



Crossroads Charter Schools

2026-2027 12-Month Academic Compensation Philosophy

At Crossroads Charter Schools, we pride ourselves on the talent of our team members and believe in fair pay based on several factors, including external market data, education, and skills. Our compensation philosophy is based on a total rewards strategy where multiple factors make up your total rewards package. We believe each of the following components play a part in making Crossroads a rewarding place to work.

Base Compensation | Additional Pay Opportunities | Stipend Pay Opportunities | Comprehensive Benefits Package | Wellness Program | Paid Time Off | Culture

We strive to be a competitive employer of choice that attracts and retains top talent in our market who have a voice in our specialized programming and use creativity in the academic environment to advance our mission, vision and core values.

Our Mission

Crossroads Charter Schools prepare and inspire students to build a better tomorrow by providing an academically rigorous K-12 education in a creative, collaborative, community-focused environment.

Our Vision

Crossroads Charter Schools will be the premier school system in Kansas City and a destination for other educators seeking inspiration and best practices. Graduates of Crossroads Charter Schools will be scholarly, culturally literate and service-oriented individuals who will pursue their dreams relentlessly and have a positive impact on their family, their community and the world.

Core Values

High Expectations | Real World Learning | Creative Culture | Belonging

Base Compensation 12-Month Academic Model

Our 12-Month Staff Model of compensation is a salary schedule with steps assigned to each position based on their internal equity and external market factors. Movement and placement of an employee on the salary schedule is reviewed by the compensation committee and based on several factors including, but not limited to, experience, skills, individual performance, market value of the position, advancement in education level that adds value to the position, and increased job duties or responsibilities. Having or obtaining a Doctorate or Specialist degree will result in one additional step increase for the initial placement on the salary scale. Salary changes are implemented at the beginning of each fiscal year. Staff will be notified of their specific increase in advance of the effective date.

Staff members that anticipate receiving an advanced degree by September 30th which may impact their placement on the salary scale; must notify Human Resources by May 1st and provide an official transcript showing the degree conferred or the new degree must be listed on the DESE website. Salaries ranges will remain the same for future years unless notified of a different salary range.

Longevity Incentive

Longevity incentive is awarded as staff begins the school year corresponding to the level below (e.g., the \$1,000 additional pay is awarded to staff who are starting their 3rd school year with CCS).

3 Years = \$1,000 | 4-7 Years = \$2,000 | 8-10 Years = \$3,000 | 11+ Years = \$4,000

12 Month Academic Scale				
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Step	Dean	Principal	Principal	Director
0	\$74,000	\$82,500	\$90,000	\$92,000
1	\$75,500	\$84,000	\$91,500	\$93,500
2	\$77,000	\$85,500	\$93,000	\$95,000
3	\$78,500	\$87,000	\$94,500	\$96,500
4	\$80,000	\$88,500	\$96,000	\$98,000
5	\$81,500	\$90,000	\$97,500	\$99,500
6	\$83,000	\$91,500	\$99,000	\$101,000
7	\$84,500	\$93,000	\$100,500	\$102,500
8	\$86,000	\$94,500	\$102,000	\$104,000
9	\$87,500	\$96,000	\$103,500	\$105,500
10	\$89,000	\$97,500	\$105,000	\$107,000
11	\$90,500	\$99,000	\$106,500	\$108,500
12	\$92,000	\$100,500	\$108,000	\$110,000
13	\$93,500	\$102,000	\$109,500	\$111,500
14	\$95,000	\$103,500	\$111,000	\$113,000
15	\$96,500	\$105,000	\$112,500	\$114,500
16	\$98,000	\$106,500	\$114,000	\$116,000
17	\$99,500	\$108,000	\$115,500	\$117,500
18	\$101,000	\$109,500	\$117,000	\$119,000
19	\$102,500	\$111,000	\$118,500	\$120,500
20	\$104,000	\$112,500	\$120,000	\$122,000
21	\$105,500	\$114,000	\$121,500	\$123,500
22	\$107,000	\$115,500	\$123,000	\$125,000
23	\$108,500	\$117,000	\$124,500	\$126,500
24	\$110,000	\$118,500	\$126,000	\$128,000

Secondary Principal and Secondary Assistant Principal base pay begins at step 5. Anyone that would have a next step higher than step 24, they will continue on step 24 and will receive a \$500 stipend.

Comprehensive Benefits Package

Crossroads Charter Schools is pleased to offer a competitive benefits package for our full-time employees working at least 30 hours per week.

Crossroads Annual
Contribution

Medical Crossroads offers you the opportunity to enroll in one of four different medical plan options. You may choose the option that works best for you and your family: ▪ Spira Care Plan HSA or Spira Care EPO ▪ High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with HSA ▪ Traditional PPO Health Plan We provide coverage for our eligible employees in the Spira Care Plan at no cost to you. The HDHP with HSA and the Traditional PPO Health Plan are available on a cost-sharing basis between you and the school. The school's contribution towards the HDHP and PPO plans will match the amount of the Spira care premium. You may choose to pay the premium to add your eligible dependents.	~\$6,900
Dental Crossroads also offers you the opportunity to enroll in a comprehensive dental plan at no cost to you and you may choose to pay the premium for coverage on your eligible dependents.	\$370
Vision Crossroads also offers you the opportunity to enroll in a comprehensive vision plan at no cost to you. You may choose to pay the premium for coverage on your eligible dependents.	\$90
Health Savings Account (HSA) If you enroll in the HDHP, the school will also contribute up to \$500 to use toward your out of pocket medical, dental and vision expenses. You can choose to contribute additional pre-tax funds to this account up to the IRS maximum each year.	\$500
Flexible Spending Account (FSA) You also may voluntarily choose to enroll in the Flexible Spending Account where you can set pre-tax funds to pay for medical, dental and vision expenses. If you enroll in the HDHP, you can only use FSA money for eligible dental and vision expenses.	
Basic Life Insurance and Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D)* We provide basic life insurance and AD&D in an amount equal to your annual salary rounded to the next \$1,000 up to \$85,000 at no cost to you. You also have the option to purchase up to an additional \$500,000 for yourself or your spouse and \$10,000 per eligible child.	~\$130
Short-Term Disability You may voluntarily choose to purchase short-term disability insurance which pays a portion of your salary in the event of an injury that prevents you from working or an illness that causes you to miss more than 7 days of work.	
Long Term Disability* As an eligible employee, Crossroads provides you long-term insurance to pay a portion of your salary in the event of an accident or injury that prevents you from working for more than 90 calendar days.	~\$150
Supplemental Voluntary Retirement Crossroads offers you the opportunity to participate in a 403(b) Retirement Savings Plan – Help put your future on the path toward financial security by enrolling!	
Retirement* All employees who work a minimum of 25 hours a week must become members of the Retirement System as a condition of employment. Your contributions will be the percentage imposed on the school by the state. Crossroads Charter Schools makes contributions to the general reserve account to pay benefits.	~\$10,150
*Basic Life/AD&D, LTD and Retirement estimates based on average salary of a Crossroads employee. Overall chart and values based on the average value per employee. There may be differences based on options elected. These costs are based on the 24/25 school year.	~\$18,209

Paid Time Off

Crossroads Charter Schools also prides itself on the high-quality educational opportunities for our students. This standard of programming requires more days per contract year and more hours per day than a typical school in our area. We take this extra time and dedication into account when offering opportunities for time off.

12-Month Academic employees are offered the following time off as part of their Total Compensation Package:

12 Month Staff		
Category	Amount	Avg Value Per 12-mo Staff
Personal Time	66 Hours	\$2,389
Sick Time	66 Hours	\$2,389
Holidays	81 Hours	\$2,932
Vacation Time	135 hours	\$4,886
Total	348 hours	\$13,139

*Dollar amounts based on average salary per hour (8.5 hours per day for a total of 2,210 hours)

Culture

We believe that a work environment is just as important as compensation and benefits. We strive to provide an environment where you can thrive by providing you opportunities to participate in your own growth and development. You not only have a voice in our specialized programming, but your voice is also an integral part of our overall performance model when setting goals and delivering high quality education to students in a way that makes an impact.

Since the work environment is impacted by the relationships with those around you, we're also proud to offer a Culture Committee that hosts voluntary activities throughout the year, such as game nights. The school also celebrates our hard-working staff with various appreciation events including a holiday party and staff breakfasts.

We hope that you will help add value to the culture of Crossroads when you join our team.

Updating the Plan

Salary scales will remain the same for future years unless notified with a different scale. Based on the budget, you may continue to move through the plan with your additional years of experience and education. Once you get to the maximum step; you will remain at that step. The most current plan will be posted online.

Employee Handbook

Details on other policies, benefits and time off such as bereavement and jury duty can be found in the Employee Handbook. Please note this document does not supersede the Employee Handbook which outlines many policies and procedures for the school.