

**A profile of
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School and Community

In 1951, the citizens of Charlotte decided to build a college-style campus consisting of 13 buildings on 62 acres reflecting community support for excellence in public education. Buildings are centered around a quadrangle, commonly known as the "quad". Myers Park's tree-lined campus is located in one of the Queen City's most beautiful neighborhoods.

Myers Park is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In the spring of 2009, *Newsweek* ranked Myers Park 43rd among America's top 100 high schools. Our students continue to outpace the state and national SAT averages. Our 2009 SAT composite average (math, critical reading, and writing) was 1691, 182 points above the national average and 205 points above the North Carolina average.

Myers Park is one of the public high schools in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School system. The 2009-2010 enrollment is over 2900 students, making Myers Park one of the largest high schools in North Carolina. In the graduating class of 2009, 95% went on to pursue their education after high school: 78% attended a four-year college or university, 17% went on to a community or technical colleges, and 5% joined the work force or military. Myers Park utilizes A-day/B-day, 4X4, and hybrid schedules where all students attend four, ninety-minute classes every day.

The school mascot is the mustang. The school's official colors are kelly green and white.

The Student Body

The composition of the student body has an international flavor with over 34 countries represented in the 2009-2010 school year population. Myers Park embraces a diverse student population that is 57% white, 24% black, 10% Latino, 7% Asian, and 2% other. Twenty-six percent of the student body receives free or reduced lunch.

The Faculty

The faculty consists of one hundred and fifty-seven teachers, one principal, one International Baccalaureate Coordinator, four assistant principals, seven counselors, an instructional accountability facilitator, a vocational coordinator and one media specialist. The Student Support Services Department includes the following part-time staff members: psychologist: social worker, vocational rehabilitation counselor, EC Compliance Facilitator, substance abuse counselor, nurse, and speech therapist.

Our faculty is qualified and experienced: all have at least a bachelors degree, 60 have a masters, 4 a doctorate, 14 a masters/in process, 28 a masters ad-on, 12 are National Board Certified, and 18 are currently pursuing National Board Certification.

Curriculum and Extra-Curricular Programs

Each student is recognized as an individual with an array of interests, talents, and needs. Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Honors courses are offered in most academic areas. General courses and remedial instruction are also available. In addition, the curriculum provides broad vocational offerings, including College/University Tech Prep, an Occupational Diploma, apprenticeships, career intern programs, and the Occupational Course of Study for Exceptional Education students. Art, photography, chorus, theatre, orchestra, marching band, debate, journalism, culinary arts, and JROTC are strong components of Myers Park's curriculum.

Academic excellence, athletic development, community service, and creative pursuits come together to strengthen the whole student. Thirty-five special interest clubs are available to students. Myers Park supports 29 junior varsity and varsity sports for men and women. More than one-third of the student body participates in the athletic program. These complementary opportunities make Myers Park one of a kind.

Myers Park students excel on several competitive teams; recent accomplishments include: HI-Q State Champions, Science Olympiad State Champion, Mock Trial, Oceanography Bowl, Odyssey of the Mind World Champions, Chess State Champions, Future Problems Solvers State Champions, American High School Math Competition winners, and JROTC Honor Unit with Distinction. In addition, Myers Park is nationally known for its debate program and won the 2008 and 2009 Wachovia Cups for best overall interscholastic athletic performance in North Carolina.

Class Rank/Grade Point Average

- Credit is assigned on a yearly basis and quality points are assigned on the same basis. The year grade is counted twice for GPA purposes. (There are still a few semester courses. These grades are counted once.)
- Quality points are assigned on the following scale: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0. One additional quality point is assigned to all Advanced, Honors, and IBMYP courses (except IBMYP Art, Drama, foreign languages and PE). All foreign language classes receive an additional quality point after the second level. Two additional quality points are assigned to IB and AP courses.
- GPA is determined by dividing the total number of quality points earned by the total number of classes taken in grades 9-12.
- Class rank is a ranking of the GPAs in numerical order.
- The GPA, run in February of the junior and senior years, uses the semester grade as an interim grade for GPA purposes only.

Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate

- Twenty-six (26) Advanced Placement courses are offered.
Student took 1847 AP exams May, 2009
- Thirty (35) International Baccalaureate courses are offered.
Students took 979 IB exams May, 2009

Key Symbols and Title

- ADV - Advanced level courses
- AP – Advanced Placement – College level courses taught in high school
- EC – Exceptional Children
- ESL – English as a Second Language
- HN – Honors
- IB – International Baccalaureate – College level courses taught in high school
- IBMYP – Middle Years International Baccalaureate (grades 9 & 10)

Scholarships

The class of 2009 won over \$16 million dollars in academic, athletic, or merit scholarships. Myers Park students continue to compete well in such competitions such as National Merit, National Achievement, Morehead, Robertson, Benjamin Duke, Jefferson, Payton Manning, McKissick, University of Georgia Foundation, Coca-Cola Scholars, Duke Power Excellence, Kodak and Scholastic fine arts awards, and merit scholarships at numerous colleges and universities. Noteworthy examples include a Morehead-Cain Scholarships and four full scholarships to Duke University.

<u>GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS CLASS OF 2009</u>			<u>GRADING SCALE</u>	
	College/University Prep	College Tech Prep		
English	4 Credits	4 Credits	A	93- 100
Math	4 Credits	4 Credits	B	85 - 92
Science	3 Credits *	3 Credits*	C	77 - 84
Social Studies	3 Credits *	3 Credits*	D	70 - 76
Science or Social Studies	1 Credit	1 Credit	F	Below 70
Second Language	2 Credits	0 Credits		failing
Health/PE	1 Credit	1 Credit	S	Satisfactory
Career/Technical	0 Credits	4 Credits	U	Unsatisfactory
Electives	10 Credits	8 Credits		
	28 Credits	28 Credits		

* Students must complete a 4th credit in either Science **or** Social Studies

College Testing

- All Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test).
- Most Juniors and Seniors take the SAT (SAT I or SAT II) and/or the ACT.
- Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) students take the required AP and IB exams.
- All students are required to pass the North Carolina Competency Test (Reading and Mathematics) and the North Carolina Computer Test (Performance and Multiple Choice) before graduation.

**IB – STATISTICS CLASS OF 2009
DIPLOMA RECIPIENTS**

Subject	School Avg.	World Avg.	Subject	School Avg.	World Avg.
Art SL	5.00	4.46	Latin SL	4.00	4.13
Art HL	5.00	4.87			
Biology SL	4.00	4.21	Math Methods	5.25	4.45
Biology HL	3.13	4.18			
Chemistry HL	3.50	4.40	Math Studies	6.29	4.61
ITGS HL	4.38	4.01	Math HL	4.67	4.40
Economics SL	5.00	5.18	Physics SL	6.67	4.09
English HL	5.73	4.70	Psychology SL	3.50	4.36
			Psychology HL	3.33	4.65
Environmental Systems	4.20	4.02	Spanish SL	5.00	4.68
			Spanish HL	5.33	5.46
French SL	5.00	4.72	History of the Americas HL	5.00	4.37
French HL	4.50	5.22			
German SL	4.00	5.19	Philosophy SL	5.50	4.77
German HL	5.00	5.84			

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES 2009

GRADES	5	4	3	2	1	Total
Art-History		3	11	9	12	35
Biology	2	3		2	6	13
Calculus-AB	27	21	18	27	41	134
Calculus-BC	22	7	3	2	2	36
Chemistry	11	9	9	2	4	35
Comp Sci A	1		1	2	15	19
Econ –Macro	1		5	4	5	15
Econ-Micro	4	4	2	6	11	27
English/Lang	24	64	96	51	4	239
English/Lit	12	35	70	41	9	167
Env Science	35	65	43	34	24	201
European Hist	2	4	8	1	9	24
French Lang	1	1	1	3	2	8
German Lang	1	1	4			6
Gov & Politics	6	7	11	3	2	29
Human Geog	27	34	40	39	18	158
Music Theory	7	4	8	1	1	21
Physics B	3	2				5
Physics C-E&M	13	13	2	2	1	31
Physics C-Mech	17	7	4	3		31
Psychology	38	69	62	38	67	274
Spanish Lang	7	6	8	9	4	34
Statistics	6	19	24	30	46	125
Studio Art Draw 1		1	1	1		4
Studio Art 2D		2				2
U.S. History	11	45	41	44	16	157
World History		2	6	6	3	17

**1847 TESTS REPORTS 772 CANDIDATES 1185
SCORES OF 3 OR HIGHER**

RANK PROFILE CLASS OF 2009

Decile	GPA	PERCENTILE
1	5.0263 – 4.5500	10
2	4.5500 – 4.3000	20
3	4.3000 – 4.0250	30
4	4.0250 – 3.7250	40
5	3.7250 – 3.4750	50
6	3.4750 – 3.1500	60
7	3.1500 – 2.8205	70
8	2.8205 – 2.4473	80
9	2.4250 – 1.8947	90
10	1.8823 – 0.0000	100

SAT SCORES

	Math	CR	Writing	Average
2005-2006	574	556	547	1677
2006-2007	575	560	547	1682
2007-2008	584	570	557	1711
2008-2009	580	563	548	1691

ACT COMPOSITE SCORES

	North Carolina	Myers Park
2004-2005	20.2	23.0
2005-2006	20.5	24.6
2006-2007	21.0	25.0
2007-2008	21.3	24.6

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COLLEGES OFFERING ADMISSION TO THE CLASS OF 2009

Allegheny College	Forsyth Community College	Pitt Community College
Appalachian State University	Full Sail	Presbyterian College
Auburn University	Furman University	Princeton University
Benedict College	Gardner-Webb University	Queens University
Bennington College	Georgia Institute of Technology	St. Andrews Presbyterian College
Boston College	Georgia Military College	Savanna College of Art & Design
Boston Conservatory	Georgia Perimeter	Southern Methodist University
Bowie State	Greensboro College	Southern Tech
Brevard College	Guilford Tech	Tulane University
Brigham Young University	Hampton University	University of Alabama
California State Univ. State - LA	Harding University	University of Georgia
Campbell University	Harvard University	University of Mississippi
Cape Fear Comm. College	Hawaii Pacific University	University of New Mexico
Carolinas College of Health Sciences	High Point University	University of NC Asheville
Carolina School of Broadcasting	Johnson & Wales University	University of NC Chapel Hill
Catawba College	Kenyon College	University of NC Charlotte
Central Piedmont Comm. College	Kings College	University of NC Greensboro
Citadel	Lees-McRae College	University of NC Pembroke
Clemson University	Liberty University	University of NC Wilmington
College of Charleston	Livingstone College	University of Pennsylvania
Davidson College	Mars Hill College	University of South Carolina
Deccan Medical University	Marion Military College	University of the South- Sewanee
Denison University	MIT	University of Virginia
Drexel University	Meredith College	Vanderbilt University
Duke University	Midlands Tech	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
East Carolina University	Morehouse College	Wake Forest University
Elizabeth City State University	NC A & T University	Wake Tech. Comm. College
Elon University	NC Central University	Washington & Lee University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.	NC School of the Arts	Western Carolina University
Emory University	New York University	Westmont College
Erskine College	North Carolina State University	Williams College
Fayetteville State University	Old Dominion University	Wingate University
Florida State University	Pennsylvania State University	Winston Salem State University