

# 2024 - 2025 School Profile

## Our Mission and Values

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. Our values of belonging, equity, growth, and achievement guide our work.

## Who We Are

Founded in 2005, CCSC is a public charter school located in Cambridge, MA, serving roughly 250 students. All CCSC students are prepared to succeed in college and beyond 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 far surpasses the national average for the demographic that CCSC serves.

## School Highlights

- CCSC was 1 of 57 schools (out of over 1,700 schools statewide) named a 2024 DESE School of Recognition.
- CCSC was named to the 2023 AP Honor Roll (silver) and received a 2023 AP Access Award.
- 84% of the Class of 2023 took at least 1 AP exam in high school and 40% scored a 3 or above on at least one exam.
- In 2024, 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, 5 CCSC graduates were awarded Posse Scholarships.
- 20% of Class of 2024 graduated having earned the MA Seal of Biliteracy in English and another world language (Amharic, Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Spanish, and Yoruba).

## CCSC At A Glance

Enrollment (6-12)	251
Class of 2024	36
Male	49%
Female	51%
Students of Color	94%
Free/Reduced Lunch	66%
English Language Learners	11%
Special Needs (IEPs & 504s)	27.1%

## ACADEMIC LIFE

Student-Faculty Ratio	6:1
Avg. Class Size.	13.4
Avg. Class Length.	62 mins.

## 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 in 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.

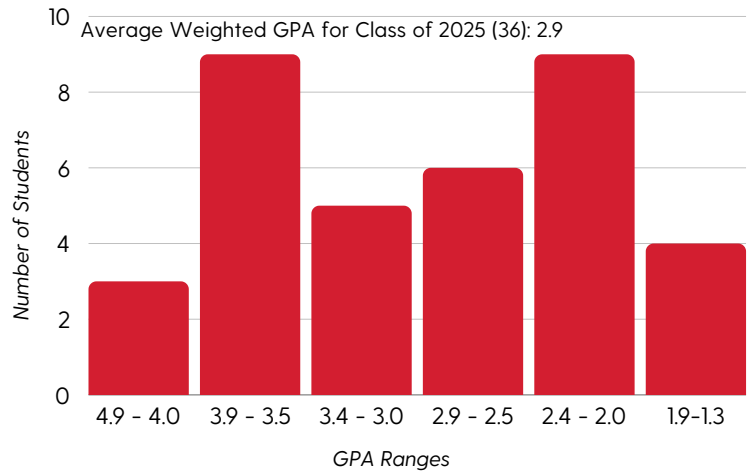
### COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- 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 examinations 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.

## College Matriculation 2021-2024

Amherst College  
Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology  
Bentley University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Bridgewater State University  
Brown University  
Bryn Mawr College  
Bucknell University  
Bunker Hill Community College  
Centre College\*  
Colby College  
College of the Holy Cross  
Coppin State University  
Dillard University  
Duke University  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Fitchburg State University  
Florida Institute of Technology\*  
Framingham State University  
George Washington University  
Gettysburg College  
Gordon College\*  
Howard University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Juniata College  
Kansas State University  
Lasell University  
Lesley University

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences  
Massachusetts Bay Community College  
Morgan State University\*  
Mount Holyoke College  
New England Institute of Technology\*  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University\*  
Norwich University\*  
Providence College  
Quincy College  
Salem State University  
Simmons University  
Smith College  
Southern New Hampshire University  
Spelman College  
Suffolk University  
Temple University  
Tufts University  
Union College (NY)\*  
University of Connecticut  
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  
Wheaton College  
Yale University

\*First time matriculant from CCSC in 2024