

## Section 6. Education

### Higher Education in the Union County Area

Institution	Locations	State	Students	Faculty	Type
Belmont Abbey College	Belmont	NC	1,638	72	C
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences	Concord	NC	420	27	
Carolinas College of Health Sciences	Charlotte	NC	506	23	V
Central Piedmont Community College	Charlotte, Matthews, Huntersville	NC	20,227	343	CC
Davidson College	Davidson	NC	1,743	166	C
Gaston College	Dallas, Lincolnton	NC	6,507	161	CC
ITT Technical Institute	Charlotte	NC	333	14	T
Johnson & Wales University	Charlotte	NC	2,452	88	U
Johnson C. Smith University	Charlotte	NC	1,466	94	U
King's College	Charlotte	NC	648	10	V
Pfeiffer University	Misenheimer, Charlotte	NC	2,015	81	U
Queens University of Charlotte	Charlotte	NC	2,113	119	U
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College	Concord, Salisbury	NC	7,330	157	CC
South Piedmont Community College	Monroe, Polkton, Wadesboro	NC	2,736	86	CC
UNC at Charlotte	Charlotte	NC	25,144	949	U
University of Phoenix - Charlotte Campus	Charlotte	NC	1,026	18	U
Wake Forest University at Charlotte	Charlotte	NC	180	n/a	U
Wingate University	Wingate	NC	2,163	120	U
Winthrop University	Rock Hill	SC	6,241	294	U
York Technical College	Rock Hill	SC	6,034	122	T
Type Code: U – University; C - Four-Year College; T - Technical Institute; V - Vocational School; CC - Community College					

Source: Charlotte Regional Partnership 2007, verified November 2009.

## Union County Colleges and Universities

### Wingate University

P.O. Box 159  
Wingate, North Carolina 28174  
1-800-755-5550

The mission of Wingate University is to develop educated, ethical, and productive citizens at home and abroad. Following its Judeo-Christian heritage, the University seeks to cultivate the following in its students: Knowledge, Faith, and Service.



#### To promote knowledge, the University seeks to:

- Provide programs of undergraduate, graduate, and professional study
- Provide a faculty committed to teaching and learning
- Require a core curriculum designed to develop:
  - aesthetic, cultural, and literary appreciation
  - analytical and problem-solving abilities
  - critical thinking
  - effective communication
  - integrated perspectives on civilization, the individual, and the social group
  - physical wellness
- Offer majors appropriate to the University's student population and resources that further develop students' knowledge and skills in focused areas
- Create opportunities for international study and travel
- Provide opportunities to explore and develop academic, career, and personal goals
- Encourage participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities

#### To nurture faith, the University seeks to:

- Sustain a community where the bases of faith are explored and where there is a search for truth and meaning
- Articulate the ideal of integrity in all relationships
- Encourage ethical application of knowledge informed by Judeo-Christian principles
- Create and support opportunities for worship and faith development
- Attract scholars for whom Judeo-Christian values and practice are important aspects of living

#### To encourage service, the University seeks to:

- Emphasize the importance of service to God and humanity
- Facilitate opportunities to volunteer time, knowledge, and labor beyond the campus community
- Sponsor organizations that coordinate service opportunities and foster leadership and teamwork

Founded in 1896, Wingate University is a private, four-year comprehensive institution offering 40 undergraduate majors in arts and sciences, business, education, fine arts, music and sport sciences. Students also can earn a Doctor of Pharmacy degree, Doctor of Education degree, masters degrees in education, business and physician assistant studies, or pursue pre-professional programs in pharmacy, veterinary science, medicine, law, ministry and more.

For adults, Wingate University offers convenient evening programs in Matthews to help them complete their bachelor's degree or earn a master's degree in business or education.



The ideal size of Wingate University (2,373 students) provides a supportive environment with small classes and personal attention from professors who know their students by name. A majority of students live on campus in dorms and fully-equipped apartments which add to the community atmosphere. Wingate brings education to life as students explore their faith and serve the community through 42 student-run clubs and organizations.

Students also gain real life experience through internship opportunities and research partnerships. Many upperclassmen take advantage of study-abroad programs at little additional cost.

Athletics is also an important part of the Wingate experience. One third of Wingate students compete in 17 NCAA Division II intercollegiate sports and even more participate in an extensive intramural program.

Finally, Wingate University believes that no student should be denied an education because of expenses. To bring the Wingate experience within a family's budget, the university awards scholarships based on academic merit, athletics, music, church and community involvement. Scholarships for transfer students are also available as well as a variety of federal grants and loans.

- Total of 2,373 students
- 4-year residency required (1 of only 3 residential colleges/universities in N.C.)
- Private, co-educational
- Bachelor's degrees – Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Liberal Studies
- 32 undergraduate majors. Most popular: pre-pharmacy, business management, communication studies, elementary education, sport management, athletic training
- 37 minors & 6 pre-professional programs
- Master's degrees - Business, Education, Physical Education, Sport Administration, Physician Assistant Studies, Accounting
- Doctorate degrees - Pharmacy, Education
- Average weighted high school GPA: 3.61
- Average range for SAT scores (on 2400 scale) 1350-1650
- 46% of Wingate freshmen are in the top quarter of their high school class
- 65% of Wingate students travel internationally with costs offset by the university
- Student to faculty ratio: 14:1

## **Athletics**

- 19 NCAA Division II teams
- Men's sports: baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, swimming & diving, track and field (2011)
- Women's teams: basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, volleyball, track and field (2011)

## **Locations**

- Main campus (400 acres): 220 N. Camden Street, Wingate, N.C.; 30 miles southeast of Charlotte, N.C.
- Wingate University Matthews Campus: 110 Matthews Station St., Matthews, N.C.
- Wingate University Hendersonville Campus: 220 Fifth Avenue East, Hendersonville, N.C.

Source: [www.wingate.edu](http://www.wingate.edu)



South Piedmont Community College is located in one of the top five fastest-growing regions in the United States. Just 30 minutes from downtown Charlotte, SPCC offers traditional and unique courses and programs for Union and Anson counties. SPCC is learner focused and is dedicated to the success of all of our students, both the young and the young at heart. Being learner focused provides all students the opportunity to excel and achieve their goals. With that focus, SPCC wants you to "Start here...Go anywhere!"

South Piedmont Community College offers credit and non-credit at three college-owned facilities and at dozens of off-campus sites across Anson and Union counties. The college is approved by the North Carolina Community College System and operates under the State Board of Community Colleges as specified in Chapter 115D of the North Carolina General Statutes. South Piedmont offers more than 30 different credit programs. The college is a member of the American Association of Community Colleges.

#### **Old Charlotte Highway Campus, Monroe**

The campus is located at 4209 Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe, near the geographic center of Union County. Credit, non-credit and Adult Basic Skills classes are offered. The campus is also home to the Conference Center at South Piedmont, a multipurpose facility that seats up to 500.

4209 Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe, NC 28110  
Phone: 704-290-5100  
Fax: 704-290-5250

#### **L.L. Polk Campus, Polkton**

The campus is located at 680 Highway 74 West, Polkton. Credit classes are offered on the Polk Campus as well as a limited number of non-credit and Adult Basic Skills classes.

Post Office Box 126, Polkton, NC 28135  
Phone: 704-272-5300  
Fax: 704-272-5350

#### **The Lockhart-Taylor Center, Wadesboro**

Non-credit classes and Adult Basic Skills classes are offered at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, which is named for former Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor, his wife, Elizabeth Lockhart Taylor, and their families. The Ingram Community Room, named for Charles N. and Mary Alice Caudle Ingram, is located at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. The multipurpose room seats up to 500.

514 North Washington Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170  
Phone: 704-272-5300  
Fax: 704-272-5475

### South Piedmont Community College Accreditation

South Piedmont Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Ga. 30033-4097, 404-679-4501) to award the associate degree.

<b>SPCC 2011 Critical Factors Summary (based on 2009-10 results)</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>2011 Results</b>
Progress of Basic Skills	75%	93%
Passing Rates of Licensure and Certification Exams		
... Nursing	80%	92%
... EMT	80%	85%
... BLET	80%	83%
... Combined	70%	85%
Performance of College Transfer Students		
... 24 Hour Students	86.30%	87.50%
... Associate Degree Students	89.90%	100%
Passing Rates of Students in Development Courses	75%	77%
Success Rates of Developmental Students in Subsequent College Level Courses	80%	84%
Satisfaction of Program Completers and Non-Completers	90%	90%

Source: [www.spcc.edu](http://www.spcc.edu)



## Public Schools - Education For All Ages

When it comes to educating children, every choice is important - but those choices are perhaps most important when a family is new to a community. Consequently, newcomers to Union County are likely to put great thought and effort into determining the most appropriate school to send a child to. Union County is fortunate to have a well-respected public school system, quality private and charter schools, and two post-high school facilities.

The Union County Public School system, sixth largest in the state, provides educational services to more than 39,900 students in grade levels kindergarten through twelfth grade across 53 fully accredited schools. Academic, occupation, technical and pupil support programs are offered through specific curriculums designed to meet needs and interests of students.

Demand for public education continues to increase dramatically each year. An average of 1,400 new students increases the system's population each year, making it the fastest growing system in the Charlotte region and the second highest in North Carolina.

Union County voters passed a \$100 million bond issue in May 2004 to approve building four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school.

Special schools and programs are available for students with special needs. The system currently has five year-round schools – East, Benton Heights and Shiloh and Walter Bickett Elementary Schools and Monroe Middle School, which offer an optional calendar to students.

Thirty schools serve students in grades K-5. The average teacher to pupil ratio in elementary and secondary schools is one to twenty two. In addition, approximately 300 teacher assistants support instruction in elementary schools. Parent volunteers, tutors and after-school programs also support the instructional program.

At the middle school level, nine schools offer a balanced curriculum for grades six through eight. A core program of language arts, science, social studies and math is enriched with physical education, computer classes and vocational studies.

Eleven high schools and three special schools, provide comprehensive education for students in grades nine through twelve. Students choose among four courses of study – career prep, college/university prep, college tech prep, or occupational study.

The Central Academy of Technology and Arts (opened as of school year 2005-06) consists of six academies, each concentrating on a sector of regional labor market needs. These sectors include medical science, information technology, construction, manufacturing systems and engineering technology and transportation, formerly known as automobile mechanics. The CATA curriculum focuses on dance and drama. The curriculum is designed to technically prepare students for immediate employment or further education at a post-high school institution.

Honors and advance placement courses are offered at each high school, giving students the opportunity to earn college credits during their high school years. Union County Public Schools and South Piedmont Community College have partnered to offer a variety of dual enrollment opportunities for students who are prepared to work at the college level while still in high school.

Union County Public Schools and South Piedmont Community College also collaborate with the non-profit *JobReady Partnership* to provide two-year scholarships to 60 graduating students each year. New Century Scholars targets seventh grade students, challenging them to be upright students and citizens while providing them with one-on-one mentoring throughout their middle and high school years. Upon graduation, students receive two-year scholarships to South Piedmont.

*Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce.*

### Union County Public School Statistics

<b>Number of Schools</b> .....	<b>53</b>
Elementary.....	30
Middle.....	9
High (includes Early College, CATA).....	11
Special (includes Wolfe, So Providence, WBEC).....	3
<b>Enrollment</b> .....	<b>39,900</b>
Elementary.....	19,422
Middle.....	9,104
High School.....	11,374
<b>Employees</b> .....	<b>5,146</b>
Educational Staff .....	2,834
Support Staff.....	2,312
<b>Number of 2010 High School Graduates</b> .....	<b>2,170</b>
<b>2009-2010 Graduation Rate</b> .....	<b>84.2%</b>
Percentage of Graduates Who plan to Attend College.....	86.0%
Four-Year Colleges.....	64%
Two Year Colleges.....	35%
<b>2010 Scholarships</b> .....	<b>\$48.5 million</b>
<b>2009-2010 Dropout Rate (grades 7-12)</b> .....	<b>2.0%</b>
<b>School Buses Operated</b> .....	<b>328</b>

Source: Union County Public Schools, April 2011. [www.ucps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us)



## Public Schools in Union County

School	Address	City, Zip	School Type/Calendar	Grade Range
<a href="#">Antioch Elementary</a>	3101 Antioch Church Road	Matthews , 28104	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Benton Heights Elementary</a>	1200 Concord Ave	Monroe , 28110 2980	Regular School, Year-Round Calendar	PK-5
<a href="#">Central Academy of Technology</a>	600 Brewer Dr	Monroe , 28112 6110	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	09-12
<a href="#">Cuthbertson High</a>	1400 Cuthbertson Rd	Waxhaw , 28173	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	09-12
<a href="#">Cuthbertson Middle</a>	1520 Cuthbertson Rd	Waxhaw , 28173	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	06-8
<a href="#">East Elementary</a>	515 Elizabeth Ave	Monroe , 28112 5018	Regular School, Year-Round Calendar	PK-5
<a href="#">East Union Middle</a>	6010 W Marshville Blvd	Marshville , 28103 0666	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	06-8
<a href="#">Fairview Elementary</a>	110 Clontz Road	Monroe , 28110	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Forest Hills High</a>	100 Forest Hills School Rd	Marshville , 28103 0648	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	09-12
<a href="#">Hemby Bridge Elementary</a>	6701 Indian Trl-Fairview Rd	Indian Trail , 28079 9526	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Indian Trail Elementary</a>	200 Education Rd	Indian Trail , 28079	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Kensington Elementary</a>	8701 Kensington Drive	Waxhaw , 28173	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Marshville Elementary</a>	515 North Elm Street	Marshville , 28103	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	PK-5
<a href="#">Marvin Elementary</a>	9700 Marvin School Rd	Marvin , 28173	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Marvin Ridge High</a>	2825 Crane Road	Waxhaw , 28173	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	09-12
<a href="#">Marvin Ridge Middle</a>	2831 Crane Road	Waxhaw , 28173	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	06-8
<a href="#">Monroe High</a>	1 High School Dr	Monroe , 28112 5158	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	09-12
<a href="#">Monroe Middle</a>	601 E Sunset Drive	Monroe , 28112 5864	Regular School, Year-Round Calendar	06-8
<a href="#">New Salem Elementary</a>	6106 Hwy 205	Marshville , 28103 9802	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">New Town Elementary</a>	1100 Waxhaw-Indian Tr. Rd.	Waxhaw , 28173	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Parkwood High</a>	3220 Parkwood School Rd	Monroe , 28112 7540	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	09-12
<a href="#">Parkwood Middle</a>	3219 Parkwood School Rd	Monroe , 28112 7540	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	06-8
<a href="#">Piedmont High</a>	3006 Sikes Mill Road	Monroe , 28110	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	09-12
<a href="#">Piedmont Middle</a>	2816 Sikes Mill Rd	Monroe , 28110 9780	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	06-8
<a href="#">Poplin Elementary</a>	5627 Poplin Rd	Indian Trail , 28079	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Porter Ridge Elementary</a>	2843 Ridge Road	Indian Trail , 28079	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Porter Ridge High School</a>	2839 Ridge Road	Indian Trail , 28079	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	09-12
<a href="#">Porter Ridge Middle School</a>	2827 Ridge Road	Indian Trail , 28079	Regular School, Traditional	06-8



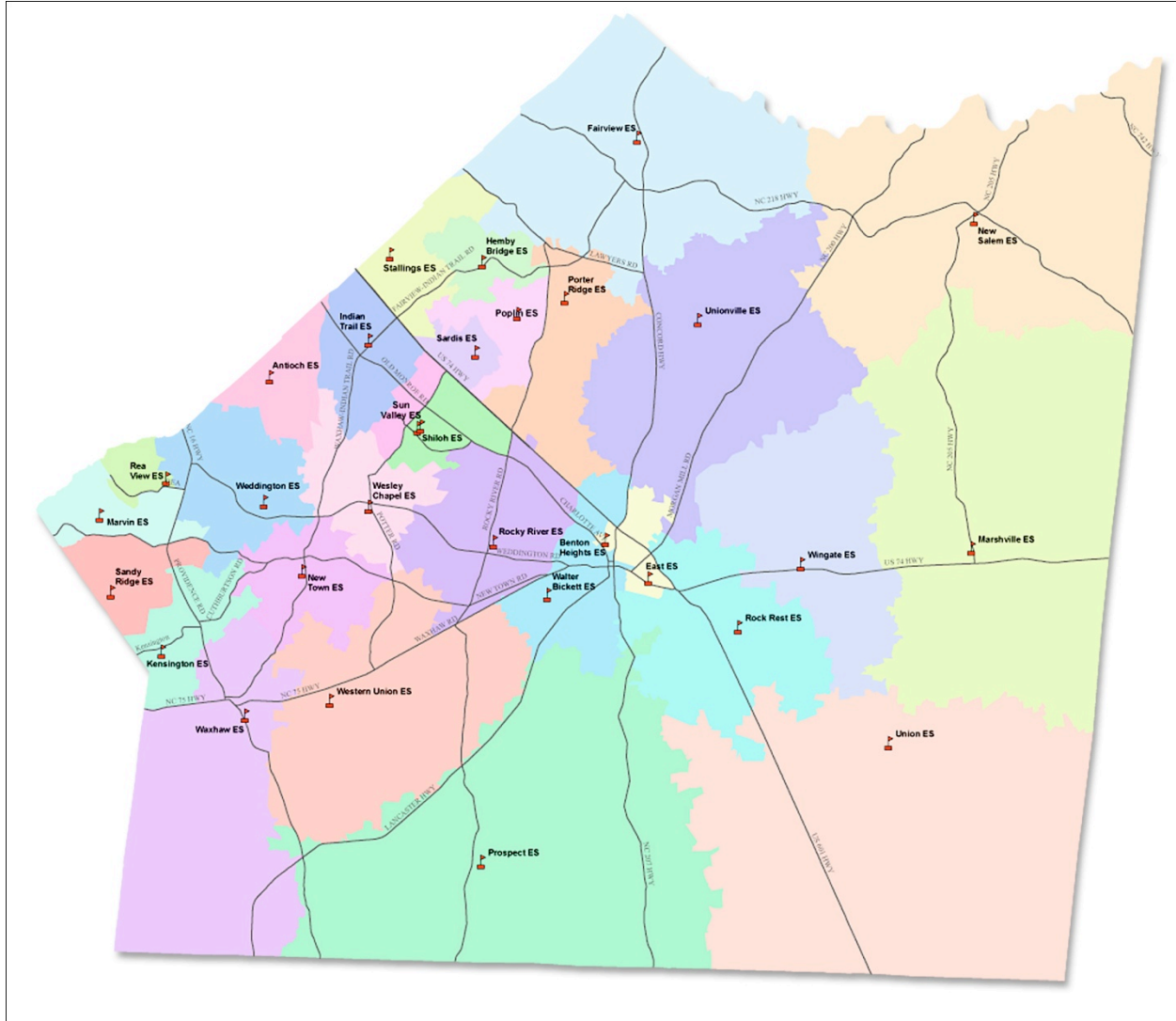
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			Calendar	
<a href="#">Prospect Elementary</a>	3005 Ruben Rd	Monroe , 28112 8039	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Rea View Elementary</a>	320 Reid Dairy Road	Waxhaw , 28173	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Rock Rest Elementary</a>	814 Old Pageland-Monroe Rd	Monroe , 28112	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	PK-5
<a href="#">Rocky River Elementary</a>	500 N. Rocky River Road	Monroe , 28110	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	PK-5
<a href="#">Sandy Ridge Elementary</a>	10101 Waxhaw Manor Drive	Waxhaw , 28173	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Sardis Elementary</a>	4416 Sardis Church Road	Monroe , 28110	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Shiloh Elementary</a>	5210 Rogers Rd	Monroe , 28110 7362	Regular School, Year-Round Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">South Providence</a>	500 South Providence Street	Waxhaw , 28173	Alternative Education, Traditional Calendar	06-12
<a href="#">Stallings Elementary</a>	3501 Stallings Rd	Stallings , 28104	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Sun Valley Elementary</a>	5200 Rogers Rd	Monroe , 28110	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Sun Valley High</a>	5211 Old Charlotte Hwy	Monroe , 28110 7343	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	09-12
<a href="#">Sun Valley Middle</a>	1409 Wesley Chapel Rd	Indian Trail , 28079	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	06-8
<a href="#">Union County Early College</a>	4209A Old Charlotte Hwy	Monroe , 28110	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	09-13
<a href="#">Union Elementary</a>	5320 White Store Rd	Wingate , 28174	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	PK-5
<a href="#">Unionville Elementary</a>	4511 Unionville Rd	Monroe , 28110 7425	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Walter Bickett Education Center</a>	830 South ML King Blvd	Monroe , 28112 5959	Regular School, Year-Round Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Waxhaw Elementary</a>	1101 Old Providence Rd	Waxhaw , 28173 7900	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Weddington Elementary</a>	3927 Twelve Mile Creek Road	Matthews , 28104	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Weddington High</a>	4901 Monroe-Weddington Road	Matthews , 28104	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	09-12
<a href="#">Weddington Middle</a>	5903 Deal Road	Matthews , 28104	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	06-8
<a href="#">Wesley Chapel Elementary</a>	110 Potter Rd S	Monroe , 28110 9551	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Western Union Elementary</a>	4111 Western Union Sch Rd	Waxhaw , 28173 9211	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	0K-5
<a href="#">Wingate Elementary</a>	301 Bivens Street	Wingate , 28174	Regular School, Traditional Calendar	PK-5
<b>Union County Charter Schools</b>				
<a href="#">Union Academy</a>	675 N. M.L. King Jr. Blvd.	Monroe , 28110	Regular School, Year-Round Calendar	0K-12

Source: NCRreportCards.org, 2011

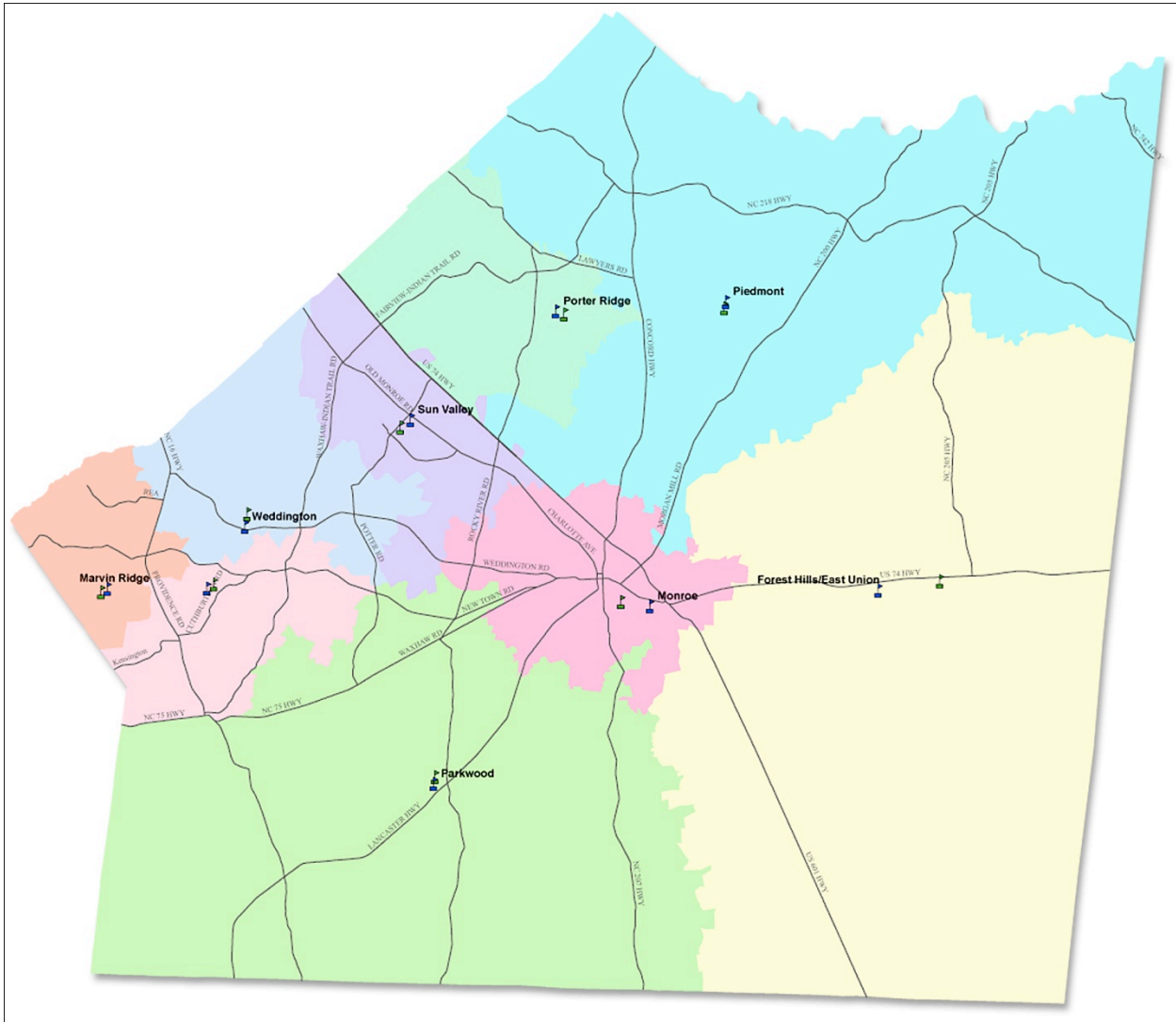


### Union County Elementary School Locations





### Union County Secondary School Locations



## Union County Private Schools

In addition to the public school system, Union County is home to seven private schools and one charter school. Union Academy opened as the County's first charter school in 2000. Serving 600 students in grades K- 8, Union Academy has just opened its middle and high schools facility. One grade and 75 students are added each year until the school offers grades K-12. Union Academy features low student-teacher ratios, character education and a basics-oriented program.

### Private School Contact Information

**Fellowship Christian School**

902 Rocky River Rd. S.  
Monroe, NC 28112  
704-282-4980  
[fellowshipschool@aol.com](mailto:fellowshipschool@aol.com)

**Metrolina Christian Academy**

732 Fairview-Indian Trail Rd.  
Indian-Trail, NC 28079  
704-882-3375  
[www.metrolinachristian.org](http://www.metrolinachristian.org)

**First Assembly Christian School**

2500 Arnold Dr.  
Monroe, NC 28110  
704-283-2739  
[www.firstassemblymonroe.org](http://www.firstassemblymonroe.org)

**Sunset Park Christian School**

309 Clara Ave.  
Monroe, NC 28110  
704-283-2414

**Central Academy at Lake Park**

3624 Lake Park Rd.  
Indian Trail, NC 28079  
704-882-6267  
[www.centralacademyatlakepark.org](http://www.centralacademyatlakepark.org)

**Tabernacle Christian School**

2900 Walkup Ave.  
Monroe, NC 28110  
704-283-4395  
[www.tcsmonroe.com](http://www.tcsmonroe.com)

**Merit Academy**

200 S. Indian Trail Road  
Indian Trail, NC 28079  
704-821-8618  
[www.meritacademy.com](http://www.meritacademy.com)

*Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce*