

Student Application

Application for:

(Name of student)

The above named student will be entering grade _____ in the fall 2007.

The North Central Commitment

The North Central Charter Essential School is a different kind of school.

To be successful at NCCES and to take full advantage of what this school has to offer, you've got to be willing to try your best. We put more responsibility for learning directly on your shoulders and it will be up to you how far you can go.

If you've had academic trouble in the past, you will have to work extra hard at first to catch up and fill in gaps from what you haven't learned well before.

If you've had discipline trouble in your previous school, we will start with you by creating a plan to make sure your behavior does not interfere with your own learning or the learning of others.

In this school, you will learn best by the effort you put in. With effective effort applied to any subject or any new skill, you can learn anything. You can become anything. If you're not willing to put in that effort, you might consider choosing another school.

It is important that families understand these differences and that this is what they want for their child. All members of the community pledge to give their best efforts to make the school work for themselves and for others.

By joining this community, I make a commitment to myself and to my learning. I will take responsibility for my own actions and I will show concern for others. I will try my best.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

By joining this community, I make a commitment to my child's learning and the school. I will work for the good of the school and support it in whatever ways I can. I will try my best.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date: _____

Admissions Procedures

1. NCCES enrolls students in accordance with all state rules and regulations, ensuring a process that is open and fair.
2. **Eligibility:** NCCES is a public school and open to all eligible students. Eligibility means:
 - a. living within the designated towns of the school's region (Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner, Ashburnham, Ashby, Townsend, Lunenburg, Lancaster, Clinton, Sterling, Princeton, Westminster). Students outside the Region are eligible if open spaces remain.
 - b. having successfully completed the previous grade, and
 - c. not having been expelled from another school.
3. **Non-discrimination:** NCCES does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, ancestry, athletic performance, special need, proficiency in the English language, or academic achievement in admitting students.
4. **Open Spaces:** NCCES will be admitting a new 7th grade class for fall 2006. Students entering grades 8 to 10 will be placed on a waiting list to fill spots in those grades if there are spaces available.
5. **Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted until 2 days before the next scheduled lottery.
6. **Lottery:** If there are more applications than spaces available, a lottery will be held in public and names will be drawn by a disinterested party. The school will notify all families whether they've been admitted or where they are on the waiting list.
7. **Siblings:** Siblings of students currently attending NCCES and students who live in the school's designated region will be admitted first. Non-residents, students who live outside the designated region will be admitted if space is available.
8. Students will be notified by mail regarding admissions. Admitted students must complete and return an enrollment form indicating whether or not they've chosen to accept admittance. Enrollment within two weeks of acceptance will hold their space. Failure to return the enrollment form in time shall forfeit the slot and the student must reapply to be considered again.
9. As slots open up, students will be admitted off the waiting list in the order established by the lottery. Position on the waiting list will carry over until the next lottery.
10. The school office must receive all application materials, a student's full academic record, and a student's full disciplinary record before that student may be officially enrolled in the school.

Application Requirements

For all enrollments:

- ? Completed student and family information
- ? Completed student background
- ? Completed required student essay
- ? Completed parent/student interest section

For January 2006 enrollment:

- ? Sign up for and complete a team interview: On Wednesday January 18th or Wednesday January 25th, grade level teams will conduct 20 minute interviews with all incoming students and their parents to get a sense of background and needs.

Student and Family Information

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| FULL NAME OF APPLICANT _____ Last First Full Middle Name (no initial) |
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_____ For January 2006 Enrollment

_____ For Fall 2006 Enrollment

_____ Do you wish to be added to the waitlist?

Do you have a sibling currently attending NCCES?

Yes _____ No _____

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| For office use only | |
| Date received: | _____ |
| Status: | Lottery _____ |
| | Waitlist _____ |
| | Admitted _____ |
| | Enrolled _____ |

Birth date: [month] _____ [day] _____ [year] _____

Male: _____ Female: _____

CURRENT SCHOOL: _____

Current Grade (04-05) _____

Last grade completed _____

LEGAL GUARDIAN (s) _____

Home Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

Home telephone (_____) _____ Work telephone (_____) _____

Email _____ Other contacts _____

Other contacts _____

SECONDARY CONTACT _____

Home Address _____

Home telephone (_____) _____ Work telephone (_____) _____

Student Background

Parents and students must fill out all the information below, including the section on past school performance. Your answers to these questions will not affect whether your application gets accepted or not, but they will help us better meet the needs of the student.

Does your child have a current Individual Education Plan (IEP)? Yes ____ No ____

Is your child currently receiving Special Education services or other accommodations relating to a disability? Yes ____ No ____

Explain: _____

Will your child require ESL or Bilingual services? Yes _____ No _____

What language do you speak at home? _____

Past School Performance:

Academic Achievement: Please check the box or boxes that best apply to you.

- I've always done well in school and I'm looking for a different way of learning in this new school.
- I've done OK in school, but not as well as I might in a smaller, more personalized environment.
- School has been difficult for me, but I always work as hard as I can.
- School has been easy for me, and I'd like to be more challenged.
- School has been a struggle for me, and I've never felt good about it. I'm looking for a fresh start and willing to try my best to turn things around.
- I really don't like school and wish that I didn't have to go at all.
- I have stayed back a grade level in the last two years of school.

Behavior: Please check the box or boxes that best apply to you.

- I've always been a leader, participating actively in many activities at school.
 - I haven't really been a leader, but I never get in trouble at school either.
 - I sometimes get in trouble at school, but I've been improving and things are under control.
 - I often get in trouble at school and I need strong, positive structures to help me improve my behavior.
 - I have been suspended at least once in the last two years of school.
- I have been in serious academic or disciplinary trouble in my current school and need to find a new school

Required Student Essay

An essay is required of all applicants. In at least one full page respond to at least one of the following prompts. Please try to use examples so that we may get to know you better. This essay must be completed with your application before you will be considered for enrollment.

- a) Describe a situation or situations where you faced a significant challenge and you worked hard to overcome that challenge.
- b) Describe an activity or activities either in or outside of school that you care a lot about and that you work hard at.

Parent/Student Interest

Please check one of the following boxes:

- ? I definitely want my child to attend North Central Charter.
- ? North Central Charter is just one of several options we are exploring for our child.

Parents: How do you think your child might benefit from the NCCES experience?

Students: Why do you want to attend North Central?

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application in its entirety and for making sure you have supplied all available information. Please mail to:

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