

Open Education Schools (K-12)

Open education in Charlotte-Mecklenburg provides a challenging and intellectual climate where students are encouraged to take responsibility for their learning and behavior. Interdisciplinary approaches to the curriculum encourage curiosity and interest in learning as well as assisting students to develop critical thinking skills.

A strong academic program is provided in an environment that fosters innovation, experimentation and real-life applications. Students are offered a broad range of varied experiences emphasizing exploration and encouraging depth and mastery in areas of individual interest and ability.

- Laboratory or experience-based programs
- Strong cultural arts program
- Flexible scheduling; multi-age grouping
- State-of-the-art computers and technology
- Options for the academically gifted

Schools:

- Irwin Avenue Elementary (K-5)
- Piedmont Middle (6-8)
- West Charlotte High (9-12)*

*Due to space limitations, no new 9th grade applications will be accepted for West Charlotte for 1996-97.

Montessori (Pre-K-4)

In the Montessori program children learn by working with specially designed, attractively displayed developmental materials. Children work alone or in small groups, and develop a sense of self-esteem because they are given a balance of freedom and responsibility.

The breadth of curriculum offered is vast: reading, writing, mathematics, geometry, history, geography, biology, science, art, music, computer technology and physical education.

Most often children enter the program at age four. In order for children to gain the greatest benefit they should attend through the 5th grade. For students entering after kindergarten, previous Montessori experience is recommended. A summer orientation program for all new students above first grade level will be provided at Billingsville.

- Individual development at each child's pace
- Activities that assist students develop responsibility, self-confidence, independence
- Classes with multi-aged grouping
- New technology program

School:

- Billingsville Montessori (Pre-K-3)
- Amay James Montessori (Pre-K-4)

Both schools will add a grade a year until they reach grade 5. Pre-school attendance is fee-based.



International/Global Studies (K-6)

Modeled after a nationally acclaimed program called MicroSociety, International/Global Studies is an exciting program that allows students to learn about the world by organizing and directing their own society. Students establish a functioning economy in the school and create their own government, currency and businesses. Students are encouraged to try new ideas, create their own products and initiate activities which will benefit the MicroSociety. They earn salaries and pay for goods and services.

- Foreign language instruction
- Accelerated academic program
- In-depth study of seven regions of the world
- Students create newspapers, magazines, books, video ads and news programming

School:

- Lincoln Heights Elementary (K-6)

Accelerated Learning (K-6)

The First Ward Accelerated Learning Academy provides a powerful learning environment. Techniques which have been used traditionally with gifted students are proving to be successful with all students.

The learning rate of students is accelerated and enriched through high expectations for student achievement and through a variety of learning activities which increase students' levels of understanding.

The three basic principles of the school are unity of purpose, building on strengths and empowerment with responsibility.

Students take advantage of community resources within the classrooms and the extended day (supervised hours after the regular school day) activities that are provided through the cultural, business and scientific communities of the surrounding Uptown area.

- Flexible teacher schedules enable instruction to extend beyond the regular school day
- High expectations for student achievement and behavior
- Extended Day Program provides additional learning opportunities for students

School:

- First Ward Elementary (K-6)

Year-Round School (K-5)

The Year-Round program offers an alternative school calendar for families with children in grades K-5. Teachers and parents of students at Bruns Avenue Elementary are convinced that a balanced calendar is the best thing for young learners. The school year is divided into four 45-day quarters (beginning in July), each followed by a 15-day (three week) break.


Bruns Avenue offers before and after school enrichment and child care.* This program is available during the intersessions; selected students may also attend a week of classes during the break to bridge the intersession and reinforce academic studies.

- German language and culture program begins in kindergarten for all students
- Strong emphasis placed on cultural arts
- Foreign language instruction and use of technology foster a global perspective

School:

- Bruns Avenue Elementary (K-5)

*Call ASEP office, 343-5567, for fee information.



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