COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF CAMBRIDGE

A 2025 National Blue Ribbon Nominee

2025-2026 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.

CCSC At A Glance

Enrollment (6-12)	244
Class of 2026	23
Male	45%
Female	55%
Students of Color	91%
Free/Reduced Lunch	68%
English Language Learners	9%
Special Needs (IEPs & 504s)	26.2%
ACADEMIC LIFE	
Student-Faculty Ratio	6:1
Avg. Class Size	13.3
Avg. Class Length	62 mins.

Who We Are

Founded in 2005, CCSC is a charter public 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 in our school and our broader community. 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 persisting far surpasses the national average for the student demographic that CCSC serves.

School Highlights

- CCSC was 1 of 6 MA schools – and the only charter public school and school serving high school grades – to be a 2025 National Blue Ribbon School Nominee.
- 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.
- CCSC is consistently named one of US News & World Report's Best High Schools and a top 100 MA high school.
- 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 five graduating classes, 5 CCSC graduates were awarded Posse Scholarships.
- 87% of the Class of 2026 are currently taking an AP class and over half are taking a dual enrollment course.

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 Commonwealth 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 Academic 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.

ADDITIONAL CCSC CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

- Students must participate in Advisory classes three days a week.
- Wellness and Movement(WAM/Physical Education) courses and level art classes can be taken during grades 9-12.
- 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 core 9-12 classes have an honors credit option. CCSC offers seven Advanced Placement courses: Biology, Calculus, Computer Science Principles, English Language and Composition, Spanish Language, Statistics, and US History. CCSC 11th and 12th graders can also take dual enrollment courses through partnerships with several local colleges, including Fisher College, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, and Bunker Hill Community College.

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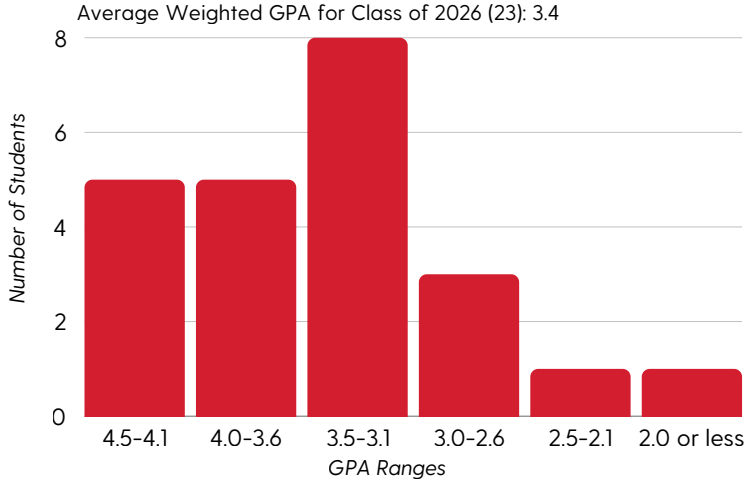
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Academic Policies

CCSC uses a traditional grading system in which students receive a letter grade for each course. There is no grade of D at CCSC. In 6th-11th grade, students also complete a Roundtable, 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

Average Weighted GPA for Class of 2026 (23): 3.4



Transcript Policy

Students earn one grade at the end of each year for every course taken with the final course grade 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. Students do not take final examinations in S2. If a student is retained, both the 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 student initially failed the course, but successfully completed summer school to earn the passing grade shown. If a student retakes a course for enrichment purposes, no credit or replacing grade will be issued. When a student withdraws from a course, under extenuating circumstances only, this is indicated with a W on the transcript and no credit or grade is earned. Honors credits are indicated with an H on the transcript. CCSC transcripts display the cumulative GPA of courses taken while at CCSC (including dual enrollment). Our policy is not to incorporate transfer transcripts into our own due to different grading scales and systems. We instead provide individual transcripts from all the schools a student has attended during high school.

College Matriculation 2022-2025

Amherst College
Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Bunker Hill Community College
Centre College
Clark University
Colby College
Coppin State University
Dillard University
Duke University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fitchburg State University
Florida Institute of Technology
Framingham State University
Gettysburg College
Gordon College
Howard University
Juniata College
Kansas State University
Lasell University
Lesley University
Massachusetts Bay Community College
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Middlebury College*
Morgan State University
Mount Holyoke College
New England Institute of Technology
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Norwich University
Providence College
Quincy College
Rivier University
Salem State University
Simmons University
Smith College
Southern New Hampshire University
Suffolk University
Temple University
Tufts University
Union College (NY)
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Massachusetts-Boston
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
University of Massachusetts-Lowell
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wheaton College
Yale University

**First time matriculant from CCSC in 2025*

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