

Charlotte

Strategic Planning

Education



INTRODUCTION: Quality education and learning opportunities for all ages. A healthy community opens themselves to new ideas and provides high quality education and life-long learning for all members of the community.

Charlotte Public Schools has a nearly 80% graduation rate, which compares well with the state of Michigan, where the overall graduation rate is also 80%. Of those, 57% continue on to college, just under the state average of 60%.

Forty-three percent of the students in Charlotte Public Schools are “economically disadvantaged.” This number includes students who have been determined to be eligible for free or reduced-price meals via locally gathered and approved family applications under the National School Lunch program, are in households receiving food (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or cash (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) assistance, are homeless, are migrant, are in foster care, or, beginning in 2017-18, certain MEDICAID eligible children. For these students, thriving in school can be challenging; for their parents, finding work, stable housing and healthy food may be a daily struggle. Overall, nearly 50% of students in the State of Michigan fall into this category (760,000 students).

Proficiency rates for math, social studies and English are falling statewide across seven grade levels. In Charlotte, 43.4% of students are proficient at math (all grades) and 50.5 proficient in English language arts (all grades).