

School Mission

Our mission is to provide comprehensive programs and services in order for our students to think creatively, analyze and solve problems, make wise and humane decisions, and acquire the skills necessary for productive, democratic citizenship and life-long learning.

About CMS

CMS features a highly skilled, flexible, diverse staff where many instructional and extra-curricular opportunities exist for middle level students. We specialize in working with adolescent students. The school schedule revolves around a team concept, creating small learning communities for students. Providing inclusion and accelerated classes are just two ways CMS provides unique learning environments where all students can succeed.

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District Information

Enrollment	2697
Licensed Staff	180
Support Service Staff	90
Administration	13

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For more specific information about academic teams, extracurricular activities, and staff members, visit our website!
www.charleston.k12.il.us/CMS/index.html

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What is a "TEAM"?

A team is a group of about 100 students assigned to the same group of core teachers who provide smaller learning communities. The team educates the students in the areas of language arts, math, science, social studies, and reading. In addition to these five periods, students will report to one of their team teachers for Home Base. During the course of the school year, all seventh and eighth grade students rotate through exploratory offerings of music, art, computer skills, and careers/applied technology classes. Each quarter students will take a different exploratory class. All students also have one period daily that is a combination of physical education, health, and fitness.

What is Home Base?

Supervised study is a daily class period. During this period, your child may begin working on any assignment they choose. Academic teachers are available if they need assistance. Band and chorus students use this time period to rehearse. These performance groups are graded classes and are included on the quarterly report cards. Band and chorus grades contribute to the student's GPA and honor roll eligibility.

CMS Quick Facts

- Enrollment: 398
- Licensed Staff: 28
- Average Class Size: 22.8
- Mascot: Little Trojans
- Colors: Red and Gold
- Teams: 7 Black, 7 Orange, 8 Gold, 8 Red
- PE/Health/Fitness offered daily on a rotation basis.
- Semester exploratory classes offered in art, music and computer skills in grade seven.
- Exploratory classes offered each quarter in music, Computer Skills, Art, and French in grade 8.
- Band and Chorus offered daily during Home Base.
- Advisory offered weekly.
- Equipped with three student-accessible computer labs and two mobile laptop labs.

I.E.S.A. Athletic Offerings

Boys

Baseball, Basketball, Track and Field, Cross Country, Golf

Girls

Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, Track and Field, Golf, Cross Country, Pom and Dance, Cheer-

Extra-Curricular Offerings

Show Choir, Musical, Scholastic Bowl, ECO Team, Classroom Courier, Student Council, Weather Team, Snow Team, Writing Club, Spelling Bee

Points of Pride

- 16 Teachers have Master's Degrees
- Charleston Among Best Illinois' Cities for Young Families. (www.nerdwallett.com/blog/2013/cities-illinois-young-families)
- Rated #1 county in Illinois for return on property taxes.
- The student-publication *Classroom Courier* is issued quarterly.
- Pom and Dance Team State Champions in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, and 2009
- Boys' Basketball Team State Champions in 1982 and 2000.
- Girls' Basketball Team State Champions in 2016
- The annual spring musical showcases the talents of CMS students.

School Hours

Office

7:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Doors Open to Students

7:50 a.m.

Supervised Study in the Library

8:05 a.m.— 8:40 a.m.

Classroom Schedule

8:45 a.m.— 3:25 p.m.