



Team CFA: Bonnie Cone Classical Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

- What does a school day look like for all grades?
 - Each grade level will have a morning meeting in which Core Virtues is the focus. This is a literature-based non-sectarian program designed to build the classroom community and teach values such as honesty, integrity, perseverance, compassion and more.
 - In addition, all grade levels will have:
 - Two 45-minute specials periods in which Art, Latin, Music and Physical Education are taught on a rotating basis. This means each class will receive two specials on “A-Day” and the other two on “B-Day”.
 - 30 minutes of guided PE or recess every day.
 - A 25-30-minute lunch period.
 - An extended block of Core Knowledge CKLA (English Language Arts)
 - An extended block of Math
 - Science and Social Studies
 - A W.I.N period (What I Need) designed to provide remediation or enrichment based on each child’s needs.
 - At least one snack time (for older grades, this will be a working snack.
 - Up through December, Kindergarten students will have a rest period following Lunch. Beginning in January, that period will become a quiet reading time.
- Will Kindergarten have a staggered start?
 - For the first week only, we will have a shortened day for Kindergarten. All students will attend on the first day of school, it is a half day. Tuesday through Friday of the first week, kindergarten students will be assigned one day to come (1/4 of the class each day). For ease of access, we will have a slightly later start and earlier dismissal for kindergarten students the first week only.
 - Week two for kindergarten will see the same school day as the rest of our students.
- Why is the day so long?
 - Research does inform us that all children can learn, some need more time. It also tells us that independent practice enhances the opportunity for students to retain the information. It is our expectation that all children have the opportunity to practice while supported by instructional staff.
- Curriculum: We have selected a rigorous and engaging curriculum. We will use:
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- Eureka Math through Great Minds for math
- Minimus through Cambridge Press for Latin
- Testing & Assessments: Assessment data is used to make educational decisions and to drive instruction. BCCA will:
 - Utilize Northwest Evaluation Association's Measure of Academic Progress or MAP testing three times over the course of the year. This is a computer adaptive assessment that allows us to identify areas of strength and opportunities for growth for each individual student. This will be the baseline for determining skill gaps and driving small group remediation or enrichment.
 - As a NC Public School, we are required to administer all State mandated assessments including the NC End of Grade (EOG) and the NC End of Course (EOC) for higher level course taught in middle school. In addition, the State does require the administration of "Field Tests" should our school be randomly selected to participate.
 - Other assessment will be based on the units of study at each grade level.
- More information on the Temporary Location.
 - We will be housed at First Baptist Church in Huntersville. The building that we will occupy has:
 - Dedicated classrooms for each class at each grade level
 - A Common Area
 - An Auditorium
 - Access to their cafeteria
 - Access to the gym (it should be noted that the gym floor is being repaired and access will not be until this is completed).
- More information regarding the permanent facility.
 - Our Developer, School House, and our Builder, BCCG, are making tremendous progress. The project was delayed at the onset due to the process of obtaining all of the necessary permitting through the Town of Huntersville and Mecklenburg County. Once the project started, we are tracking very close to the project timeline. We have lost a few days due to weather and vandalism, however the team has been able to absorb some of that loss in the schedule.
 - The latest we anticipate being in the new building is January 2. We do however expect the building to be completed before then.
 - We want to be respectful of our families and our staff. We need to make a decision about moving into the new facility that does not inconvenience our families and add undue pressure on our teachers.
- How long is the lunch period and what are the lunch options?
 - Every grade level has a 25-30-minute lunch period



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- There are two options for lunch
 - Students bring their own
 - Parent purchase lunches through My Hot Lunchbox, an online vendor that will be contracting with area restaurants.
- What is scheduled for recess and breaks throughout the day?
 - Please refer to the information above under what the school day looks like.
- What are the before and aftercare options?
 - Bonnie Cone Classical Academy is partnering with two entities to provide before and aftercare options.
 - First Baptist Church has a program that includes before and after care, a breakfast option and an afternoon snack for \$80.00 per week. In addition, they provide a drop in for teacher workdays and holiday breaks except for Christmas Eve (Dec. 24), Christmas Day (Dec. 25), and Good Friday (April 10) at a cost of \$20.00 per day.
 - Team Turse is offering an off-site program at the Dellwood Center; less than 1 mile from BCCA's temporary location. Once the new school is complete Team Turse will transition our After-School Program to the permanent location. They Are charging \$280 per month for their five-day program. They also have 1, 2, and 3-day options at lower price points. They will also offer their program on teacher workdays for an added fee. Please email coachturse@gmail.com to obtain more information and reserve your child's spot.
 - If you so choose to use an outside before and after care provider, we will permit bus pick-up and drop-off. If there are several students attending one of these, there may be an option to add a bus stop in the afternoons for that program.
- Transportation: we sent out a transportation survey. We are evaluating the responses and determining bus routes. More information will be forthcoming
- Curriculum: We have selected a rigorous and engaging curriculum. We will use:
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- Information on teacher section process:
 - We received over 600 resumes for the teaching positions at BCCA. This is what we were looking for:
 - Diversity in our staff
 - Ethnically
 - Experience
 - Commitment to educating children



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- Passion for teaching & learning
 - Willingness to collaborate
 - Attention to building relationships with our families and students
 - Highly educated professionals with current teaching credentials or degrees in the content area and participation in a teacher preparation program.
- The Exceptional Child
 - BCCA will follow all Federal and State guidelines for identifying and serving students identified as:
 - Gifted
 - Special Education
 - Requiring a 504 plan to accommodate their needs
 - English Language Learners
 - We have hired an Exceptional Children's Lead with several years of experience serving the needs of students identified as needing Special Education
 - Teacher Bios: When our teachers start, they will be posting their bios on our website.
 - What special events will be held at BCCA?
 - We will have celebrations at the end of a domain of study at each grade level
 - We will more than likely plan a fall fund raiser
 - We are schedule to have a fun run fundraiser in the spring
 - Each grade level will be identifying curriculum related field trips
 - What is the academic calendar? Our calendar is posted on our website: <https://bccca.teamcfa.school/> and is found under the "Parent & Student Information" tab.
 - What are the uniform requirements? Our full Dress Code Policy and a link to the uniform ordering site is found under the "Parent & Student Information" tab on our website.
 - Shoes: Sneakers are preferred: no neon, lighted or sneakers with wheels.
 - Back Packs: Student choice, no wheeled, light up, offensive graphics, or those displaying pictures of weapons.
 - Jackets & Sweaters: Any jackets or sweaters worn inside the building must be from the uniform company. Jackets or sweaters worn to school or to recess can be of your choosing. If they are not uniform, then they must be removed upon entering the building.
 - Hair accessories: Girls may wear bows or headbands if they are Navy, Light Blue, White, or khaki. If a student for religious purposes wears a head-covering, we ask that it be navy, light blue, white or khaki.
 - Tights, leggings, knee sox and socks: Girls may wear solid colored tights or leggings under their skorts, knee socks, socks, they must be navy, light blue, white, or khaki. Boys are not permitted to wear tights, leggings, or knee socks.
 - Will BCCA have a PTO? Yes, we will have both a Parent's Advisory Committee and a Parent Teacher Organization. An interest survey will be sent out the last week of July.