

> Our Mission

The mission of the Global Concepts Charter School is to provide a top-quality educational program where students achieve high academic results; are geared towards higher education and career opportunities; become responsible, caring family and community members; are highly knowledgeable of the multicultural world they are part of; and possess the qualities and problem solving skills to collaborate peacefully in the community and worldwide.

We will accomplish this mission through a truly innovative curriculum that combines: a standards-based core curriculum emphasizing global education (world geography, history, culture, and language) and earth science; a focus on character education in both our academic and fine arts components; accountability in a results-based delivery of instruction; and a strong emphasis on family and community involvement. Presented in an encouraging learning environment, the charter school's mission will guide our students to develop a lifelong love for learning.



> Curriculum

The Global Concepts Charter School offers a challenging curriculum based on meeting and exceeding the higher New York State Learning Standards. The curriculum is designed to provide a well-balanced program for children grades K-8 with a focus on three themes: Global Education, Character Education, and Family Education.

Students will study English Language Arts, a second language, Math-Science-Technology, Social Studies with a focus on Global Education and Career Education within the context of Family Education focusing on respect, responsibility, and caring, String Instrument Instruction, Physical Education, and Visual Arts. The student day is from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

The extended school day allows us to have a high "time on task" and helps promote strong student achievement. This is necessary in order to meet/exceed the New York State Learning Standards.

> Global Education

The curriculum at Global Concepts Charter School is integrated into a theme of global education. Each grade level studies a different continent. The special subject areas highlight learning and research from that continent. For example, if second grade is learning about South America (in addition to their local community and American studies) they will study South American geography, culture, and literature. The physical education and arts taught will have an emphasis on South American aspects. By the end of grade five, your child will be well versed in global geography, culture issues, and solution options. They will study weather, natural resources, flora and fauna from around the world, research world data banks such as UNESCO and other Internet sources, and be much better prepared for Global Studies and Earth Science when taking these subjects in high school.

> Parental Involvement

Critical to a child's success in education is family involvement. To this end, family interaction is initiated and nurtured by the school. Parents can expect many opportunities to be involved and to readily access information on their child's progress, not just at the time of a quarterly report card. Parents are represented on the Global Concepts Charter School Board of Trustees, the parent's communication council, and the PTA. In addition, there are parent portfolio reviews, parent in-service conferences, and many fun events to bring families and school together.

> Character Education

A child's character development is seen at Global Concepts Charter School as a priority in our overall program. Character education, centered on respect, responsibility, and caring for your fellow man, is taught in the curriculum, modeled by staff, and part of the family education component. In other words, we focus on working together with families to develop a positive character in all our children. Manners and protocol for different situations are taught in the lessons and practiced within the school, and with home-based activities. Service to the community is taught and practiced. Peaceful personal, family, community-wide, and global problem solving will be taught.

> Technology

Global Concepts Charter School offers children the latest in instructional/performance technology. The Internet is used for educational research. Additional software packages are several examples of the applications of technology. Finally, utilizing our Distance Learning Lab, students and teachers will be able to link worldwide to other classrooms and businesses.

> Dress Code

Global Concepts Charter School is committed to providing our students with an environment that is safe, nurturing, and promotes learning. Studies have shown that students who wear uniforms perform better academically and have safer schools. Our dress code for our students is a white or navy blue shirt with plain navy pants. Girls may also wear a navy skirt or jumper. A complete copy of the dress code is given to each parent when their child registers.

> Business/Community Partnership

Eventually business, community, and college-based partnerships will be involved with Global Concepts Charter School. These partners will support our curriculum by visiting our school and sharing their experiences, by supporting the program with financial donations (this in addition to the public tax dollars already allocated to our program), and by giving input into what expectations are found in the working world for student achievement and career preparation. We highly value and will nourish the partnerships as valuable school resources.

> Grants

Global Concepts Charter School ambitiously pursues state and federal grants and foundation resources for our program in a constant effort to bring the best in educational opportunities to our children and families.

> Grades and Visitation

After a careful review by the New York State Department of Education, Global Concepts Charter School's charter was renewed. In addition, GCCS was granted a request to expand to a K-8 facility. Therefore, by the 2009-2010 school year, GCCS will be a K-8 school. If interested in visiting our school, please call 821-1903 to set up an appointment. We look forward to seeing you.



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