ may be waived based on athletic participation).

Students must meet certain benchmarks to be placed by faculty in Advanced, Honors, or AP courses, with the exception of AP Business with Personal Finance, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Cybersecurity, AP Networking Fundamentals, AP Economics, AP Environmental Science, and AP Psychology. Students in AP classes are required to take the AP exam. Advanced Placement courses are offered in 24 subjects, while Honors courses are available in English, mathematics, certain sciences, history semester courses, and level 3+ in world language.

High school classes completed in Middle School are indicated on the transcript but are not included in any GPA.



Note regarding math and science curricula:

Charlotte Latin math courses are taught at a high level across standard, advanced, and honors/AP coursework. Standard courses include Algebra I/1B, Geometry, Algebra II, and Precalculus (and Advanced Functions w/Trig prior to 2026-2027). Advanced courses include Geometry (Adv), Algebra II/Trig (Adv), Precalculus (Adv), and Calculus (Adv), while honors courses are available beginning with Geometry and Honors Precalculus typically leads to an AP Calculus course. By contrast, Precalculus (Adv) does not lead directly to AP Calculus; the AP Calculus curriculum begins at the end of Honors Precalculus. As our Honors math curriculum is unusually rigorous and fast-paced, many fine math students are placed in standard and advanced courses.

In science, the first Upper School course typically taken is a Conceptual Physics course. There is no honors version, but Advanced Conceptual Physics demands a higher level of mathematical thinking and addresses topics at a greater level of complexity.

All Advanced courses in math and science are weighted accordingly (+0.5). The decision to weight Advanced math and science courses was made in the spring of 2026 but was applied both prospectively and retroactively for the Class of 2027 forward. From 2026-2027 forward, no class name will include the word Advanced unless the course has that extra GPA weight.





Highlights from the 2025–26 School Year:

- **Calculus Mastery:** 98% of AP Calculus students earned a perfect score of 5 (100% in Calc BC, 96% in Calc AB).
- **Proven AP Rigor:** Achieved an exceptional 4.10 mean score across 833 AP exams, with 92% earning a 3 or higher.
- **Global Literacy:** Earned 124 Global Seals of Biliteracy across 9 modern and classical languages.
- **Exclusive Distinctions:** NC's only Malone Scholars School and the world's only K–12 MIT Fab Academy partner.

AP, HONORS, AND ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

English
(4 credits required)

Advanced/Honors
Honors American Literature

AP
AP English Literature

World Language
(3 credits required)

Advanced/Honors
Honors French III
Honors French IV
Honors Greek I*
Honors Greek II*
Honors Greek III*
Honors Greek IV*
Honors Latin III
Honors Latin IV
Honors Spanish III
Honors Spanish IV

AP
AP French
AP Latin
AP Spanish Language
AP Spanish Literature

Science
(3 credits required)

Advanced/Honors
Advanced Conceptual Physics
Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Honors Physics

AP
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science**
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Physics C: Mechanics & E/M.

Innovation/Design

Advanced/Honors
Honors Java Data Structures

AP
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Cybersecurity
AP Networking Fundamentals

History/Social Sciences
(3 credits required)

Advanced/Honors
Honors - The Birth of Rock and Roll and Teenage Rebellion**
Honors - Strangers in a Common Land: Global Immigration and Migration**

AP
AP Business with Personal Finance
AP Economics (Includes Macro and Micro)**
AP Comparative Government
AP U.S. Government & Politics
AP U.S. History
AP European History
AP Psychology**

Mathematics
(4 credits required)

Advanced/Honors
Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry
Honors Geometry
Honors Precalculus
Honors Intro to Probability & Statistics**
Honors Graphs
Governance & Games: Applied Mathematics
Advanced Geometry
Advanced Algebra II/Trigonometry
Advanced Precalculus
Advanced Calculus

AP
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics

** Greek may be taken only as a second world language*

*** Course is open to students in Grades 11 and 12*



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College Admission Summary 2024–26

Agnes Scott College
Allegheny College
American University*
Amherst College
Anderson University (South Carolina)
Appalachian State University*
Arizona State University
Auburn University*
Averett University
Barnard College
Baylor University
Belmont University*
Berry College
Boston College*
Boston University*
Brandeis University*
Brevard College
Brown University*
Brunel University London
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University*
Butler University
Calvin University*
Campbell University
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Carson-Newman University
Case Western Reserve University*
Catawba College*
Centre College
Champlain College
City St George's, University of London
Clemson University*
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
Colgate University*
College of Charleston*
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines*
Colorado State University
Connecticut College
Cornell University*
Covenant College
Creighton University
Crown College
Dartmouth College*
Davidson College*
Denison University*
DePaul University
DePauw University*
Drake University
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke Kunshan University
Duke University*
East Carolina University*
East Tennessee State University
Eckerd College
Elon University*
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Prescott)
Emerson College
Emory University (Oxford)*
Emory University*
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Fairmont State University*
Florida State University
Fordham University*
Franklin and Marshall College
Furman University*
George Mason University*
George Washington University*
Georgetown University*
Georgia Tech
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Grove City College*
Guilford College
Hamilton College*
Hampden-Sydney College*
Hampton University*
Harvard University*
Hawai'i Pacific University
High Point University*
Hofstra University
Howard University
Imperial College London
Indiana University (Bloomington)*
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
James Madison University*
Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte)*
Kean University
Kent State University
Kenyon College*
Kettering University
King's College London
Lafayette College
Lawrence University*
Lehigh University*
Leiden University
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Lewis & Clark College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland*
Lynn University
Macalester College*
Marquette University
Marymount Manhattan College*
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
McGill University*
Mercer University
Meredith College*
Miami University*
Michigan State University
Middlebury College*
Millikin University
Mississippi State University
Missouri University of Science and Technology
Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke College
New York University*
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina State University*
Northeastern University*
Northwestern University*
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma State University
Pace University (New York City)*
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Parsons Paris at The New School
Penn State University*
Pepperdine University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University*
Queen Mary University of London*
Queens University of Charlotte*
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College*
Rice University*
Roanoke College*
Rochester Institute of Technology*
Rollins College*
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rowan University
Rutgers University (Camden)*
Rutgers University (Newark)
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Leo University
Saint Louis University
Salve Regina University
Samford University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South*
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
St. Bonaventure University*
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology*
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY New Paltz
Swarthmore College*
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University*
Taylor University
Temple University*
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University*
Texas State University
The American University of Paris
The American University of Rome
The Citadel
The College of Wooster*
The Ohio State University*
The University of Queensland*
Thomas Jefferson University
Trevecca Nazarene University
Trinity College*
Truman State University
Tufts University*
Tulane University*
Union College
United States Air Force Academy*
United States Naval Academy*
University College London
University of Alabama (Birmingham)
University of Alabama*
University of Amsterdam*
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas*
University of British Columbia
University of California (Berkeley)*
University of California (Davis)
University of California (Irvine)
University of California (Los Angeles)
University of California (Riverside)
University of California (San Diego)*
University of California (Santa Barbara)
University of California (Santa Cruz)
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado (Boulder)*
University of Connecticut*
University of Dallas
University of Dayton
University of Delaware*
University of Denver*
University of Florida*
University of Georgia*
University of Hartford
University of Illinois (Chicago)
University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign)*
University of Iowa
University of Kansas*
University of Kentucky*
University of Louisville
University of Lynchburg
University of Maine
University of Maryland*
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Miami*
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi*
University of Missouri
University of Missouri (Kansas City)
University of Montana*
University of New Hampshire*
University of North Carolina (Asheville)*
University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)*
University of North Carolina (Charlotte)*
University of North Carolina (Greensboro)*
University of North Carolina (Wilmington)*
University of North Carolina School of the Arts*
University of Notre Dame*
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania*
University of Pittsburgh
University of Pittsburgh (Bradford)
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond*
University of Rochester*
University of San Diego
University of South Alabama
University of South Carolina*
University of Southern California*
University of St Andrews*
University of Tampa*
University of Tennessee (Chattanooga)
University of Tennessee*
University of Texas*
University of Toronto*
University of Utah
University of Vermont*
University of Virginia*
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin*
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University*
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech*
Wake Forest University*
Washington and Lee University*
Washington University in St. Louis*
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Virginia University
Western Carolina University
William & Mary*
William Peace University*
Williams College*
Wingate University*
Winston-Salem State University
Wofford College*
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University*

**Indicates college where at least one student has matriculated during this period.*