



## **FAQ**

Are you a private school? No. We are a public charter school.

What is a charter school? *Charter schools* are independent public schools allowed freedom to be more innovative, while being held accountable for improved student achievement. We are funded by the state, but unlike city schools, receive no local tax dollars.

Is there a tuition fee to attend Richard Allen? No. There is only a \$25 materials fee each year.

Do you have to meet the same requirements/standards of education that the public schools do? In order to receive funding, we have to meet the same requirements/standards of education that public schools do.

What is your student to teacher ratio? The ratio is 15:1.

What do the students wear? Our students wear uniforms. The girls wear a jumper or a skirt provided by the school for a nominal fee. The boys wear slacks, a collared shirt, and a tie.

What is your curriculum? We follow the [Common Core](#) curriculum.

What are the teacher qualifications? All of our teachers have at least a four-year degree and hold a state teaching license. We also have an Intervention Specialist who covers our Special Education needs, a Speech Pathologist and a Building Substitute.

Are specials offered at your school? Yes. We offer Music, Physical Education and Art.

Do you offer extracurricular activities at Richard Allen? This is a year-to-year opportunity. In the event there is student interest for a particular extracurricular activity, if there are staff available to pioneer the activity, we push forward with it. Extracurricular activities that we have had in past years have been basketball, karate and cheerleading.

Many charter schools have a specific focus. What is your school's focus? We do not specialize in a particular area. Our goal is to offer a well-rounded education to all students who attend our school.

Then why would people choose to send their children to Richard Allen? We offer a smaller classroom setting, uniforms, dedicated and qualified teachers and a family atmosphere.

Is your school specifically designed for special needs children or those with behavior problems? No. We have children of all academic levels and abilities. We meet the child where he/she is and work closely with the parent to assist the student in reaching his/her fullest potential.

Do you have to live in Hamilton to attend Richard Allen? No. Because we receive no local tax dollars, students come from various parts of Hamilton as well as surrounding cities such as Fairfield, West Chester, New Miami, Middletown, and Forest Park.