

**Socrates Academy**  
**Quick Facts**  
**2010-2011**

- Honors School of Excellence 2009-2010
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- School of Distinction 2006-07 and 2007-08
- Charter granted March 2005: Effective 2005-2015
- Only Greek partial immersion school in North Carolina
- Partnership with UNCC and Wingate Professional Development Advanced Degrees for Staff
- Grades K-6: Enrollment 460
- Enrollment Grades K-6, 4 sections of Kindergarten, 4 Sections of Grade 1, 3 sections in Grades 2 - 6
- First year for middle school Grade 6: Expansion approved for middle school: January 2009 by North Carolina State Board of Educators (SBE) Grades K-8
- All teachers are licensed in NC and Associate Teachers highly qualified
- Greek Teachers educated in Greece and licensed by the Minister of Education in Greece
- Spanish and Chinese Languages added in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

**2010-11 Teacher/pupil ratios**

All classes cap at 20

Grades K-1: 20 students per class, Three teachers per 40 students, 1 Associate Teacher shared

Grades 2-5: 20 students, Six teachers per 60 students, Associate Teachers shared

Grades 6: Six teachers for core subjects, Associate Teachers shared

Grade 5 and 6: Part-time Spanish and Chinese teachers

Grade 6: Band and Chorus teachers

Grade 6: PE/Health Teacher

2 Exceptional Children Teachers

1 English as a Second Language Teacher (ESL)

1 Technology Teacher

Music, PE and Technology Specialists for 20 sessions per week of specials in Grades K-5

1 Media Coordinator

Part-Time Academically Intelligently Gifted Coordinator

**Testing**

- Student Oral Proficiency Assessment (SOPA) – assessed for language development in young learners: oral fluency, grammar/speaking, vocabulary/speaking, listening comprehension. The researchers from the University of Cologne in Germany, along with our teaching staff from Greece, have completed 3 years of SOPA testing with our students. The conclusions are that our partial immersion program has been implemented successfully. The Greek immersion program has engaged and instructed our students so that the students perform at age-adequate levels.
- Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS): 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades to Measure Growth and competencies in individual skill areas.
- EOGs: Reading and Math in Grades 3, 4, and 6; Reading, Math, Science in Grade 5
- Writing: Writing Assessment Process in Grade 4
- Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT): Given in Grades 2 and 4. Used in Academically Gifted Identification (AIG) Process at the end of Grade 2 (Newly enrolled students are given the tests when they enter the Academy).

- Gifted Rating Scale (GRS): Rated at end of Grades K and 1 for potential characteristics of giftedness
- Northwest Evaluation Assessment (NWEA) assesses skills in Grades K-6. The NWEA measures skill development K-12.

### **Curriculum**

- Core Subjects: Literary/Reading/Writing, Math/CAMMP/Singapore Math, Greek Language and Math, Science, Social Studies, Integrated Units
- Expanded Programs: Music, Physical Education, Art, Computer Skills, Library Skills, Study Skills, Character Development, Chess, Jr. Achievement, Larson Math, Rosetta Stone Language Program, Margarita Software for Greek Instruction, Study Island in Math, Language, and Science, Book Adventure, Advisory

### **Instructional Methods Used:**

- Bilingual/multicultural learning through immersion
- Socratic Method – inquiry-based learning, vertical-horizontal learning essential questioning
- CAMMP Math
- Emphasis on writing as well as reading
- Differentiated Instruction
- Integrated Units
- Child-centered instruction
- Project based learning
- Technology Tools used to engage and enhance teaching and learning

### **Traditions:**

- Matthews Alive Parade – Labor Day Weekend
- Family Fun Nights
- The Yiasou Festival
- Swing for Socrates – Spring Golf Tournament
- Winter Program and Performance
- Back-To-School Nights
- Lottery for New Students
- Cultural Arts/Learning Enrichment Field Trips
- Open Houses-Fall and Spring
- Spirit Week/Book Fair
- Greek Workers’ Day/Field Day
- Meet and Greet for New Students – Spring
- BBQ and Baklava – A Fall Event
- Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
- Volunteer Training
- Yuppi Camp in Greece for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip

### **Community Partnerships**

- UNCC
- Wingate University
- North Carolina State Board of Education
- North Carolina Office of Charter Schools
- North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

- Junior Achievement
- Microsoft
- Duke Energy
- Windstream
- Software ToolBox
- Spiro Hondros
- Showmars
- Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
- St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church
- Hellenic Park
- Image Church (Check Name)
- Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department
- Mecklenburg County Health Department
- Mecklenburg County Social Services
- Matthews Chamber of Commerce
- The Socrates Foundation
- Greek Minister of Education
- Greek Government
- Litaker Insurance Company
- Acadia NorthStar
- Paideia Study Aboard Program – Faculty and Students Travel to Greece
- AHEPA Greek Foundation
- Vandever-Batten Consultants

### **Board of Directors**

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## **Parent Involvement**

- PFI - Parent Faculty Involvement: Over 10,500 volunteers completed by our Socrates Academy Families in 2009-2010.
- Individual Fundraiser Management by PFI-Funds go directly to support classroom instructional needs
- Requesting 100% participation for our Capital Campaign Fund
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## **The Administration Team**

- Janis Dellinger-Holton, Principal
- Suzanne Fortune, Assistant Principal
- Patricia Couchell, Business Manager
- Lena Bakis, Office Manager

**Location and Mailing Address:**     **3909 Weddington Road**  
  **Matthews, NC 28105**

**School Office Hours:**               **7:30 am-4:00 pm daily**

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