

## *A tuition-free regional independent public school*

South Shore Charter Public School is a diverse community that challenges students academically. We prepare young adults for college by inspiring scholastic achievement and fostering life skills to help develop responsible citizens.



SSCPS is fully chartered by the Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is publicly funded. The school is governed by a fifteen member Board of Trustees (comprised of parents, community members and a student) that reports to the Department of Education.



Self governance is an important part of the SSCPS experience. Students are encouraged from an early age to be involved in decision-making in the school.

Each Level has its own "town meeting" and students serve on the School Council and Board of Trustees. Parents



have an Association that meets monthly to talk about school issues. At those meetings parent work together to collectively support the school.

SSCPS has been located in Assinippi Office Park in Norwell since 2004. This building has allowed the school to be in one location and to reach its full student capacity of 540.



### THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR 2012- 2013

1. Request an enrollment packet or download it from our website ([www.sscps.org/admissions](http://www.sscps.org/admissions)).
2. Visit one of the School's Open Houses or call to discuss the School's program.
3. Submit the application, birth certificate, current report card or transcript and parent letter (students in grades 7-12 also submit a resume).
4. When an application is complete, the candidate's name is entered into the Enrollment Lottery if there are more applicants than spaces in that grade. To be placed in the Lottery, an application must be received by February 8, 2012
5. The admission decision is communicated to the applicant by letter and phone call.
6. The applicant must inform the school by March 5 of his or her decision to enroll.

*Enrollment questions:*  
Call 781/982-4202 extension 103  
[www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org)

South Shore Charter Public School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, age ancestry, athletic performance, special need, proficiency in the English language or in a foreign language, or academic achievement in admitting students, nor does it set admission criteria that are intended to discriminate on any of these bases.

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

NORWELL, MASSACHUSETTS



*Inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, & life*

**Kindergarten to Grade 12**

# SSCPS focuses on academic excellence, service to self and others, and work that is fulfilling.

## Curriculum and Program of Studies

South Shore Charter Public School combines a traditional curriculum that is aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks with learning through Projects and Workshops. In Kindergarten through grades six, classes are multi-age and the Core Knowledge program is the foundation for the reading/language arts, history, science, and fine arts curricula.

In the multi-age setting the younger students are exposed and inspired by the older students and the older students are given opportunities to teach the younger students. Singapore Math, a program with proven international results, is the basis for the K-6 math curriculum and Spanish is offered in grades K-12. Beginning in Grade 7, students follow a college preparatory program. An academic plan is developed by the student, parent, & faculty advisor and is updated each year.

In the high school grades, SSCPS students continue on with the college preparatory program. The program is augmented by Workshops, after school clubs, college courses, and senior project. Students become involved in the community beyond the school walls and learn about the importance of teamwork, communication, service and organization.

At SSCPS we expect our students to be able to express and integrate their learning into the life of our community. Students at all grade levels are provided with opportunities to create, produce, and defend their work, collaborate in teams, and serve as student leaders. Projects/Workshops are year-long programs where students take a leadership role in their education. Students also perform "Exhibitions of Mastery", demonstrating their learning in front of their peers. In addition, each Level regularly holds "town meetings" led by student-elected leaders. These meetings give students a voice in the school and help them to become accomplished public speakers.



## Our Mission:

South Shore Charter Public School inspires students to achieve their potential in academics, career and life. This is accomplished with an innovative curriculum that addresses the learning styles of the individual student, complemented by a real-life experiential learning program within a community that encourages service, leadership and respect.



## The Charter School Difference

- A diverse and respectful community of students, staff and parents
- College preparatory curriculum
- Strong focus in the arts, music & environmental science
- Year-long "Projects and Workshops" incorporate entrepreneurship, the arts, communication, technology and community service K-12
- Multi-grade classrooms
- Spanish and physical education offered K-12
- Public speaking exhibitions twice a year
- Courses at area colleges required for graduation
- Community service requirements K-12
- 100% of graduates accepted to college
- Full-day kindergarten
- Interscholastic sports in soccer, cross country and basketball.
- After school YMCA program



*I enjoy the closeness with my teachers.*  
—9th grader

*I'm enjoying learning...now I feel I'm*



*doing well and I feel confident.*

—8th grader

*The Charter School cares just as much as I do about preparing my child for the future.*

—Parent



*SSCPS taught me how to use my voice in a positive way.*

—10th grader

*Each fall my kids look forward to coming back to school. There's not much more you can ask for.*

—Parent



*I have been able to get ready for college here.*

— 12th grader