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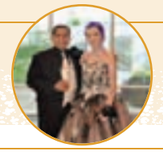


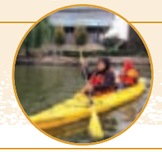
9th GRADE

College & Career Survey Spotlight

During Freshman year, the Career class focuses on the student understanding the career cluster language and a general idea of workplace expectations. Students start by completing a career survey and create a "dream board". Throughout their daily Career classes, they gain the skills needed to pursue these dreams, so that by the time they're in their 3rd year, they are fully ready to head out to their Internship to put their skills into practice.

9th Grade Coursework

- ★ English
- ★ History
- ★ Math
- ★ Probability & Statistics
- ★ Introduction to Physics
- ★ Enterprise Development
- ★ Technology Applications
- ★ Information Literacy
- ★ Career
- ★ Spanish
- ★ Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- ★ Electives – Programming, Desktop Publishing, Music, Artistic Design



10th GRADE

College & Career Planning Spotlight

As 10th graders, students begin developing a resume and participate in mock interviews in preparation for internship and any post-high school plans. Students begin to evaluate their GPA, see what grades are needed to apply to their dream colleges, or find out what tests they must they pass to qualify in a trade. The focus is on the importance of time management, attendance and overall professional work ethic.

10th Grade Coursework

*Course has an Honors component

- ★ English *
- ★ History *
- ★ Math *
- ★ Geometry
- ★ Applied Chemistry & Ecology
- ★ Financial Literacy
- ★ Digital Media/Web Applications
- ★ Information Literacy
- ★ Career
- ★ Health
- ★ Fitness
- ★ Electives – Programming, Desktop Publishing, Music, Artistic Design

11th GRADE

Mentored Internship Preparation Spotlight

By junior year, students are able to start making their post-high school plans a reality as they prepare for their internship experience. In Career class, students work on personal essay writing and further develop the soft skills necessary to navigate a variety of workplace environments.

11th Grade Coursework

*Course has an Honors component

- ★ English *
- ★ History *
- ★ Math *
- ★ Biology *
- ★ Financial Literacy
- ★ Digital Video
- ★ Graduation Project
- ★ Career
- ★ Electives - August Wilson, Shakespeare, Economics, Accounting, Marketing, Music & Social Change, Censorship, PreCalculus, Trigonometry, Chemistry, Botany, Spanish, Chorus, Piano, Guitar, Painting, Sculpture

International Service Learning—Each year, up to 20 City Charter High School junior students are invited to embark on a 10-day service-oriented journey of personal and cultural discovery in a foreign country.

School-Wide Activities

Fall Dance, Snowball Dance (Semi-Formal), Literacy Night, Family Art Night, Robotics Team, Fall / Spring Individual Class Field Trips

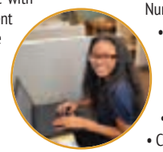
12th GRADE

College & Career Planning

During Senior year, students meet weekly with their personal Transition Manager to talk about their post-high school plans and prepare for college or training program applications, financial aid, or job interviews.

Senior Model

The City High experience culminates in our unique senior model, which is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their independent learning skills and readiness for life after high school. There is a separate wing for seniors, complete with private study workstations. Individual student schedules are unique to each student, and include small discussion-based seminars, lectures, peer study groups and independent work time.



12th Grade Coursework

- ★ Modern Literature*
- ★ Politics and Civics*
- ★ Math or Calculus*
- ★ Science in Society or Physics*
- ★ Independent Research Graduation Project
- ★ Electives include:
  - Mythology, Horror Fiction, Poetry
  - Sports and Politics, Modern World, Violence in America
  - Probability & Statistics, Mathematical Games, Number Theory
  - Anatomy, Microbiology, Science & Manufacturing, Forensics
  - Entrepreneurship, Real Estate, Programming
  - Strength Training, First Aid
  - Spanish
  - Chorus

*Course has an Honors component

Graduation Requirements

- English: 4 credits
- History: 4 credits
- Math: 4 credits
- Science: 4 credits
- Art/Humanities: 2 credits
- Fitness: .5 credit
- Health: .5 credit
- Electives: 6.5 credits
- Internship: 1 credit
- Graduation Project: 12 .5 credits

Senior Activities

Fall Outdoor Field Trip & Senior Prom (Formal)

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CULTURAL LITERACY

Understanding the world...

Our Cultural Literacy curriculum prepares students to become literate and informed citizens. Units combine English reading, writing and listening skills with four years of History content, framed within social, political and economic contexts and equity-based multicultural content. Each grade level reads at least two full-length books of fiction over the course of the year. Electives include explorations of August Wilson, the musical Hamilton and Public Speaking.

SCIENTIFIC LITERACY

Solving problems...

Math and Science at City High are hands-on and exploratory. Students engage in a mandatory four years of study in integrated mathematics and four years of lab-based science, culminating in an Independent Scientific Research Project. Advanced courses in Calculus and Physics prepare students for college courses.

Electives include statistics, chemistry, botany, and zoology.

FINANCIAL LITERACY & TECHNOLOGY

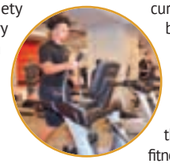
Preparing for life after high school...

Our Financial Literacy and Technology program prepares students for life after high school through four years of courses in small business, budgeting, banking, saving for cars/housing. In addition, students can choose electives in accounting, marketing, entrepreneurship, programming or participate in the student- run Robotics team.

INFORMATION LITERACY

Becoming independent learners...

Information Literacy courses prepare our students to become 21st century learners, able to use research skills when searching for a variety of informational needs in multidisciplinary areas. All students then complete a required two-year Graduation Project, using independent research skills to explore a topic of their choice and develop an action project.



HEALTH & WELLNESS LITERACY

Creating a healthy lifestyle...

City High 9th graders take a one-trimester course in Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), using the Wayfinder curriculum. This curriculum is based on research-backed Core Skills that help students advance in areas of personal growth including self-awareness, adaptability, empathy, and purpose.

10th graders complete one trimester each of Health and Physical Education, in our state-of-the-art Fitness Center. Student's health and fitness electives include Nutrition, POUND® Fitness Drumming/Xtreme Hip Hop® Step, Boxing and First Aid.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE & ART/MUSIC LITERACY

Exploring new interests...

9th grade students at City High take two trimesters of Spanish Language and Culture that develops vocabulary and understanding of Spanish-speaking culture. Our Art & Music Literacy courses provide elective opportunities during all four years of high school. Students can sing in the chorus, play keyboards oDr guitar, or explore sculpture, digital art or painting.

WORKFORCE SKILLS LITERACY

Getting ready for the real world...

CAREER CURRICULUM

A career-focused experience assures students that what they do at City High impacts their future, so our students take three years of Career courses where they **explore college and career options, build a resume, learn interviewing skills, and develop time-management, collaboration and a professional work ethic.** These courses culminate in a 13-Week Mentored Internship Experience, where students spend the afternoons in a job setting linked to career goals and aspirations. Students receive a weekly workforce grade reflecting "soft skills" related to punctuality, dress code, peer interaction, collaboration, and other areas related to becoming prepared for life after high school.

13-WEEK MENTORED INTERNSHIP

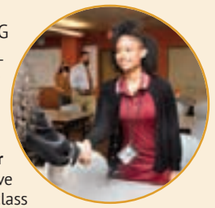
An internship at City Charter High School is a unique career exploration that integrates study with planned and supervised career-related work experience. Students are involved as non-paid "authentic employees" receiving academic credit for work experiences. The purpose of the program is to develop and strengthen the student's educational and career preparation. An internship will expose the student to the interpersonal relationships a job requires, both with co-workers and supervisors that are essential to obtaining a successful, satisfying career. Internships enable employers to assist the high school students in preparing them to work in today's business environment.

This mandatory 13-week Internship allows students to "try-out" a career while gaining valuable real-world experience.

POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

Our students are prepared to get started in the world – whether it's college, a training program, the military or the workplace. Our Post High School Planning Team works individually with students and families from grades 9—12 on college/trade school applications, career planning, interview preparation, and development of an appropriate post-high school plan for every graduating student. City High's graduation rate continues to average among the highest in Pennsylvania, and it is also **one of the top Pittsburgh Promise eligible high schools each year.**

YEAR-ROUND LEARNING



In order to model the professional world of work, City Charter High School uses a unique trimester school year: three trimesters with extended **Winter, Spring and Summer breaks**. Our students grow to love our well-placed breaks from class that also keep knowledge and learning fresh.

City High's "4PLUS" schedule allows students to have four days of in-person learning, with a weekly flexible 5th day for individual experiences, activities, and support services. This schedule ensures that each student has more opportunities to grow as a learner, while providing time to refresh and reflect.

PERSONALIZED LEARNING

City High teachers "loop" with the same students over all 4 years, allowing personal connections to develop between teachers, students and families. This more personalized approach allows teachers to adapt their teaching style to each individual student, making sure they stay engaged and can achieve to the best of their ability. The City High experience culminates in our unique senior model – an opportunity for students to demonstrate their independent learning skills and readiness for life after high school.

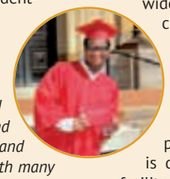
MENTORED ADVISORY

Each student has a **personal Mentor/Advisor whose goal is the realization of the potential of every child on every level** – intellectual, social, emotional, and physical. This may mean regular, small group discussions or one-on-one meetings to address a student's future plans. Our mentors are there for constant contact with parents about grades and other issues that may impact learning. They also submit a weekly workforce grade based on teacher input to reflect a student's demeanor, independent learning, responsibility, and other "soft skills" necessary for success.

HONORS & FULL INCLUSION CLASSROOMS

Honors exploratory options are available in 9th grade and full Honors options are available in grades 10-12 for English, History, Math and Science. City High is a **full-inclusion high school that offers heterogeneous classrooms** and a low student-to-teacher ratio.

ALUMNI JEREMIAH DAVIS, CLASS OF 2020:



"City High has left me with memories and experiences I would never forget, and helped instill the value of hard work, and kindness. City High has provided me with many opportunities that added a lot to my education and helped make me stand out while in college. City High has laid a strong foundation I hope to build upon once I graduate from college and begin my career.

ALUMNI SARAH GALLOGLY, CLASS OF 2023:

"City High has provided me with a myriad of opportunities, both tangible and intangible, that I can definitively say I would not get at any other school. The relationships I've built with my peers, teachers, and other faculty members are invaluable and that is the reason I looked forward to coming to school every day."

SCHOOL SAFETY

City Charter High School maintains our safe, supportive school environment by providing school-wide behavioral expectations, a caring school climate, and positive interventions and support. We are proud to have earned an **"A" Health and Safety Rating**, according to niche.com. To ensure a safe and supportive environment for learning, City Charter High School has developed various measures to protect all students and staff from harm. This is due to many factors including our robust facility security measures, iGate metal detectors, and taking care of students' physical and mental health. At City High, 100% of our staff and students have received ALICE-Certified Training for emergency critical incidents.

Our staff includes four full-time school safety officers, three full-time mental health professionals, and a full-time nurse. This allows students to seek emotional assistance without an appointment. **The goal:** to ensure the health, safety, and wellness of our students because nothing should come between them and learning.