



# Claire Ryu

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<b>Grade</b>	Junior
<b>School</b>	Ardrey Kell High School
<b>ES/MS</b>	Ballantyne Elementary and Community House Middle School
<b>Favorite place in Charlotte</b>	South County Regional Library
<b>When not at school, am</b>	Spending time with friends, volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House, and engaging in the National Organization of Women's events as well as my school's chapter
<b>Leadership experience</b>	I am currently a member of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Youth Council and work with community leaders to achieve needed change within our city. Additionally, through applying for the Mayor's Youth Employment Program, I hope to work with current city officials to create meaningful change in Charlotte.
<b>Why I want to serve</b>	Understanding that as a student at Ardrey Kell, I come from a position of privilege, I desire to see increased equity in CMS. I hope to represent students from not only my own high school but all across our city, being a voice for students and making sure marginalized populations are heard.
<b>#1 thing to achieve CMS vision and mission</b>	In order to maximize academic achievement, CMS needs to understand the sheer impact a student's home life has on their education. From COVID to existing inequalities, the need for equity has never been so urgent. Through giving students the environment to thrive, academic goals will be reached.

<p><b>K-12 opportunity for success</b></p>	<p>No, the disparities within CMS schools have existed for years and have only been heightened by COVID. In order to create a better foundation of equity, I hope to unite students across CMS through advocating for equal resource distribution and policies which support marginalized student populations.</p>
<p><b>What does CMS do well? What could CMS do better?</b></p>	<p>CMS does an amazing job at communicating important information with families and students through their social media platforms. CMS needs to work towards providing equal extracurricular activities and funding for these activities to students district-wide. From sports to clubs, equity is needed.</p>
<p><b>CMS success I will help lift up</b></p>	<p>The Tutor.com program is an amazing resource CMS students have access to, but unfortunately many do not know about. In order to lift up this program, I hope to create a social media campaign highlighting this program as well as other library based resources available to students.</p>
<p><b>CMS issue I will help solve</b></p>	<p>Technology is inexplicably intertwined with our education. Yet not all students in CMS have equal access. From the tech available at schools to Wifi access in homes, disparities are prominent. I would advocate for a reevaluation of resource distribution and increased funding towards tech provisions.</p>
<p><b>Other info</b></p>	<p>As a first generation American and POC, the issue of equity will be an aspect of every decision I make. I desire for all students to feel valued, empowered, and ready to make change. I know this can only be accomplished if we listen to students, parents, and teachers across CMS first.</p>