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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 K-12 program serving over 2,000 students in Camden, NJ. Camden's Promise Charter School is an academic institution in which all students, families, faculty, and other community members are encouraged to participate and are challenged to take ownership of the overall educational process. Each year, approximately 95% of our graduating seniors are placed into postsecondary institutions.

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 nearly all 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 85,000 residents. Of these, 90% live in poverty, placing Camden as one of the poorest cities in the nation. Ninety percent of our students are on a free or reduced lunch program and 70% come from single parent households. The high crime rate in Camden has an additional impact on the lives of children, who have grown up at a time when their home was identified as “The Most Dangerous City in America” for several years in a row.

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. Our students choose to attend The Academy at Camden's Promise Charter School and are challenged with a rigorous academic experience that prepares them for achievement at a post-secondary institution of their choice.

Our aims are to set high academic standards, stimulate ambition to learn, and maintain a positive educational environment. The Academy at Camden's Promise Charter School has seen significant increases in its academic achievement. The school has average state standardized test scores which are three times higher in language arts and two times higher in mathematics than the local district. Additionally, our students have embraced the school's challenging mission with 70% taking our rigorous college preparatory curriculum and 30% enrolling in our most challenging curriculum, The Honors Program. We set high expectations knowing our students can and will achieve.



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 Common Core 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 in 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: World Literature, American Literature, British Literature, Literature and Composition

Mathematics: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Calculus

Science: Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, General Science



General Course of Study *(continued)*

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 I & II, Intro to Business, Business Law, Economics, Finance, Human Geography, Keyboarding, Media Literacy, Political Science, Principles of Marketing, Public Service, Public Speaking, Retail Management, and Principles of Finance

School of Science Courses: Architecture, Computer Networking, Electrical Engineering, Healthy Lifestyles, Human Biology, Intro to Health Care Professions, Intro to Research, Medical Terminology, and Engineering and Design

AP Classes

The Academy offers the following Advanced Placement courses: Language & Composition, Literature & Composition, Calculus, Environmental Science, Studio Art, United States History, Chemistry, Statistics and Spanish Language

Reflective of its commitment to offer students the most challenging high school curriculum possible, The Academy is pleased to offer a variety of AP classes. 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.

The Honors Program

The Honors Program at The Academy provides 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 a formal recommendation by a faculty member.



Grading Policy

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Numerical Value</i>
A	93-100
B	85-92
C	75-84
D	70-74
F	69-Below

Senior Options Program

Implemented this 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
- 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 develop professional work skills, earn college credits, and become goodwill ambassadors enabling them to become contributing members of society.
- 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.

Mentoring Programs

Camden's Promise Charter School believes in the power of mentoring relationships. Our students have the opportunity to participate in any of our mentoring programs that will intensify and enrich their academic experience. The Promise Academy Mentoring Program is designed to pair Camden Academy students with middle school students at Camden's Promise Charter School. The goal of the program is to provide students with the opportunity to build positive relationships in a supportive and safe environment. The relationship built between high school mentors and middle school mentees is symbiotic, as high school students are developing their own leadership skills while modeling positive social behavior.

College Degree Attainment

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. College 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 local colleges and universities to ensure that our graduates not only enter but graduate college. This goal is supported through dual credit and option two classes. Camden Academy's new home, located in the Higher Education and Healthcare zone of the city, provides our students access to unique opportunities provided in our own neighborhood.

Upon graduation from Camden's Promise Charter School, students will be supported through the completion of their advanced degree. The Academy guidance staff will continue to work with the alumni to ensure the transition to college is seamless. The guidance staff will work with all parties to maximize student aid and scholarships to ensure alumni have the financial resources and appropriate experiences to continue their education. While, as graduates, our alumni will not be official students, the school's mindset shift of supporting alumni will ensure a greater post-secondary success rate.



College and University Acceptances

Alabama State University
Albright College
Alfred University
Allegany College of Maryland
Alvernia College
American University
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
Art Institute of Philadelphia
Bates College
Benedict College
Berklee College of Music
Bloomfield College
Bowdoin College
Bowie State University
Brigham Young University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Cabrini College
Caldwell College
Camden County College
Capitol College
Case Western Reserve University
Centenary College
Chatham University
Chestnut Hill College
Cheyney University
Clark University
Clark Atlanta University
College of Notre Dame
College of St. Elizabeth
College of the Holy Cross
Coppin State University
Delaware State University
DeSales University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
East Stroudsburg University

Eastern University
Elizabeth City College
Elizabethtown College
Elmira College
Embry - Riddle
Aeronautical University
Esperanza College
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Felician University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Southern College
Franklin & Marshall College
Franklin Pierce College
Gannon University
Georgian Court University
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Green Mountain College
Gwynned Mercy College
Hampton University
Hawaii Pacific University
Hood College
Howard University
Immaculata College
Iona University
Jacksonville University
Juniata College
Kean University
King's College
Knox College
Lafayette University
LaSalle University
Liberty University
Lincoln University
Livingstone College
Long Island University
Loyola University of Maryland
Loyola-New Orleans

Mary Baldwin College
Marymount University
Mercer County College
Mercy College
Millsaps College
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Moravian College
Morehouse College
Morgan State College
Morris College
Mount Holyoke College
Mount St. Mary College
Muhlenberg College
Neumann University
New Jersey City University
New York University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Norfolk State University
Nyack College
Oklahoma City College
Pace University
Philadelphia University
Pomona College
Prescott College
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Radford University
Ramapo College
Rider University
Robert Wesleyan College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rosemont College
Rowan University
Rutgers University
Salisbury State University
Seton Hall University
Sienna College

Spartan College of
Aeronautics and Technology
Spelman College
St. John's University
St. Leo University
St. Joseph's University
St. Peter's University
Stockton University
SUNY Cortland
Syracuse University
Temple University
Talladega College
The College of New Jersey
University of Albany
University of Chicago
University of Delaware
University of Maine
University of MD - Eastern Shore
University of Massachusetts -
Amherst
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of the Sciences,
Philadelphia
University of Tampa
University of Washington
Ursinus College
Villanova University
Virginia State University
Wagner College
Wesley College
West Chester University
Western New England University
Widener University
Wilberforce University
William Patterson University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
York College of Pennsylvania