

FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL CHARLOTTE CAMPUS



2026-2027 School Profile



SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Florida SouthWestern Collegiate High School-Charlotte (FSWC-Charlotte) opened its doors to students in the fall of 2009 at the Florida SouthWestern State College Charlotte County campus in Punta Gorda, Florida. As a public charter school in the State of Florida, FSWC-Charlotte serves students from Charlotte County in grades 9 through 12. **Incoming freshmen are selected by a random lottery system and work towards being dual enrolled in full time college courses in their junior and senior years.**

Currently there are 374 students. The current student population is 53% female and 47% male. Approximately 84% of students indicate their race is White, 13% Black or African American, 10% Asian, 2% American Indian or Alaska Native and less than 1% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. 18% indicate Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity. Approximately 16% of students are served with an IEP or 504 Plan.

The purpose of FSWC-Charlotte is to provide a quality academic experience for high school students seeking the challenge of high academic standards, rigorous curricula, and college-level study at a small high school. **The four-year curriculum provides the opportunity for students to complete a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree simultaneously.**

CURRICULUM

The academic program for 9th and 10th grade students is organized in a traditional 6 period school day with 55-minute classes. All of the core academic courses are taught at the honors level.

FSWC-Charlotte 11th and 12th graders attend Florida South-Western State College as full-time early admission students. 11th and 12th grade students must have an un-weighted cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above and meet the minimum college ready score requirements on the Accuplacer, PERT, ACT or SAT, to be eligible for dual enrollment. *FSWC does not offer any AP, AICE, or IB courses per our charter school agreement.*

FSWC-Charlotte offers grade 9/10 honors level courses in English I and II, Algebra I and II, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, World History, and US History. In addition, general unweighted electives are offered each school year such as 2D Art, Yearbook, Personal Fitness, Law Studies, and Spanish. Emphasis is also placed on character education and a Personal School and Career Development Skills course is offered to all freshmen which promotes a caring and supportive environment for each individual student as they transition to high school.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2026

To graduate from FSWC, students must have a minimum of 24 credits from courses taken during their high school years. Within these 24 credits, the following subjects are required:

English – 4 credits (ELA 1,2, 3, 4, and DE)

Mathematics – 4 credits (must include Algebra 1 and Geometry)

Science – 3 credits (must include Biology) (2 must have a lab component)

Social Studies – 3 credits (1 credit US History, 1 credit World History, .5 credit American Government, .5 credit Economics)

Fine and Performing Arts, Speech & Debate, or Practical Arts – 1 credit

Physical Education – 1 credit (must include health)

Electives – 8 credits

*There is also an 18 credit ACCEL diploma option in Florida that reduces the elective credits to 3 and eliminates the PE credit.

Grade Point Average Requirement: cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale .

State Assessment Requirements: Passing score on the Grade 10 F.A.S.T. English Language Arts Reading Assessment or a concordant score on another standardized test (ACT, SAT, or CLT). Passing score on the B.E.S.T. Algebra I End of Course assessment or a comparative score on another standardized test (ACT, SAT, CLT, or PSAT).

GRADING AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The Florida Uniform Statewide Grading Scale for grades 9-12 is as follows for all unweighted courses:

Grade	Percentage	Grade Point	Value Progress
A	90-100	4	Outstanding
B	80-89	3	Above Average
C	70-79	2	Average
D	60-69	1	Lowest Acceptable
F	0-59	0	Failure

High school honors courses are weighted on a 4.5 point scale.

Dual credit college courses are weighted on a 5 point scale.

Florida SouthWestern Collegiate High School-Charlotte

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STUDENT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

FSWC-Charlotte offers a variety of clubs and activities for students. Current clubs include Key Club, Model United Nations, Student Government Association, Interact Club, National Honor Society, Mock Trial, Art Club, Garden Club, Fitness Club, D&D Club, Guitar Club, and Z-Club.

FSWC early admission juniors and seniors also have equal access to all clubs offered at Florida SouthWestern State College.

Although FSWC-Charlotte does not currently offer interscholastic athletics, our students have the opportunity and are encouraged to participate in the athletic programs at the other high schools within our school district. FSWC-Charlotte students are often among the most recognized athletes in our district.

Class of 2026 - DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES EARNED/FAMILY COST SAVINGS

FSWC-Charlotte Class of 2026 had a graduation rate of 100%. **84% of our graduates received not only a high school diploma, but also an Associate of Arts Degree** from Florida South- Western State College, which has an estimated college savings value of approximately \$10,000 per student (tuition, textbooks, and fees). In addition, the Class of 2026 was awarded over 5.5 million dollars in scholarships and grants to further their college studies at universities and colleges throughout Florida and the country.

Class of 2026 GRADUATION HONORS

71% of our graduates graduated with academic honors.

36% graduated **Summa Cum Laude**-4.2 weighted GPA, minimum of 12 dual enrollment credits, and no D or F final grades.

24% graduated **Magna Cum Laude**-3.85 weighted GPA, minimum of 6 dual enrollment credits, and no D or F final grades.

11% graduated **Cum Laude**-3.5 weighted GPA and no D or F final grades.

The Class of 2026 combined contributed almost 10,000 hours of community service throughout high school.



Florida SouthWestern Collegiate High School will provide our students with a transformational culture that leads to their academic and personal development culminating in the successful acquisition of an Associate of Arts Degree and a High School Diploma.

COMPARATIVE NATIONAL ASSESSEMENTS

ACT SCHOOL DATA – 2026 Graduates

<u>ACT</u>	FSWC	Florida 2025	National
Reading	25.3	20.7	20.0
English	22.8	18.9	18.4
Math	22.2	18.9	18.9
Science	23.9	19.5	19.6
STEM	23.6	19.2	19.2
Composite	23.4	20	19.4

SAT SCHOOL DATA - 2026 Graduates

<u>SAT</u>	FSWC	Florida	National
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	582	509	530
Mathematics	560	483	515
Total	1142	992	1045

SCHOOL AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Designated as an A school for 16 consecutive years by the Florida Department of Education.
- Designated as a High Performing Charter School and a “School of Excellence” by the Florida Department of Education.
- FSWC-Charlotte is has been named as a “National Blue Ribbon School” by the US Department of Education.
- FSWC is accredited by Cognia, Inc.

