

Cornerstone Charter Academy

FAQs for Prospective Families

Applications & Acceptance:

1. When will I find out the status of my application and how will I be notified?

The application cutoff for the lottery is March 30, 2012. A lottery will be conducted in the beginning of April, 2012. Acceptance letters and wait list letters will be mailed by the end of April. Please ensure you have provided a valid mailing address. If you submitted your application after this date, you will only be notified in the event that your child is accepted to Cornerstone.

2. If I have a child in Cornerstone Academy Charter School will their sibling automatically have a seat or will I need to wait until a spot opens up?

First, an application must be submitted prior to the deadline in order to be considered. If we have seating available for the sibling's grade, that child will have preference. If we do not have an open seat available, the sibling will move to the top of the waitlist.

Once an opening becomes available in the sibling's grade level, the sibling will then be accepted. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO 2nd DEGREE RELATIVES (i.e., cousins, etc.).

Numbers:

1. What is the student/teacher ratio?

Approximately the same as a public school: K-3 1:18, 4-8 1:22, 9-12 1:25. Please keep in mind that charter schools are based on class average for K-3, 4-8 and 9-12, so these numbers may vary.

2. How many students do you have?

Approximately 957

3. How many students do you plan to have for the 2012-2013 school year?

These numbers have not yet been determined.

Curriculum:

1. What curriculum do you use for K-5?

Houghton Mifflin, ENVision Math & the Sunshine State Standards. (Science and social studies is often project-based and integrated throughout our curriculum, writing is also integrated throughout our curriculum)

2. What curriculum do you use for 6-12?

We use the Sunshine State Standards to direct our teaching curriculum; we also use Carnegie Math and Springboard as supplemental curriculum.

3. Do you offer Advanced Placement or College Prep courses?

Yes, we currently offer 9 AP courses here on campus with plans to add more in the future. Students are also able to take dual enrollment courses at Valencia Community College beginning in their junior year.

Other FAQs:

1. Does the school offer transportation to and from school?

No. It is the parent's responsibility to provide transportation before and after school.

2. Does the school offer an after-care program?

Yes, we offer an extended-day program for a small fee. Students are not allowed on campus after school unless they are participating in a school sponsored program or are in extended day.

3. My student has their own laptop, may they bring it to use in class?

No; we have computers in the library, as well as the computer lab, and available in the classrooms for academic purposes.

4. What sports do you offer?

This year, we have Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Cheerleading, Football, Tennis, Lacrosse, and Volleyball.

5. What clubs and afterschool activities do you offer?

Some of the 2011-2012 offerings include SGA, Chess Club, Drama, and National Honor Society.

6. Are volunteer hours required?

Each Cornerstone Family is required to complete 30 Volunteer Hours each School Year.

7. What are the uniform requirements?

All uniforms must be obtained at All Uniform Wear, located on East Michigan. For the complete uniform policy, please check out this link from our website:

<http://cornerstonecharter.com/images/registration/UNIFORMPOLICY.pdf>

8. If I have a lunch account with my child's current school or if they are on free or reduced lunch, does that transfer over to Cornerstone?

No. We are not on Mylunchmoney.com and you must reapply for free or reduced status through our cafeteria manager, Yolanda Lopez. Please bring \$3.00 per day for your child's lunch until you have been approved for free or reduced lunch.