



Excelsior Classical Academy
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Administrative Support

Assessment and Accountability Coordinator: Lyndsay Campbell
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Student Records Manager: Michelle McAlexander
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Athletic Director: Jarred Franklin

Student Support Services

School Counselor, K-2: Kelly Adams
School Counselor, 3-5: Monique Daniels
School Counselor, 6-8: Tiffany Brooks
School Counselor, 9-12: Cathy Sebring
School Social Worker: Sarahi Hernandez

About Our School

- Established in 2015 with 250 students in grades K-4
- Charter renewed for 10 years in 2020
- Currently K-12 School with approximately 1020 students
- Accredited by NCDPI; Accreditation by Cognia in progress to be completed by 5/2024
- Classical Curriculum based on the idea in the Lost Tools of Learning by Dorothy Sayers
- Character education using the 7 Habits
- Social Emotional Learning platforms Move this World K-5 and CharacterStrong 6-12
- Core Knowledge Sequence in K-8
- Bus transportation available
- Free lunch and Uniform Assistance for those who qualify
- Among our faculty and staff, there are six PhDs and 50 master's degrees
- Special classes (Art, Dance, Drama, Music, and PE) in Grammar School (K-5)
- Fine and Performing Arts electives in Upper School (6-12)
- Singapore Math curriculum in K-5
- Spanish daily in K-5
- Latin daily in 6-8
- Logic and Rhetoric in High School
- AP and Honors classes offered in High School
- Dual Enrollment with Durham Tech for qualifying Juniors and Seniors; students earn both high school and college credit and can graduate from high school with an Associate's Degree

About Our School Community

- Diverse Board, Staff, and Student population
- Student population is 56.4% minority
- Our first graduating class is the class of 2024
- Active Parent Teacher Student Organization
- National Student Council
- National Honor Society

About the Durham Community

- Rich diversity, economic growth, and strong cultural and scientific resources.
- Durham County has approximately 332,680 residents and is 56.4% minority.
- Home of Duke University, North Carolina Central University and Durham Technical Community College.
- Known as the 'City of Medicine,' Duke University Medical Center internationally acclaimed.
- The Research Triangle Park in Durham County- one of the nation's largest planned research parks.
- Home to the American Dance Festival, the Durham Arts Council, the African American Dance Ensemble and numerous theater companies, orchestras, and galleries.

Courses required for Graduation from Excelsior Classical Academy

- 4 English credits (English I, II, III, and IV, or AP equivalent)
- 4 Math credits (Math I, II, III, and a higher math, or AP equivalents)
- 3 Science credits (Physical science, Earth/Environmental science, Biology, or AP equivalents)
- 4 Social Studies credits (Freshmen starting in 2020 and after: World History, US History, Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy, Personal Finance, or AP equivalents)
- 1 Health/PE credit
- 1 Logic credit
- 1 Rhetoric credit
- 2 World Language credits
- 1 Arts elective credit
- 1 additional elective credit

Note: Equivalent classes transferred from public or private schools, through the North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS), or through dual enrollment at Durham Tech will meet graduation requirements.

Grading Scale used at Excelsior Classical Academy

90-100 A 80-89 B 70-79 C 60-69 D Below 60 F

Grade point averages are calculated at the end of each semester and incorporate all subjects. Class rank is determined by the weighted grade point average. A weighted, cumulative rank is reported to colleges and universities.

Advanced Placement Courses: 1.0 point quality weight

Dual Enrollment Courses at Durham Technical College: 1.0 point quality weight

Honors Courses: 0.5 point quality weight

AP Courses

AP Biology
AP Precalculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Art History
AP English Language and Composition AP
English Literature and Composition AP
Environmental Science
AP World History
AP World History (Modern from 1200 AD) AP
U.S. History
AP U.S. Government and Politics
AP Human Geography
AP Physics I
AP Psychology

Dual Enrollment at Durham Tech

College Transfer (CT) Pathway
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway

Honors Courses

Honors English I, II, III, & IV
Honors Math I, II, III, & IV
Honors Precalculus
Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Honors Earth/Environmental Science
Honors Anatomy and Physiology
Honors Logic
Honors Rhetoric
Honors Philosophy
Honors World History
Honors American History
Honors Founding Principals US&NC: Civic
Literacy
Honors Economics/Personal Finance
Honors French III
Honors French IV
Honors Spanish III
Honors Spanish IV
Honors Latin III
Honors Latin IV