

2023 - 2024 School Profile

Our Mission

Community Charter School of Cambridge (CCSC) combines challenging academics with creative use of technology and real world experience to prepare a diverse student body, grades 6-12, for post-secondary success and productive citizenship. CCSC students are excellent problem solvers and communicators who contribute to their community through internships and other field experiences.

Who We Are

Founded in 2005, CCSC is a public charter school located in Cambridge, MA, currently serving over 250 students. All CCSC students are prepared to succeed in college through a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum. CCSC makes a difference by engaging each student in meaningful work inside the school as well as within the larger community through internships and community-based projects. 92% of graduates in the past six years have gained admission to 4-year colleges and universities. The percentage of students who have either earned a degree or are still persisting surpasses the national average for CCSC's student demographic.

CCSC At A Glance

Enrollment (6-12)	261
Class of 2024	45
Male	44%
Female	56%
Students of Color	94%
Free/Reduced Lunch	66%
English Language Learners	18%
Special Needs (IEPs & 504s)	23.3%

ACADEMIC LIFE

Student-Faculty Ratio	7:1
Avg. Class Size.	13.4
Avg. Class Length.	62 mins.

School Highlights

- CCSC was named to the 2023 AP Honor Roll (silver) and received a 2023 AP Access Award.
- 83% of the Class of 2023 took at least 1 AP exam in high school and 45% scored a 3 or above on at least one exam.
- In 2023, CCSC was named one of US News and World Report's Best High Schools.
- In 2021, CCSC was one of only 1,770 public high schools across the nation to win the inaugural College Success Award - Gold Level given by GreatSchools.org.
- In the past four graduating classes, 4 CCSC graduates were awarded Posse Scholarships.

Program of Study

CCSC provides an academically rigorous program. CCSC students are required to take an integrated core curriculum. In order to graduate, a student must earn the minimum number of credits required as dictated by the state of Massachusetts and fulfill additional requirements listed below.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of a minimum of 18 credits in grades 9-12 as follows:

- English: 4 credits
- History: 3 credits
- Mathematics: 4 credits
- Science: 3 credits
- Spanish: 2 credits
- Additional Core Courses: 2 credits

Note: The Spanish requirement is waived for students with documented disabilities that significantly impede their ability to acquire or use language.

Each course is worth 1 credit per year.

NON-CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

- Students must participate in Advisory classes three days a week.
- Wellness and Movement (WAM/Physical Education) courses can be taken during grades 9-12.
- Leveled art classes can also be taken during grades 9-12.

ADDITIONAL CCSC CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

- All grade 6-11 students must pass a Roundtable to earn promotion to the next grade.
- Grade 12 students are required to complete a 100-hour internship in the community and pass an internship exhibition.
- Students with specific disabilities may be required to take Learning Lab.

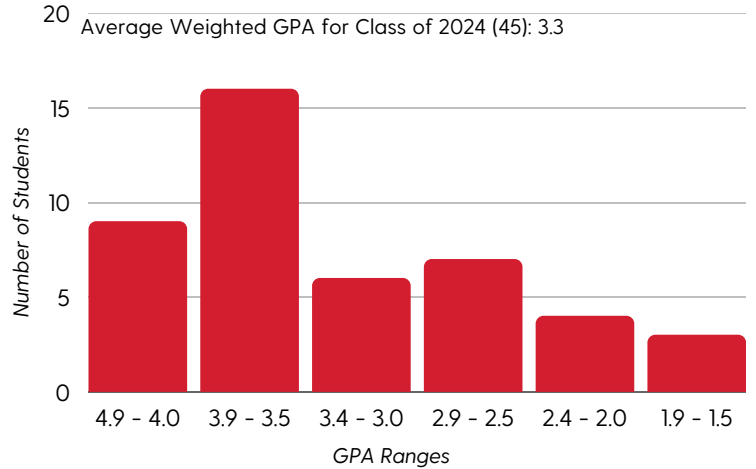
COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- All CCSC courses are college preparatory level, and all core courses for grades 9-12 have an Honors credit option with the completion of more advanced coursework.
- CCSC offers seven Advanced Placement courses:
 - Biology
 - Calculus
 - Computer Science Principles
 - English Language and Composition
 - Spanish Language
 - Statistics
 - US History

Academic Policies

CCSC uses a traditional grading system in which students receive a letter grade for each course. There is no grade of D at CCSC. Students must also successfully complete a Roundtable annually, which is a presentation of a portfolio of class work and written reflections on their academic performance and personal growth to a panel of adults, including their parent(s) or guardian(s), their Advisor, and other school community members. A passing grade for the Roundtable is required in order for students to earn promotion to the next grade. Due to its relatively small size, CCSC does not provide class rank. *Students may be retained if a core course grade drops below 60%. Students with course grades of 60-69% may earn recovery credit by raising their grade to above a C- (70% minimum) in summer school.*

End of Junior Year, Student Academic Performance



Transcript Policy

Students earn one grade at the end of each year for every course taken with the final grade of the course being an average of both Semesters 1 and 2 (S1 and S2) of that school year. For grades 9-12, grades include two benchmark exams in the fall semester and one benchmark exam in the spring semester. Seniors do not take final exams in S2. If a student is retained, both original and repeated year grades will be shown on the transcript, however only the repeated year grades will be factored into the student's overall GPA. An R on a transcript indicates that the course was initially failed but successful completion of summer school resulted in a passing and replacing grade. If a student retakes a course for enrichment purposes, no credit or replacing grade will be issued. Courses that are withdrawn from, under extenuating circumstances only, are shown on transcripts with a W and no credit or grade is earned. Honors credits are indicated with an H on transcripts.

COVID-19 Note

During the Class of 2024's 9th grade year (2020-2021), CCSC adopted a remote model in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students met for Advisory every morning for 25 minutes and then proceeded to 80-minute classes broken into 40 minutes of synchronous and 40 minutes of asynchronous learning time. General discipline and core elective courses met three days a week synchronously for a total of 120 minutes and asynchronously for 120 minutes. Learning Lab met once weekly for 40 minutes on Wednesdays. We also offered Remote Plus where a limited number of students came to campus and accessed their remote classes in socially-distanced supervised classrooms.

College Matriculation 2020-2023

Amherst College
Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute
of Technology
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bridgewater State University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Bunker Hill Community College
Colby College
College of the Holy Cross
Coppin State University*
Denison University
Dillard University
Duke University*
Fashion Institute of Technology*
Fitchburg State University
Florida State College at Jacksonville

Framingham State University
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Howard University
Hult International Business School
Johns Hopkins University
Juniata College
Kansas State University*
Lasell University
Lesley University
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Massachusetts Bay Community College
Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke College
Northeastern University
Pace University, NYC
Providence College
Quincy College
Rivier University*
Salem State University

Simmons University
Smith College
Southern New Hampshire University
Spelman College
Suffolk University
Tufts University
University of California-Davis
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Massachusetts-Boston
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
University of Massachusetts-Lowell
University of Pennsylvania
Villanova University
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Westfield State University
Worcester State University
Yale University

*First time matriculant from CCSC in 2023