

Pinnacle Classical Academy excels on state tests

For the fourth year in a row, Pinnacle Classical Academy's proficiency rate on required state tests exceeded that of all 115 of the state's K-12 local school districts, according to data released by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

72.7% of Pinnacle Classical Academy students attained a score of grade-level proficient on the end-of-grade and end-of-course tests in 2023-24 -- a rate much higher than the state average of 54.2%, and higher even than that of top-ranked district Chapel Hill-Carborro's 69.8%

Economically disadvantaged students at Pinnacle Classical Academy were much more likely to attain a proficient score than students across the state (65.5% vs. 40.9%), as were black students (65.9% vs. 37.9%) and Hispanic students (71.1% vs. 42.1%).

"Our students' success on state tests is a tribute to the hard work of our teachers and the phenomenal support of our parents," said Dr. Shelly Shope, the school's headmaster. "Our motto is 'Dare To Soar,' and these results show that students of different ages and backgrounds soar at Pinnacle."

Located in Shelby, Pinnacle Classical Academy is a tuition-free K-12 public charter school. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Pinnacle Classical Academy among the top elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools in the nation.