

## Our Mission...

NCCES is a public school where students are known personally, challenged intellectually and expected to participate actively in their learning. Guided by its commitment to diversity and inclusiveness, the school seeks to send graduates into the world who **THINK** for themselves, **CARE** about others and **ACT** creatively and responsibly.

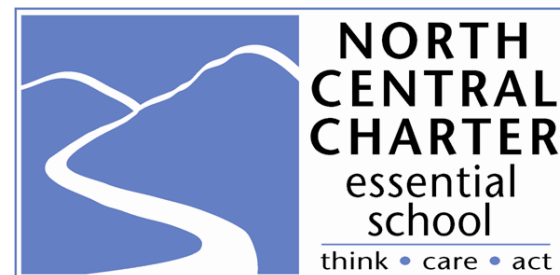
## Our Community...

NCCES is a safe learning environment. We have a strong sense of community. Students are known well by the faculty and other students. Serving grades 7 through 12, our students come from more than 25 cities and towns across central Massachusetts.

## Our Graduates...

With a 96% of our graduates planning on continuing their education, our graduates are young adults secure in their own identity. We foster:

- Strong thinkers able to approach new situations with openness and confidence.
- Creative and resourceful problem solvers.
- Responsible citizens who contribute to their local communities and understand the world we live in.



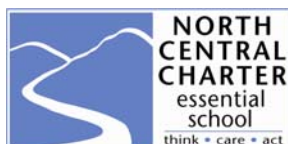
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**A free regional  
public school  
serving central  
Massachusetts**

### Our students:

- **THINK** for themselves
- **CARE** about others
- **ACT** creatively and responsibly



# Our Educational Philosophy ...

North Central Charter Essential School is a public school open to students from all backgrounds. Dedicated to both equity and excellence, our diversity is our strength.

We respect the abilities of every student. Teachers work with students and families to set and complete personalized goals.

## Our students:

- Learn to **THINK** for themselves and **CARE** about others and then use their knowledge to **ACT** creatively and responsibly.
- Are expected to produce high quality work by being given opportunities to seek understanding, explore the unknown, and wrestle with challenging problems.
- Demonstrate their knowledge through regular, challenging, and public exhibitions of their work.

## Our curriculum:

- Uses performance-based assessments which ask students to achieve a complex task, putting them into real-world or simulated situations that require higher-order thinking skills.
- Aligned to Massachusetts State Frameworks.

In addition to passing the English/Language Arts and Mathematics portions of the MCAS, our students must also complete a Senior Project in order to graduate.

## A Community of Respect ...

The **North Central Six** are the core values we expect all community members -students, teachers, parents, and families- to live by every day.

**Purpose:** *Come to school on time and ready to learn.*

**Responsibility:** *Take responsibility for your actions and accept the consequences.*

**Safety:** *Be safe, and watch out for the safety of others. No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or weapons. No harassment of any kind.*

**Voice:** *Be yourself and speak your mind, but be aware of appropriate time, place and circumstance. While exercising your own rights, do not trample on the rights of others.*

**Integrity:** *Be truthful and honest.*

**Community:** *Care for community in school and in the world beyond.*



## A regional public charter school

A **charter school** is a free public school that is managed by a board of trustees and operates independently. We are now in our second five-year charter granted by the Department of Education.

## A member of the Coalition of Essential Schools

An **essential school** helps students to develop essential knowledge, skills, habits of mind, and strong personal attributes, preparing them to become productive members of society. Our graduates have the skills to approach new situations with openness and confidence, a solid foundation of knowledge, competence, and a sense of their own identity.

To learn more about us, and to read the Ten Common Principles of the Coalition of Essential Schools, please visit our website:

[www.ncces.org](http://www.ncces.org)