

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Overview

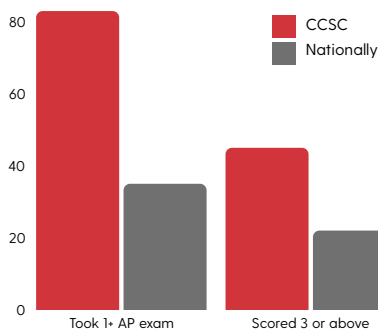
Community Charter School of Cambridge (CCSC) combines challenging academics with creative use of technology and real world experiences to prepare a diverse student body, grades 6-12, for post-secondary success. **With an emphasis on rigorous college-preparatory academics, high expectations, and individualized support, CCSC students are excellent problem solvers, strong communicators, and critical and reflective thinkers** who engage in meaningful work inside the school as well as within the larger community through internships and community-based projects.

Advanced Coursework

We believe a core component of our role as a school is to provide students with access to the resources & opportunities they need to achieve their big dreams. Our high school program has been **nationally recognized for this**

commitment, particularly in expanding access to AP courses. In 2023, CCSC was named to the AP Honor Roll and received a 2023 AP Access Award in recognition of our commitment to “equitable access to advanced coursework.”

As shown in the bar graph to the left, CCSC students **vastly outperform the national average in AP exam taking and performance:**



- Over 80% of CCSC seniors take at least one AP exam during their time at CCSC, compared to roughly 35% nationally, and
- Over 40% score a 3 or above on at least one exam (a critical score for college course credit), compared to roughly 22% nationally.

All students at CCSC have the opportunity to engage in AP or honors coursework. We do not have an honors “track” -- rather, our program is individualized such that every student is able to be challenged in areas where they shine (in some cases, this means pursuing **dual enrollment course offerings** at local colleges and universities) and to receive targeted support in areas where they need additional guidance and instruction, including through **CCSC@Night and office hours.**

Roundtables

All CCSC students in grades 6-11 participate in an end-of-year Roundtable. Roundtables are **dissertation-style presentations** where students describe projects they completed, share reflections on their learning, and respond to questions from their family, CCSC adults, and guests from the local community. Projects include topics such as:

- Using data to make policy recommendations to combat income inequality in the U.S.
- Discussing the role of restorative justice in post-apartheid South Africa
- Modeling and making projections about the spread of viruses
- Sharing results from their action research project

Senior Internships

Every spring, all CCSC seniors complete a 100-hour internship that provides them with the opportunity to **learn from a professional mentor and get real-world experience** in a field/industry they are considering pursuing. This spring, on any given Wednesday, you could find a CCSC senior:

- Refueling a jet plane
- In the surgical unit, NICU, or radiation/oncology center
- Working on costumes for an upcoming Boston theatre production
- Building a pharmaceutical drug launch database
- Researching Inka khipus (Andean knotted cord recording devices)
- At Boston or Cambridge City Hall
- Reviewing submissions at an indie literary magazine

CCSC At A Glance

Enrollment (6-12)	262
Students of color	94%
English Language Learners	18%
Special Needs (IEPs & 504s)	23%
Cities/Towns Served	31
Languages spoken at home	20+

ACADEMIC LIFE

Student-Faculty Ratio	7:1
Avg. Class Size	13.4
Seniors Taking an AP class	80%

POST-SECONDARY SUCCESS

Students accepted to 2-/4-year school	100%
Students accepted to a 4-year school	>90%
Matriculation fall after graduation	95%
Posse Leadership Scholarships	13

Extracurriculars

Whether it's volunteering at a School Market, helping out at an event at the nearby elementary school Fletcher-Maynard Academy, serving as a Student Ambassador, exploring an interest in an X-block, or pursuing a passion in a club or sport, **CCSC students are engaged both in and outside of the classroom.** Seventy-six percent of seniors played on 1+ team or participated in 1+ club this school year (2023-24). CCSC students also take advantage of the many partnerships we have with local organizations -- many of which are **highly selective programs that are designed to expand access to college, career, and financial independence.** Flare Education, for example, is a 36 month program that provides students with professional mentorship, skill development workshops and training, summer internships and more with the goal of ensuring that all program participants "develop foundational skills, build social capital, and improve their financial literacy [and] find jobs with gross annual income at or above \$60,000."

CCSC X-Blocks, Clubs and Sports

Anime	Gender & Sexualities Alliance
Art	Girls Group
Basketball	Guitar Club
Cafe CCSC	Harvard Model Congress
Caribbean American Culture Club	Media Journalism Club
Cheer	National Honor Society
Community Service	Psychology
Creative Writing	Soccer
Debate	Theatre
Dungeons & Dragons	Track and field/cross country
Flag Football	Volleyball
Gaming	Yearbook

External Partnerships and Programs

ACE Mentor Program	Farrington Nature Linc	Research Science Institute at MIT
Amigos International	Flare Education	Reynolds Young Writers Workshop
Amphibious Achievement	Friends Forever International	Science Club for Girls
Aquarium: Summer Teen Internship Program	Generation Teach	SMASH Academy
Artists for Humanity Teen Summer Jobs	Girls Who Code Summer Programs	SPLASH
BARCC	Grub Street: YAWP Summer Writing Fellowship	SPARK
Boston Public Library Teen Volunteer Program	Harvard Crimson	Suffolk University Summer Program
Boston Medical Center TEAMS	HMS MEDscience	Summer Search
BU Rise	HPREP	Summer Tutti
Breakthrough Greater Boston	HSSP	Trinity Education for Excellence Program
Brigham & Women's Hospital Youth Summer Program	LEAH Project & LEAH Knox Scholars	Teens in Print: Summer Journalism Institute
Broad Summer Scholars Program	Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program	The Theatre Offensive: True Colors OUT Youth Theatre
Bucknell Academy Summer Experience	MITES	Tufts PreCollege Programs
Crossroads Camps & C5 Program	MIT Museum	Upward Bound
CURE	Museum of Science	Yleana Leadership Academy
Engineering Summer Academy at Penn	National Bar Association Crump Law Camp	Young Scholars Program at Northeastern
	Pueblo Ingles	Youth Leadership Forum
	Putney Student Travel	

College and Career Counseling

With two full-time college and career counselors, twice annual Out to College Day campus visits, career talks from local professionals, a writing center staffed with a dozen volunteer writing coaches, junior and senior seminars, and a college and career counseling program that begins in 9th grade, CCSC students and their families receive **individualized college and career guidance throughout their high school years.** Students graduate not only having earned acceptances to college, but having had in-depth conversations about college fit, life outside of CCSC, and with sizable scholarships: in our past four graduating classes, four students have received prestigious full-tuition Posse Leadership Scholarships.

Through our newly launched **Alumni Persistence Program**, we continue partnering with our graduates as they pursue their goals in college and career and work toward financial independence and financial security. The program is designed to provide CCSC alumni with one-on-one coaching and guidance, resources, and emergency funding to support their social, emotional, and academic transition to college and career.



CCSC CLASS OF 2024 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES



Anna Maria College	Penn State University, Erie
Assumption University	Regis College
Bridgewater State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Brown University	Rutgers University
Bunker Hill Community College	Sacred Heart University
Centre College	Salem State University
Clark Atlanta University	Simmons University
Clarkson University	Smith College
Coppin State University	Southern New Hampshire University
Curry College	St. Anselm College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	St. John's University
Emmanuel College	Suffolk University
Fayetteville State University	UMass Amherst
Fitchburg State University	UMass Boston
Florida Institute of Technology	UMass Dartmouth
Framingham State University	UMass Lowell
Franklin Pierce University	Union College
Gordon College	University at Buffalo
Hampshire College	University of Connecticut (UConn)
James Madison University	University of the District of Columbia
Kelley School of Business, Indiana University	University of Maine
Lasell University	University of Maine - Machias
Lesley University	University of New Orleans
Long Island University	University of North Dakota
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	University of Vermont
Morehouse College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Morgan State University	Western New England University
New England College	Westfield State University
Northeastern University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Norwich University	Worcester State University
Ohio State University	

*as of March 12, 2024

To date, seniors have also been awarded a combined total of almost 2.1 million dollars in merit-based scholarships and grants, including two Posse leadership scholarships!