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**Amid college enrollment crisis, Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy's
FAFSA completion soars, leading to ranking as Michigan's No. 1 small charter high school**

Brighton school ranked in 94th percentile of Michigan high schools by U.S. News and World Report

BRIGHTON, Mich. — [Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy](#), a [nationally ranked](#) Brighton-area public school academy, is defying the state and national dropping college enrollment rates with its exceedingly high FAFSA completions according to data released by [the office of Federal Student Aid](#). The significant increases, in part, have also led to [U.S. News and World Report](#) ranking **CSPA in the top 94% of Michigan high schools.**

CSPA increased its number of 2021 college applications, resulting in a [53% gain in FAFSA completions](#) since last year. The number contrasts with an [11.7% decrease in FAFSA completions](#) for non-Title 1 schools in Michigan and a national 13% decrease in freshman college enrollment, as found by the [National Student Clearinghouse](#).

“Within the District, we’re proud to have a strong focus on college preparation and readiness, including FAFSA and application support,” said Jessica Mocerri, CSA District interim executive director and CSA principal. “By expecting excellence and providing options ranging from multi-age and multi-discipline team taught courses, to freshman and sophomore AP courses, to International Baccalaureate, we develop young adults who have the adaptability and unique experiences to compete in elite colleges and the contemporary work world.”

CSPA also was named Michigan's No. 1 small charter high school with enrollment under 300 and the 69th best school in Michigan by [U.S. News and World Report](#). CSPA is a tuition-free option for students in Pre-K through 12th grade and maintains a [98% graduation rate](#).

“These accolades are really meaningful to us, and show us our individualized learning approach is really working, even in such a non-traditional year,” said Matthew Stewart, CSPA principal. “As students advance, they are gradually given more responsibility and choice in their work. Students are heavily supported and mentored, which helps them develop a high school plan and appreciate intellectual engagement.”

In the fall, the school will open its Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy Middle School, a newly constructed middle school facility featuring a collaborative instructional space to facilitate college preparatory learning. The new building will allow current and new middle school students, currently housed on the Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy campus with high school students, to move into their own building, allowing for additional space and renovations for both age groups.



The Charyl Stockwell Academy public school district is accepting 2021-22 enrollment applications for its top-performing elementary and secondary programs. For more information, visit www.csaschool.org.

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Charyl Stockwell Academy District's mission is to provide a safe and enriching place for children to grow from early childhood through adolescence, while providing those children with specific learning activities that allow each of them to meet and exceed academic requirements in preparation for success in college, career and life. The district is accepting enrollment applications for the 2021-22 school year. For more information, visit csaschool.org or call 810-632-2200.