

Welcome to Union Academy Charter School

Union Academy (UA) is a tuition-free public charter school located in Monroe, North Carolina. We educate about 1,450 students from Union and surrounding counties. Admission is determined through an annual lottery.

Our school is divided into a lower and upper campus located at different sites. The lower campus houses grades K-4, while our upper campus is home to grades 5-12. A fourteen-member appointed Board of Directors is the governing body of the academy. Three principals, under the guidance and supervision of the headmaster, oversee the operations and instruction of the elementary school (grades K-4), middle school (grades 5-8) and high school (grades 9-12). Families are an integral part of UA and play a huge role in the success of our school. Our guiding principles are challenge, character and community.

Union Academy was named a 2016 North Carolina School of Character. This was a tremendous accomplishment considering we were one of only five schools in the state to get this recognition. We were recommended by the NC State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction to advance to the national level.

It was officially announced from Washington, DC on May 10, 2016, that Union Academy Charter School is one of only 64 schools in the nation designated a National School of Character! We are proud of this accomplishment and recognition.

The NC State Report Card is a reflection of student academic progress and growth measured in every NC public school. In 2015-16 students at UA scored higher than the state in all areas of testing. The vast majority of our students reached the top two achievement levels of 4 and 5, which means they met the College/Career readiness standard. We also met 100 percent of our Annual Measurable Objectives which measure the academic performance of specific subgroups of students over time.

In 2016, Union Academy had 105 graduates. Ninety-five percent (95%) of the class of 2016 was accepted into colleges, with 68 percent being accepted into a four-year college and 27 percent accepted into a two-year college. These same seniors were awarded more than \$6.9 million in scholarships.

Union Academy strongly believes that along with a challenging academic program, character development and community involvement are essential for our students' success. Much of our curriculum, enrichment activities, and events are developed around character traits that weave our Union Academy "family" into a unique school that others aspire to be a part of and admire. We take pride in the fact that all UA students participate in service learning projects and community service opportunities.

As our school motto says, "At Union Academy, we do the right thing even when no one is looking."

Sincerely,

Dr. Ann Walters
Headmaster