

# CAN EDUCATION ALONE PROMOTE MOBILITY FOR CHILDREN OF GENERATIONAL POVERTY?

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SUGAR CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL – THE GREAT  
EXPERIMENT



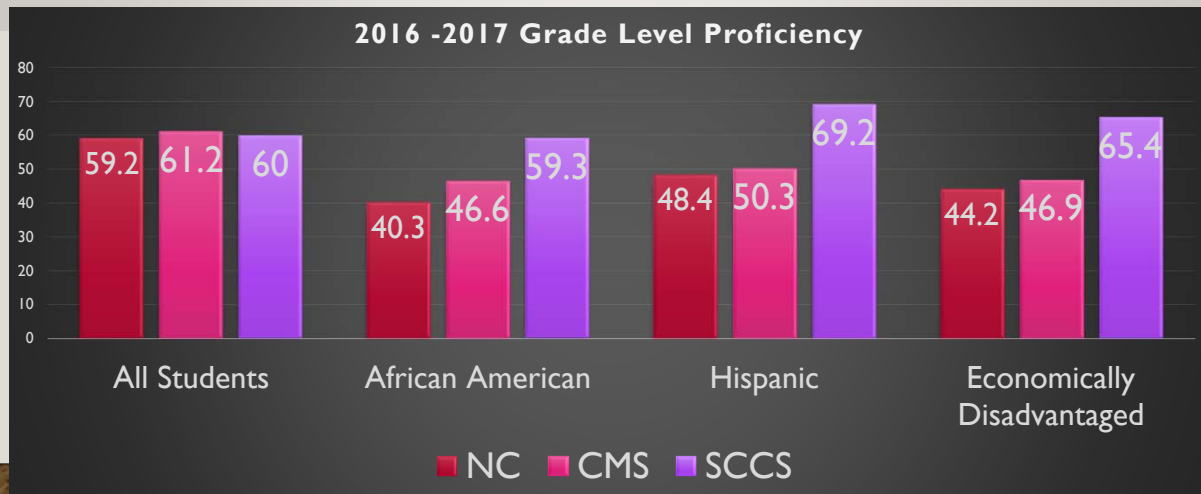
## SUGAR CREEK DEMOGRAPHICS

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- K-12 (2 campuses)
- 1606 students
- 100% ethnic minority
- 94% free/reduced lunch
- 25 buses covering most of Mecklenburg County

## PERFORMANCE DATA

• 2016 – 2017 Student Performance Comparison



## IMPORTANCE OF BEING MISSION DRIVEN

If you don't know where you're going any road will get you there.

## SCCS MISSION

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- The mission of Sugar Creek Charter School is to *eradicate generational poverty* by providing a college and career preparatory education from kindergarten to 12th grade. SCCS WILL address three critical areas leading towards college and career readiness of *low wealth students of color*. Sugar Creek is committed to the following *three pillars*:
  - *Academic preparation*
  - *High school/college/career readiness*
  - *Life skills for success*

### **ACADEMIC PREPARATION**

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Premier  
Academic  
experience K-12

Rigorous  
curriculum

Strong  
HS/College Prep  
foundation

Individualized to  
meet various  
needs

## ***HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE/CAREER:***

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Commitment to  
supporting school  
to workforce  
persistence

Individualized  
support for  
planned course of  
study

Long term alumni  
support

## ***LIFE SKILLS FOR SUCCESS:***

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Instruction in life  
skills and  
character  
attributes

Civic and  
community  
involvement

## K-12 CURRICULUM FOR LIFE SUCCESS

### K-8 CHARACTER EDUCATION

- 6 Full-time Character Ed teachers
- Course content is grade and developmentally appropriate
- Scope and Sequence includes:
- Character traits, basic social skills, conflict resolution, drug and alcohol prevention, global citizenship, advanced social skills, Framework for Understanding Poverty, Community Citizenship

### COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS (CCR) GRADES 8-12

- Currently 5 full-time counselors
- Course content grade appropriate
- Scope and Sequence includes:
- College and career exploration, college planning, financial literacy, ethical decision making, managing emotions and anger, employer expectations, resume writing, ACT Prep, college application preparation, digital citizenship

## 2018 INAUGURAL GRADUATING CLASS “FIRST IN FLIGHT”

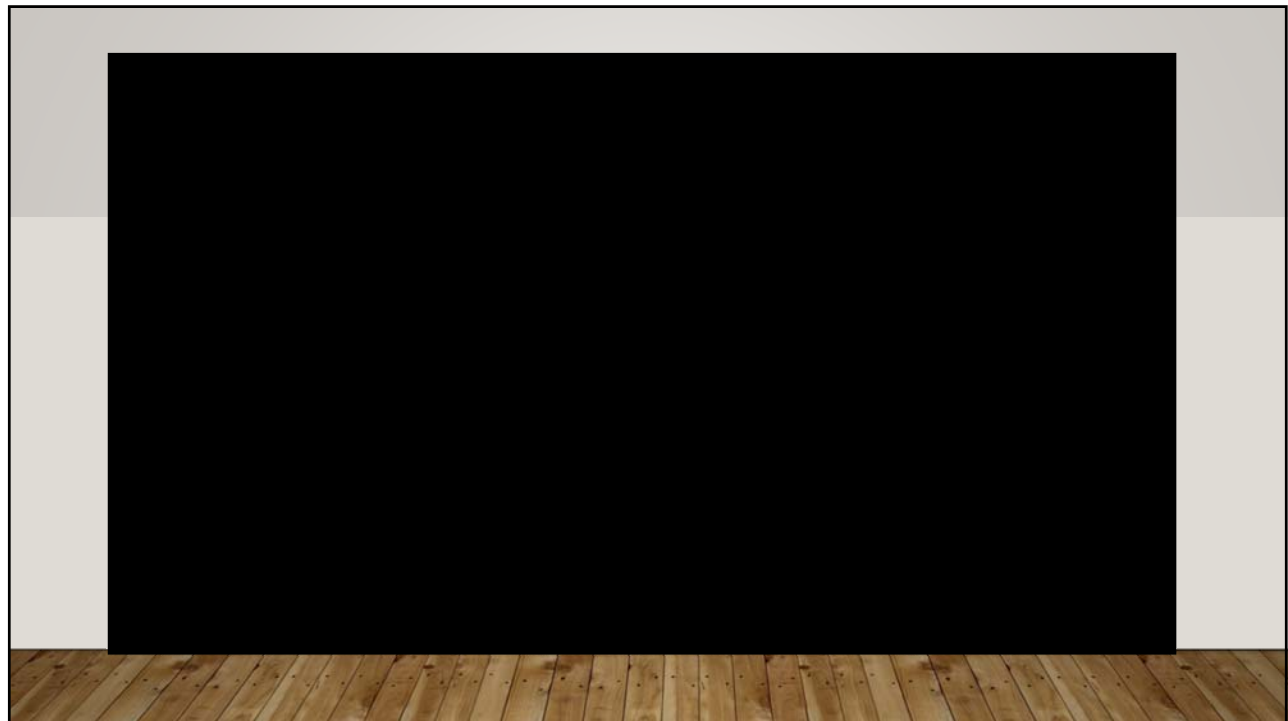
- 30 Students
- 100% accepted to 4 year colleges
- One student has already been accepted to 14
- 3 students admitted “early admission” to UNC Chapel Hill



## REFLECTING AND REFINING

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- Based on our promising outcomes so far, we believe that education, supported by a comprehensive plan that addresses the specific needs of students from generational poverty can be a strategy for promoting mobility for children from generational poverty.



## INVITATION

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- We'd love to have you come see for yourself. We can do tours at the K-8 as well as the high school.

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