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# Academic Profile For College & University Admissions CEEB 310184

## The School

Camden Academy Charter High School was established in 2001. In July 2016, Camden Academy formally merged with Camden's Promise Charter School. The Academy now serves as the ninth through twelfth grade component of Camden's Promise. Together the consolidated Camden's Promise Charter School is a comprehensive PK-12 program serving over 2,000 students in Camden, NJ. Camden's Promise community members are encouraged to participate and are challenged to take ownership of the overall educational process.

The student faculty ratio in the high school is 11:1, with the average class size of 22 students per class. Over 60% of our faculty holds master's and doctoral degrees.

At Camden Academy, we aim to cultivate our four pillars – character, leadership, service, and scholarship – in each of our students. Each day is filled with teachable moments to help students realize their potential. We take the responsibility of building future leaders very seriously, and believe that leadership begins in the classroom and continues with participation in activities, clubs and sports.

Our commitment to the city of Camden is closely tied to our dedication to developing a sense of social justice in our students. This is brought to life through the hours of service our students provide to our city, which is evident in our community. We model a culture of collaboration, accountability and open communication, which guides students to meet our expectations.



## Our Community

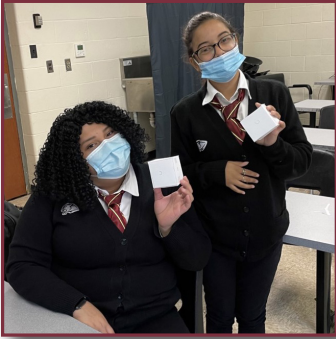
Camden City is the largest municipality in Camden County. At the turn of the twentieth century, Camden, New Jersey was a flourishing port on the East Coast. However, with the combination of the departure of major industry and massive suburban flight, the city has struggled and has continued a downward slide towards its current state. Today, Camden has a population of 72,000 residents. Of these, 34% live in poverty. Ninety-one percent of our students participate in the free or reduced lunch program.

Despite the normal struggles of an inner-city environment, students at Camden's Promise have flourished. We are a community of learners and our students overcome many obstacles to reach high levels of academic success, graduating high school at a 98% rate. Our students are challenged with a rigorous academic experience that prepares them for achieving post secondary goals.



# Specialized Programs

The global education challenges presented by the COVID pandemic provided the opportunity to re-imagine the academic programs available to the growing population of students at Camden Academy. As a result of this opportunity, three distinct programs were developed to set students on a post-secondary path which maximizes their strengths, potential, and needs.



**The Explore Now Program** follows a traditional college-preparatory curriculum, allowing students to investigate career and college options throughout their academic study. Through Explore Now, students enroll in specialized majors within their school: Communication, Applied Business, and Public Service within the School of Business, and Healthcare, Technology, and Engineering within the School of Science. Guided by a team of committed teachers, counselors and administrators, students develop critical interpersonal skills and habits needed for collegiate success.



**The College Now Program** allows high school students the opportunity to begin their college coursework while in high school. This highly - selective program allows students to complete their entire eleventh and twelfth grade program as both Camden County College and Camden Academy students, earning an Associate's degree before graduating from high school. As the most academically intense program offered at the school, this is the program of choice for students who intend to enroll in highly selective colleges and universities. In May, 2022, eleven Camden Academy students earned their Associate of Arts degree, one month before earning their high school diploma. More than twice as many students are on track to earn their degree in May, 2023.



**The Career Now Program** was developed in Spring 2021 to prepare students for career and trade program enrollment following high school graduation. Students in the evolving Career Now program have the opportunity to participate in exploratory coursework and activities in conjunction with traditional coursework; some students enroll in dual-credit trade and certificate programs in their eleventh and twelfth grade years.

# Accreditation and Membership

Camden's Promise Charter School is fully accredited by the New Jersey Department of Education and the College Entrance Examination Board. Camden Academy Charter High School was named a Bronze Medal School in US News and World Report's 2010 and 2014 Best High Schools Rankings.

# Academics

The Academy at Camden's Promise Charter School has an extended school day, running from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The curriculum is anchored by the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards and is delivered in a collegiate academy style. Students take eight academic courses a day and minimally complete 120 credit hours for graduation.

Students choose to study in either The Academy of Business or The Academy of Science. In order to be admitted into an Academy, students must conduct a formal research project on a career of their choice. Students must present their findings to a panel of community members and formally submit an application and essay.

# General Course of Study

**English Courses:** English I, English II, English III, English IV

**Mathematics:** Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Statistics, Contemporary Math

**Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Science, Environmental Science, General Science

**History:** World History, US History I, US History II

**Foreign Languages:** Spanish I, II, III, IV

**Fine and Performing Arts:** Art, Advanced Art, Music, Music Theory, Jazz Ensemble, Theatrical Arts, Chorus

**School of Business Courses:** Broadcasting, Business Law, Computer Networking, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy, Introduction to Economics, Marketing, Microsoft Applications, Personal Finance, Principles of Computer Networking, Psychology, Sociology

**School of Science Courses:** Anatomy and Physiology, Architecture, Computer Networking, Engineering and Design I & II, Intro to Health Care Professions, Medical Terminology



## Honors and AP Classes

The Honors and AP programs at The Academy provide our students the opportunity to challenge themselves with our most rigorous curriculum. Beginning their freshman year, students may apply to take core courses at the honors level. The application consists of a written application and faculty recommendations. Beginning in sophomore year, students may also participate in the Advanced Placement program, which offers the following courses: Language & Composition, Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, Studio Art, United States History, Chemistry, and Spanish Language.

Acceptance into the program is based on student test scores, teacher recommendations, and personal interviews. All students who take an AP course must sit for the national test in that subject during the spring of the current school year.

## Weighted GPA Scale

Letter Grade	Unweighted Value	Honors Weighted Value	AP/ Dual Credit Weighted Value
A (100 - 93)	4.0 - 3.7	4.8 - 4.5	5.0 - 4.7
B (92 - 85)	3.0 - 2.7	3.8 - 3.5	4.0 - 3.7
C (84 - 75)	2.0 - 1.55	2.8 - 2.35	3.0 - 2.55
D (74 - 70)	1.0 - .80	1.8 - 1.6	2.0 -1.8

## Senior Options Program

Implemented during the 2018 - 2019 school year, this program provides eligible senior students the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience outside the classroom in preparation for their post-secondary life, either through continuing their education or entering the workforce

### Senior Options Program Mission:

- Consolidate and apply high school coursework into meaningful, real world experiences.
- Connect and network with the outside world to gain real life experiences and skills.
- Provide meaning for the pursuit of higher level of education and professional life.

### Student Benefits:

- Students experience personal growth enabling them to adapt better to the ever-changing circumstances in college, business, career paths, and employment opportunities. Through each experience, students gain a deeper understanding of the world around them.
- Students become more aware of the changing role of technology in the operation, location and types of careers and businesses.
- Students gain first hand networking and mentoring opportunities for life changing experiences.

## Post-Secondary Support

Since 2001, The Academy at Camden's Promise Charter School has served the city of Camden's families to place over 1,000 Camden City students into colleges and universities all across the country. Postsecondary placement, however, is not the final goal of our institution. As the city of Camden is revitalized as a city of hope and promise, we strive to ensure our students take advantage of available opportunities. The Academy works closely with alumni to ensure that our graduates reach their goals.



# College and University Acceptances

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Alabama State University              | Elizabeth City College          | Mary Baldwin College                             | Stevenson University                        |
| Albright College                      | Elizabethtown College           | Marymount University                             | St. John's University                       |
| Alfred University                     | Elmira College                  | Mercer County College                            | St. Leo University                          |
| Allegany College of Maryland          | Embry - Riddle                  | Mercy College                                    | St. Joseph's University                     |
| Alvernia College                      | Aeronautical University         | Merrimack College                                | St. Peter's University                      |
| American University                   | Emerson College                 | Millsaps College                                 | Stockton University                         |
| Arcadia University                    | Esperanza College               | Monmouth University                              | SUNY Cortland                               |
| Arizona State University              | Fairleigh Dickinson University  | Montclair State University                       | Syracuse University                         |
| Art Institute of Philadelphia         | Felician University             | Moravian College                                 | Temple University                           |
| Bates College                         | Florida Institute of Technology | Morehouse College                                | Talladega College                           |
| Benedict College                      | Florida Southern College        | Morgan State College                             | The College of New Jersey                   |
| Berklee College of Music              | Franklin & Marshall College     | Morris College                                   | Thomas Jefferson University                 |
| Bloomfield College                    | Franklin Pierce College         | Mount Holyoke College                            | University of Albany                        |
| Bowdoin College                       | Gannon University               | Mount St. Mary College                           | University of Bridgeport                    |
| Bowie State University                | Georgian Court University       | Muhlenberg College                               | University of Chicago                       |
| Brigham Young University              | George Washington University    | Neumann University                               | University of Delaware                      |
| Bryant University                     | Gettysburg College              | New Jersey City University                       | University of Hartford                      |
| Bryn Mawr College                     | Goucher College                 | New York University                              | University of Maine                         |
| Cabrini College                       | Green Mountain College          | New Jersey Institute of<br>Technology            | University of MD - Eastern Shore            |
| Caldwell College                      | Gwynned Mercy College           | Norfolk State University                         | University of Massachusetts -<br>Amherst    |
| Camden County College                 | Hampton University              | Nyack College                                    | University of North Carolina                |
| Capitol College                       | Hawaii Pacific University       | Oklahoma City College                            | University of Pittsburgh                    |
| Case Western Reserve University       | Hood College                    | Pace University                                  | University of Rochester                     |
| Centenary College                     | Howard University               | Philadelphia University                          | University of the Sciences,<br>Philadelphia |
| Chatham University                    | Immaculata College              | Pomona College                                   | University of Tampa                         |
| Chestnut Hill College                 | Iona University                 | Prescott College                                 | University of Washington                    |
| Cheyney University                    | Jacksonville University         | Providence College                               | Ursinus College                             |
| Clark University                      | Juniata College                 | Quinnipiac University                            | Villanova University                        |
| Clark Atlanta University              | Kean University                 | Radford University                               | Virginia State University                   |
| College of Mount Saint Mary           | King's College                  | Ramapo College                                   | Wagner College                              |
| College of Notre Dame                 | Knox College                    | Rider University                                 | Wesley College                              |
| College of St. Elizabeth              | Lafayette University            | Robert Wesleyan College                          | West Chester University                     |
| College of the Holy Cross             | LaSalle University              | Rochester Institute of Technology                | Western New England University              |
| Coppin State University               | L Sierra University             | Rosemont College                                 | Widener University                          |
| Delaware State University             | Liberty University              | Rowan University                                 | Wilberforce University                      |
| DeSales University                    | Life Pacific University         | Rutgers University                               | Wilkes University                           |
| Dickinson College                     | Lincoln University              | Salisbury State University                       | William Paterson University                 |
| Dominican University of<br>California | Livingstone College             | Seton Hall University                            | Worcester Polytechnic Institute             |
| Drew University                       | Long Island University          | Siena College                                    | Xavier University                           |
| Drexel University                     | Louisiana State University      | Spartan College of<br>Aeronautics and Technology | York College of Pennsylvania                |
| East Stroudsburg University           | Loyola University of Maryland   | Spelman College                                  |   |
| Eastern University                    | Loyola-New Orleans              |  |   |
|                                       | Manhattan College               |  |   |