

Small High School Options

Early College High School

at North Carolina Central University
1801 Fayetteville Street, 27707, 560-2696
Grades 9-12, www.echs.dpsnc.net

The Josephine Dobbs Clement Early College High School (ECHS) is an innovative partnership with North Carolina Central University. Students will graduate with a high school diploma, plus up to two years of college credit toward a bachelor's degree. ECHS is designed to substantially increase the number of minority and female students who will pursue advanced studies and careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Applications are available at the school or by contacting the Office of Student Assignment.

Middle College High School

at Durham Technical Community College
1637 Lawson Street, 27703, 686-3815
Grades 11 & 12, www.mchs.dpsnc.net

The Middle College High School (MCHS) expands opportunities for academically capable high school juniors and seniors to earn a high school diploma and receive credit toward a post-secondary certificate, diploma or associate's degree. It is a partnership among the Durham, Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Orange County School Systems and Durham Technical Community College. Through this collaboration, students will experience a rigorous program of study while on the campus of a community college. Curriculum offerings include core honors-level high school courses and community college courses that will count as career pathway credits or high school diploma elective credits. Applications are available online or by contacting MCHS.

City of Medicine Academy

Southern High School, 800 Clayton Road, 27703, 560-3968
Grades 9-12, www.southern.dpsnc.net

The City of Medicine Academy is an academically rigorous high school that contributes to educating future health-care professionals in preparation for meeting the ever-growing health-care needs of the community. Students graduating from the Academy are prepared to enter the health-care workforce and/or post-secondary health-care education. The City of Medicine Academy partners with several local universities, along with Durham Technical Community College and the Watts School of Nursing, to offer students opportunities for college credit and internships. Students can earn certification in several areas while still in high school. An application and parent orientation are required.

International Baccalaureate

Hillside High School, 3727 Fayetteville Street, 27707, 560-3912
Grades 9-12, www.dpsnc.net/IB

Widely considered a prestigious instructional program, the International Baccalaureate (IB) provides students with an international perspective and critical-thinking skills. The diploma is accepted by universities worldwide. The Hillside High School IB Programme provides students the opportunity to participate in a rigorous course of study, get involved in the community and develop their special talents. Potential students must be interested in learning, willing to participate actively in class, have excellent study and time management skills (generally demonstrated by As and Bs in prior coursework), and be prepared to spend an average of two to three hours outside of class on schoolwork each day. Students must complete a magnet application.



Durham Public Schools

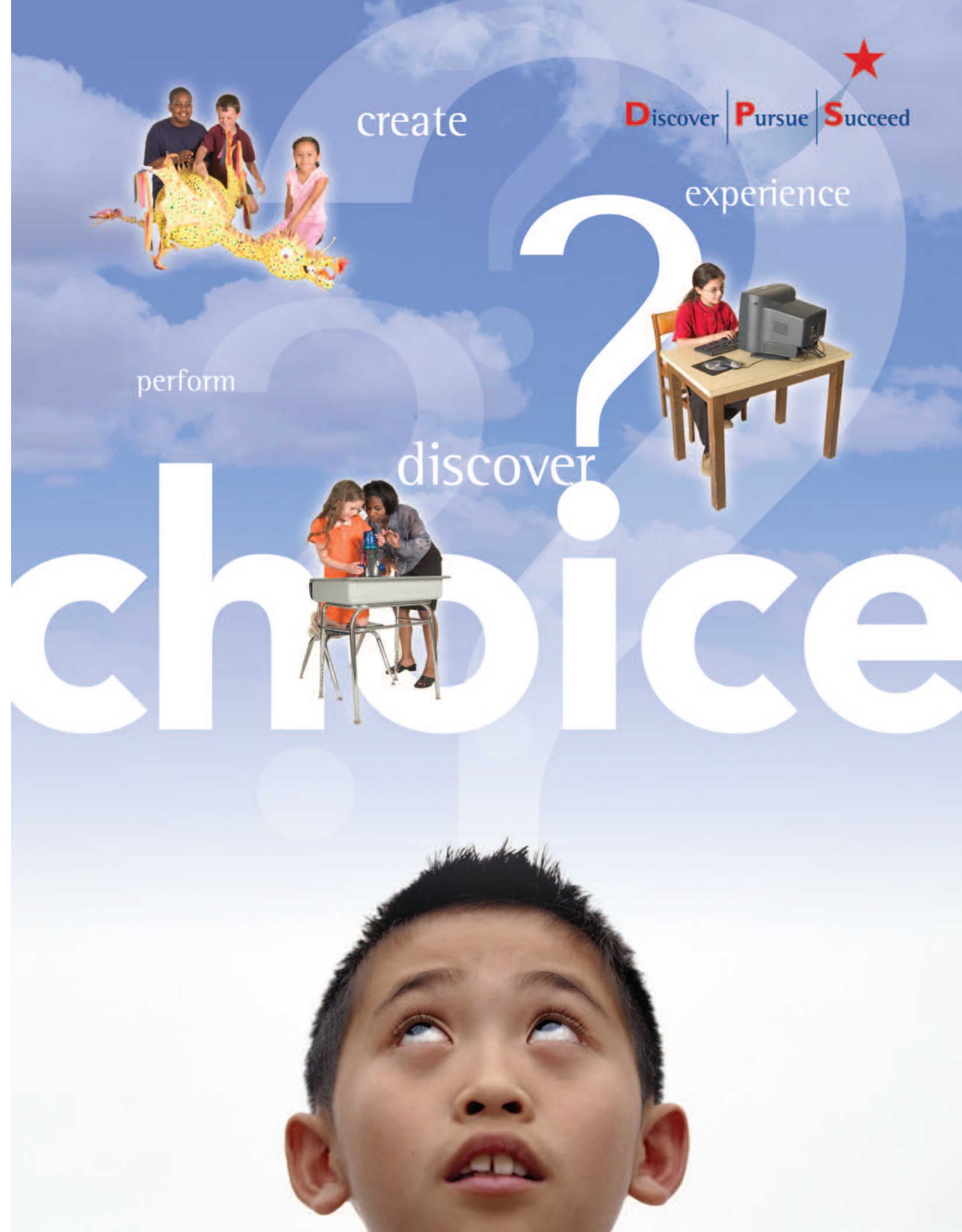
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“Schools of Choice”

is a term that truly defines the many offerings that Durham

Public Schools has available in high-quality instructional programs. From science to art to technology to culture, there are many opportunities for you to find the best possible learning environment “fit” for your child.

Our Schools of Choice feature the most flexibility in student assignment in the state of North Carolina. Magnet schools, year-round schools, and High School Career Pathways comprise a healthy menu from which to select the right program.

In addition, a general transfer component of the Board of Education’s transfer policy allows you to apply for a slot at virtually any school in the district.

Magnet Schools

There are eight magnet schools from which families can choose to match their child’s interests and aptitudes. Each school’s theme guides the instructional program that offers unique enrichment opportunities and educational philosophies. Enrollment in a magnet school is by application only and based solely on a student’s interest in the school’s program. A computerized lottery process determines admission.



Elementary Schools

Burton Geo-World Magnet School
International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) Candidate School
1500 Mathison Street, 27701, 560-3908.
Grades K-5, www.burton.dpsnc.net

Students are engaged through a method of instruction that features key questions, reflection and action learning. The PYP focuses on the development of the whole child and offers a framework to meet students’ academic, social, physical, emotional and cultural needs. At Burton, students develop a broad perspective of the world and a better understanding of their immediate environment through daily instruction in foreign language, global study of geography and current events, a student broadcast center and community service.

Club Boulevard Humanities Magnet School
400 W. Club Boulevard, 27704, 560-3918.
Grades K-5, www.clubblvd.dpsnc.net

Instruction centers around the study of literature, culture, and human interests. Immersion in this rich environment promotes growth of individual creativity, exploration of diverse cultures, development of personal values, and the attainment of basic skills needed to become a responsible citizen in society. It features authentic literature, integrated arts and science thematic units, and a Multiple Intelligences approach.

R.N. Harris Integrated Arts/Core Knowledge Magnet School
1520 Cooper Street, 27703, 560-3967.
Grades K-5, www.harris.dpsnc.net

The Core Knowledge curriculum is a nationally recognized instructional program that follows a thoroughly defined series of interesting and challenging topics designed to produce culturally literate students. Integrating the arts further strengthens learning and brings the curriculum to life. It features comprehensive cultural units, Suzuki violin instruction and A+ Schools and Multiple Intelligences programs.

Morehead Montessori School
909 Cobb Street, 27707, 560-3954.
Grades PreK-5, www.morehead.dpsnc.net

Watts Montessori School
700 Watts Street, 27701, 560-3947
Grades PreK-5

The Montessori model assumes that all children want to learn, and it respects the individual’s style and pace of learning. Montessori classroom communities operate on the principle of freedom within limits, translating into respect for self, others, and the environment. It features independent and self-directed learning, a prepared environment and multi-age groupings.



W.G. Pearson Gifted & Talented Magnet Elementary School
3501 Fayetteville Street, 27707, 560-3988.
Grades pre-K-5, www.pearson.dpsnc.net

The gifted and talented magnet school program is founded on the belief that all students possess gifts and talents that need to be identified, nurtured, and rewarded. Because the school addresses the gifts and talents of all children, there are no performance measures, auditions, or tests that need to be passed before a child is accepted in the school.

To nurture students’ gifts and talents, elective courses offer each student opportunities to explore new areas of interest or to study a particular area in depth. In the elective portion of the curriculum, courses are offered in the following areas: language arts, social studies, math, science, computer studies, health, physical education, foreign language, visual arts, performing arts (instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama) and media.

Secondary Schools

Shepard International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Magnet School
2401 Dakota Street, 27707, 560-3938.
Grades 6-8, www.shepard.dpsnc.net

A rigorous academic curriculum challenges students to prepare themselves for advanced intellectual pursuits on the high school and college level. The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme promotes academic achievement with active responsible citizenship. The program features foreign language study, law-related education and a substantial use of technology.

Durham School of the Arts
400 N. Duke Street, 27701, 560-3926.
Grades 6-12, www.dsa.dpsnc.net

DSA emphasizes ongoing individual development through rigorous academics and strong visual and performing arts programs. In both academic and art classes, teachers provide a variety of experiences including interdisciplinary projects and units that encourage students to see the connections among different subjects. The school features extensive visual and performing arts electives, a full complement of challenging academic courses and the A+ philosophy of instruction.



Year-Round Schools

Many parents find that a year-round program is best suited to their child’s learning style, as well as to the family’s lifestyle. The year-round calendar divides the school year into 9-week quarters with a 3-week break (intersession) at the end of each quarter. The basic instructional program is the same at year-round schools and traditional schools. Any elementary or middle school student can apply for an assignment to a year-round school. Chewning offers a year-round option within its traditional school program.

Easley Elementary School
302 Lebanon Circle, 27712, 560-3913.
Grades K-5, www.easley.dpsnc.net

Holt Elementary School
4019 Holt School Road, 27704, 560-3928,
Grades K-5, www.holt.dpsnc.net

Pearsontown Elementary School
4915 Barbee Road, 27713, 560-3964.
Grades K-5, www.pearsontown.dpsnc.net

Chewning Middle School
6819 Red Mill Road, 27704, 560-3914.
Grades 6-8, www.chewning.dpsnc.net

Rogers-Herr Middle School
911 Cornwallis Road, 27707, 560-3970.
Grades 6-8, www.rogersherr.dpsnc.net