

DAVIS ACADEMY CHADBURN

QUICK FACTS



MISSION | VISION

Davis Academy Chadburn's mission is to foster culturally aware agents of change who actively uplift themselves, their community and the world at large through school P.R.I.D.E. (Positivity, Resilience, Innovation, Discipline, Education/Entrepreneurship).

Davis Academy Chadburn's vision is to promote equity and to close the achievement gap present within the public educational system by operating a high performing public community school in a rural location that supports marginalized communities through the use of evidence-based research and culturally responsive instruction that cultivates learning and supports students in identifying the interconnectedness between home, school, community, and global society through the lenses of identity, diversity, citizenship, justice, and activism. As a result, the school will nurture students who are culturally aware, possess the skills and confidence needed to address issues of social injustice, and operate with the mindset needed to invoke change by empowering themselves and their community.

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> What type of school is Davis Academy Chadburn?

Davis Academy Chadburn is a North Carolina charter school. Charter schools are public schools of choice.

> What is the purpose of charter schools?

The original purpose of charter schools was to:

- Provide increased choice and learning opportunities;
- Encourage creative teaching methods;
- Share best practices learned from innovating with traditional public schools; and
- Offer new professional opportunities for educators to innovate and improve instruction.



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> Is tuition charged?

No, charter schools are tuition-free.

> Who is eligible to attend?

Any child who qualifies to attend any NC public school is eligible to attend.

> How do I enroll my child?

During the enrollment period, November 1st through March 26th, Davis Academy Chadbourn will enroll eligible students who submit a timely application, unless the number of applications exceeds the school's annual capacity. If there are more applications than spaces, the available spaces will be awarded by public lottery.

> What is the lottery process?

The lottery is conducted on the first Friday of April by an impartial third party in accordance with state standards and school priorities. Lottery priorities include children of full-time employees, siblings of current students, children of board members, and educationally disadvantaged students.

> Who are educationally disadvantaged students?

Students who qualify as Educationally Disadvantaged fall into one or more of the following categories: economically disadvantaged as determined by free and reduced lunch status; homeless or unaccompanied youth; English learners; and students with disabilities.

> When will the school open?

August 2021

> What grades will the school serve?

The school will initially serve grades 6 – 8. In each of the years after the first year, an additional grade will be added until the school is a K – 8 school.

> Will the school offer transportation?

Yes, the school will offer transportation to and from school via cluster stops, which will allow families to choose the one most convenient for them.

> Is school lunch provided?

Yes, breakfast and lunch will be provided. Students may qualify for either Free or Reduced lunch.

> Why is Davis Academy Chadbourn opening in Columbus County?

First, it is our hope to satisfy the immediate demand by parents and the community due to the closure of Chadbourn Middle School and other area schools.

Second, there is a chronic achievement gap present. In Columbus County Schools, more than 50% of Black/African American, Hispanic, students who are 2 or more races, students in foster care, and EC students are performing below grade level in both English and Mathematics.

Finally, two of the three co-founders have strong ties to the county with one having attended Whiteville City Schools and graduated from the Columbus County School system.

