

**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 2008, *Newsweek* ranked Myers Park 38th among America's top 100 high schools. Our 2008 SAT composite average (math, critical reading, and writing) was the highest among the public high schools in Mecklenburg County, 200 points above the national average, and 222 points above the North Carolina average.

Myers Park is one of the public high schools in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School system. The 2008-2009 enrollment is over 2900 students, making Myers Park one of the largest high schools in North Carolina. In the graduating class of 2008, 95% went on to pursue their education after high school: 79% attended a four year college or university, 16% 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 2007-08 school year population. Myers Park embraces a diverse student population that is 59% white, 24% black, 9% Latino, 6% 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 seventy-six teachers, one principal, one International Baccalaureate Coordinator, five assistant principals, eight counselors, an instructional accountability facilitator, a special populations coordinator, a dropout prevention counselor, 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, abuse counselor, nurse, and speech therapist.

Our faculty is qualified and experienced: 117 have a bachelors degree, 60 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 Wachovia Cup 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.
1802 AP exams taken 750 candidates 1175 scores of 3 or higher
- Thirty (30) International Baccalaureate courses are offered.
1010 IB exams taken 360 candidates # of diplomas awarded 45 – 87% - (world average 80%)

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 2008 won over \$13 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 two Morehead-Cain Scholarships and one full scholarship to Wake Forest.

<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.

In compliance with Federal Law, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools administers all education, programs, employment activities and admissions without discrimination against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national origine, age or disability

IB – STATISTICS

Subject	School Avg.	World Avg.	Subject	School Avg.	World Avg.
Art SL	5.50	4.46	Latin SL	3.50	4.04
Art HL	6.50	4.78	Latin HL	4.00	4.99
Biology SL	4.00	4.26	Math Methods	5.39	4.53
Biology HL	3.47	4.14			
Chemistry SL	4.00	4.03	Math Studies	5.43	4.57
Chemistry HL	4.30	4.59			
ITGS	4.50	4.22	Math HL	4.15	4.52
Economics SL	4.71	5.07	Physics SL	5.47	4.06
Economics HL	4.00	5.03			
English HL	5.03	4.77	Psychology SL	4.14	4.33
			Psychology HL	4.41	4.61
Environmental Systems	4.38	4.14	Spanish SL	4.79	4.96
			Spanish HL	5.33	5.40
French SL	4.50	4.79	History of the Americas	5.42	4.47
French HL	4.50	5.37			
German SL	4.75	5.11	Philosophy	4.36	4.79
German HL	5.50	5.71			

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES 2008

GRADES	5	4	3	2	1	TOTAL
Art-History		2	7	7	12	28
Biology	8	7	7	8	12	42
Calculus-AB	39	29	22	30	44	164
Calculus-BC	10	5	3	1	3	22
Chemistry	11	13	7	2	1	34
Comp Sci A	3	1	4	1	39	48
Comp Sci AB	2				1	3
Econ -Macro	4	2		3	2	11
Econ-Micro	4	9	3	4	1	21
English/Lang	18	59	86	40	1	204
English/Lit	8	49	70	37	7	171
Env Science	23	43	22	17	20	125
European Hist	4	5	9	3	8	29
French Lang			2	1		3
German Lang		1	5	3	1	10
Gov & Politics	3	10	6	3	2	24
Human Geog	32	44	40	12	15	143
Latin-Lit				1		1
Music Theory	5	6	4	2		17
Physics B	5	9	6	7	5	32
Physics C-E&M	8	6	4	6	2	26
Physics C-Mech	10	9	5	3		27
Psychology	21	69	60	45	49	244
Spanish Lang	1	4	4	1	5	15
Spanish Lit		1				1
Statistics	11	25	42	53	45	176
Studio Art 2D				1		1
U.S. History	32	44	40	41	23	180

1802 TESTS REPORTS **750** CANDIDATES

1175 SCORES OF 3 OR HIGHER

RANK PROFILE CLASS OF 2009 6 SEMESTERS

CLASS RANK	GPA	PERCENTILE
7/657	5.2500 – 5.0434	1%
33/657	5.0416 – 4.8333	5%
66/657	4.8260 – 4.5652	10%
99/657	4.5416 – 4.3541	15%
131/657	4.3478 – 4.1666	20%
164/657	4.1304 – 4.0000	25%
197/657	3.9583 – 3.8333	30%
230/657	3.8297 – 3.7083	35%
263/657	3.6956 – 3.5833	40%
296/657	3.5652 – 3.4166	45%
329/657	3.4090 – 3.2500	50%

SAT SCORES

	Math	CR	Writing	Average
2005-2006	574	556	547	1677
2006-2007	575	560	547	1682
2007-2008	584	570	557	1711*

*Highest public school average in Mecklenburg County

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

COLLEGES OFFERING ADMISSION TO THE CLASS OF 2008

American University
American University Cairo
Anderson College
Andrews University
Appalachian State University
Art Institute of Charlotte
Auburn University
Barnard College
Baylor University
Belmont Abbey College
Benedict College
Bishops University – Canada
Bolder University
Boston University
Bowie State
Brigham Young University
Bristol University
Brooks Institute of Photography
Brown University
Campbell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Carson Newman
Central Piedmont Community
College
Citadel
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
College of Charleston
College of William & Mary
Columbia University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Delaware State University
Duke University
East Carolina University
Eastman School of Music
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emory University
Emory & Henry College
Erskine College
Fayetteville State University
Florida A & M University
Florida State University
Florida Southern College
French Culinary Institute
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Greensboro College
Guilford College
Hampden Sydney College
Hampshire College
Hampton University
Harding University
Harvard University
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Howard University
James Madison University
Johnson C. Smith
Johnson & Wales University
Kenyon College
Kings College
Lees-McRae College
Lenoir-Rhyne College
Liberty University
Livingstone College
Long Island University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University
Marist College
MIT
Marymount Manhattan College
Meredith College
Methodist University
Michigan State
Montana State University
Morgan State
Mount Holyoke College
Mount Olive College
Museum of Fine Arts Boston
Nashville Auto Diesel College
NC A & T University
NC Central University
NC School of the Arts
New York University
Norfolk State University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oakwood College
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Oral Robert University
Oregon State University
Oxford College of Emory
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Presbyterian College
Purdue University
Queens University
Rhodes College
Rice University
Richmond University
Saint Augustine's College
Salem College
San Francisco State University
Samford University
Savanna College of Art & Design
Shaw University
Southern Methodist University
Spartanburg Methodist University
Spelman College
St. Bonaventure University
Stoneybrook University
SUNY at Buffalo
Troy University
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of Alabama
University of California/San Diego
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of NC Asheville
University of NC Chapel Hill
University of NC Charlotte
University of NC Greensboro
University of NC Pembroke
University of NC Wilmington
University of North Texas
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina
University of Tennessee
University of Texas
University of Toronto
University of the South- Sewanee
University of St. Louis
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
U.S. Naval Academy
Valparaiso
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Virginia State
Virginia Union
Wake Forest University
Warren Wilson College
Washington & Lee University
Washington University
Western Carolina University
Widener University
Wingate University
Winston Salem State University
Winthrop University
Wofford College
Xavier University
Yale University