

Charlotte Latin School

Charlotte, United States



Named for Boston Latin's liberal-arts tradition, this 128-acre Charlotte campus pioneered Raspberry Pi and Oculus Rift classrooms.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	69/100
Academic outcomes	70/100
University placement	69/100
Prestige & heritage	70/100
Alumni network	70/100
Facilities	72/100
Transparency	67/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

A **128-acre** campus in Charlotte gives Charlotte Latin room to do more than deliver a standard college-prep routine, and the school has used that scale with intent. This is a non-sectarian day school for ages 4 to 18, founded in 1970, teaching the American curriculum in English, with a **9:1** student-teacher ratio that signals serious staffing rather than crowd management. The school’s own language leans heavily on curiosity, leadership and honour; stripped of brochure gloss, the core proposition is clear enough: strong academics, close adult attention and a deliberate focus on character. The editorial tagline’s reference to Raspberry Pi and Oculus Rift classrooms matters because it points to a school willing to invest in applied, contemporary learning rather than resting on old independent-school rituals.

That combination gives Charlotte Latin a distinct place in the Charlotte market. It is expensive, with an average annual fee of **\$32,975** across TK through Grade 12, so parents are buying a *premium* day-school experience and should expect substance in return. The accreditations are solid rather than exotic: the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Southern Association of Independent Schools, and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. What stands out more than the badges is the shape of the school itself: about 1,500 students, a full TK-12 ladder, and enough scale to support breadth without drifting into anonymity. Parents who want tiny and intimate will find it large; parents who want a *well-resourced*, all-through school with a broad runway for academic, co-curricular and leadership development will find a strong fit.

The child who thrives here is bright, busy and comfortable in an environment that expects both performance and conduct. Charlotte Latin talks openly about moral courage, personal responsibility and honour above all; that reads as a school with standards, not a laissez-faire campus. It will suit students who want challenge, structure and opportunities to lead, and whose families value a *serious* academic culture without a religious frame. It is less suited to children who need a very alternative, highly permissive or deliberately unconventional school atmosphere. For the right student, Charlotte Latin earns a shortlist place because it pairs scale with individual attention, tradition with modern teaching tools, and a *clear-eyed* college-prep mission with enough ambition to feel worth the price.

STRENGTHS

- American college-preparatory curriculum, clear for US university routes.
- Serves ages 5-18, allowing one-school continuity.
- Non-religious ethos may suit secular international families.
- Notable football, lacrosse and swimming programmes.

TRADE-OFFS

- Day school only; no boarding for overseas families.
- English-only instruction may limit non-native speakers.
- American curriculum may not suit British or IB seekers.

ADMISSIONS

Charlotte Latin School is a non-religious independent day school in Charlotte serving transitional kindergarten through Grade 12, so the main entry range runs from early years through to sixth form equivalent. Publicly available material confirms the age span and college-preparatory positioning, but not a detailed admissions calendar. The school does not publish, in the material provided here, specific application deadlines, assessment dates or year groups with the most places, so families should expect the usual independent-school pattern of staged entry with more competition in some grades than others.

As for selection, Charlotte Latin emphasises both academics and character: curiosity, leadership, responsibility and honour are central to how it describes itself. That suggests admissions are unlikely to rest on raw testing alone, but the school does not set out its assessment format publicly in the sources supplied here, nor does it publish whether interviews, teacher references or standardised tests are required. Financial aid or bursary provision is also not stated in these sources, so applicants should check directly with the admissions office rather than assume availability.

WTS RATING 

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