

THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

An Academic & Mentoring High School

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Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in The Community School - a different kind of high school.

Here is what you should know:

- 1) We are interested in motivated students who really want to learn and make something of themselves. We only work with students who are committed to good habits that include being drug and alcohol free and being able to follow our Five Keys to Success. (see below)
- 2) We are a private high school certified by the State of Maryland and not part of the Baltimore City Public School System.
- 3) The Community School is designed as an accelerated high school where students can earn a Maryland State High School Diploma in three years.
- 4) We are a rigorous school where students work hard in a safe and comfortable environment with a lot of individualized help.
- 5) There is a low, weekly tuition of \$25 that needs to be paid in advance, plus there is a one-time book deposit fee of \$50 that is returned when you leave the school.
- 6) The Community School is a small school with each class having no more than twelve students and no more than 30 students in the school overall.
- 7) We help you get into college and can continue to help you while in college or trade school.
- 8) We are committed to your growth, both personally and academically.

If this sounds like your kind of school, we welcome you to submit an application. We are accepting applications through May 31st, though we encourage you to apply as soon as possible because we have limited seats available.

If you have any questions, feel free to give us a call.

Respectfully,

Tom Culotta

Five Keys to Success

Show up Everyday, On Time, Prepared to Learn, with a Positive Attitude, and All of Your Work

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Student Application Packet
2014/2015 Term

The Community School is an academic and mentoring high school for young people who are committed to advance their education, improve their lives, and better their community. We develop the skills, knowledge, creativity, confidence, intellectual curiosity, and worldview of our students in a safe, supportive, and comfortable environment.

You can apply to The Community School if you...

...are 14 through 17 years old

...have completed 8th grade (or will complete it before the new school term)

...don't use drugs or alcohol at all

...are motivated and willing to work hard to get a great education

The Community School accepts and seeks out a diverse student body from any race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, color or neighborhood.

Here are the Steps to becoming a student at the Community School:

1. Fill out application and return it to the school.
2. Application is reviewed to make sure it fits our guidelines, then you are contacted to set up an interview.
3. You have a one-on-one interview with the teacher.
4. You are notified of your status: accepted, on waiting list, or not accepted.
5. If you are accepted, a second interview is held with you and two adult sponsors of your choosing, including a parent or guardian.
6. You and your parent/guardian must complete all applicable admissions forms and submit the first tuition payment and a book deposit.
7. You are ready to start school!

The successful student is one who is able to commit to being in school everyday, on time, prepared to learn, with a positive attitude and willing to do all the work.

If you have any questions, call or email Tom Culotta at:
410-467-4920 * TomCulotta@tcs-camp.com.

**PLEASE
PRINT
CLEARLY**

**The Community School
STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET**

**ANSWER
EVERY
QUESTION**

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____ APT. # _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONES: HOME: _____ STUDENT'S CELL: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

If you don't have a phone, then list a number here where you can receive messages:

MESSAGE PHONE _____ Whose Phone is it ? _____

Note: If you live with a guardian instead of a parent, cross out Mother or Father and fill in correct relationship:

MOTHER'S NAME _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

FATHER'S NAME _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

HOME PHONE : _____ CELL PHONE _____

Employment Information

Are you currently employed ? ____ YES ____ NO If so, where ? _____

Work Phone _____ Work Schedule _____

Emergency Medical Information

Family Doctor/Clinic _____ Phone _____

When was your last visit ? _____ Last complete physical ? _____

List any known medical problems that you may have that the school may need to know.

Do you take any prescription medicines? ____ YES ____ NO

If you take prescriptions, list them here:

Are your vaccinations & immunizations up-to-date ? ____ YES ____ NO

Explanation:

EDUCATION/SCHOOL HISTORY

Did you go to Headstart, pre-k, kindergarten or nursery school ? _____ YES _____ NO

If so, where did you go ? _____

List all the schools that you have attended and the grades which you were in:

School Name	Grades Attended
1) _____	_____ to _____
2) _____	_____ to _____
3) _____	_____ to _____
4) _____	_____ to _____
5) _____	_____ to _____
6) _____	_____ to _____

Have you ever repeated or skipped any grades ? _____ If yes, list below any grades that you repeated or skipped and the number of times.

Grade	Repeated or Skipped	# of Times	Reason (grades, attendance, etc.)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Were you ever in special learning classes (G.A.T.E., etc.) or had an I.E.P. ? _____ YES _____ NO

Please give details:

What was the last grade that you successfully **completed** in school ? _____

Are you registered for home schooling ? _____ YES _____ NO

If yes, when was the last time you submitted a progress report ?

Are you still registered in another school ? _____ YES _____ NO

If yes, where are you registered ?

What month and year did you last attend school ? _____

Do you have any high school credits? _____ YES _____ NO If yes, How many? _____

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

Do you have a Birth Certificate? _____ YES _____ NO

Do you have a Maryland State ID, Learner's Permit, or Driver's License? _____ YES _____ NO

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ (optional until you are a registered student)

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Application

*** THIS NEEDS TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE STUDENT ONLY. ***

NAME _____ DATE _____

This is an application for enrollment to The Community School. The purpose of the questions is to help us determine if our school is best suited to your needs and desires. Please answer each question honestly - **how you feel**, *not* how you think we want you to feel. We ask that you take the time to answer each question fully. If the space provided is not enough, you can use the back of the page. **Please answer the questions yourself.** Although you may want to go over the questions with a friend or parent, we want *your* words, in *your* writing.

1) How did you hear about The Community School ? If any family members or friends have attended here, list their names.

2) Why do you want to come to this school ? What do you think that we have to offer over another high school ?

3) Did you have any problems in ...elementary school ? ...middle school ? ...high school ? Explain.

4) Did you have an attendance problem in school ? If so, why did you miss school ?

5) What subjects do you like the most ?

What subjects do you do the best in ?

What subjects do you need the most work on ?

6) Do you feel that you learn best with a class, in a small group, or one-on-one ?

7) What do you like the most about school ?

8) What do you like the least about school ?

9) Do you know what kind of career you would like to explore ? What interests do you have that are job related ?

10) What are your hobbies, other interests or things you like to do ?

11) Check off each of the following that is important to you:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning to read and write better | <input type="checkbox"/> Starting a family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving out of your house | <input type="checkbox"/> Going to college |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Getting a High School Diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> Getting a good trade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning more about the world | <input type="checkbox"/> Getting a job |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting new people | <input type="checkbox"/> Getting a drivers license |

List other things that are important to you that are not listed above.

12) Who do you turn to for encouragement about doing the right thing like going to school?

13) If there is anything else that you would like us to know when considering your application, then write it on the back or on another piece of paper.