



Union Academy is a tuition-free public school located in Monroe. The school was founded in 2000, and has an **18-year record of excellence**, now enrolling more than 1,900 students in grades kindergarten through 12.

Admission is determined through an annual lottery, and it is common to have at least 1,500 students on a waiting list for admission each year.

While our dedicated staff focuses on academic excellence, we also embrace the values of **Challenge, Character, and Community**. We believe along with a challenging academic program, character development and community involvement are essential for student success.



We Are Union Academy!

School Honors:

- **2016 National School of Character** (one of just 64 in the nation; school holds designation for five years)
- **2016 North Carolina School of Character** (one of just four schools in the state)
- **2016 & 2018 Charlotte Observer Regional Top 10 Workplace**
- **First charter school** in Union County; opened in 2000
- **2017 Enquirer Journal Reader's Choice Awards for best child care, elementary, middle, high school and nonprofit**
- Since 2015-16, **all first-grade students have received swimming instruction** through a partnership with the Monroe Fitness and Aquatics Center

Academic Achievement:

- Class of 2018 graduation rate: **99%**
- ACT scores **above national and state averages**
- 2016 SAT scores **43 points above U.S. average**
- Since 2014, advanced third- and fourth-grade students participated in **Serving Our Advanced through Rigor (SOAR) program**
- In 2016-17, developed partnership with South Piedmont Community College that allows juniors and seniors to **graduate with industry certifications** in welding, graphic design, criminal justice, and early childhood education
- Scholarship awards continue to grow: **Class of 2017** \$7,295,862; **Class of 2018** \$10,179,792

Superior Students:

- The Class of 2018 contributed **23,295 service hours** to the community over its four-year high school career
- Just in the 2017-18 school year, Union Academy students performed more than **40,000 community-service hours**
- The UA theatre department **earned a rating of "excellence"** at the North Carolina Theatre Conference
- **2017-18 NCHSAA 1A State Women's Soccer Champions**
- **2017-18 NCHSAA 1A Triple Jump State Champion**
- **2016-17 NCHSAA 1A State Golf Champion**
- **2016-17 conference champions** in men's soccer, baseball, men's golf, women's soccer and men's tennis
- **2018 Marching Band First Place Overall** in the East Rowan Mustang Classic

Community Connections:

- UA families commit to completing **at least 60 hours of volunteer time** each year
- In 2017-18, families and members of **the community raised \$265,000** at the annual auction – plus **another \$250,000** for the new building project
- 2017-18 was a record-setting year for our letter-writing campaign, brought **\$59,408**
- In the past two years, **\$18M** of new facilities have opened to allow all students K-12 to be on one campus.

