



2018-19 School Profile

Gwinnett County Public Schools holds system accreditation through AdvancED.

About Gwinnett County Public Schools

Envisioning a system of world-class schools... The largest school system in the state and the 12th largest in the nation, Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) is a diverse and growing district in metro Atlanta, serving nearly 180,000 students. GCPS is a three-time finalist (2009, 2010, and 2014) and two-time winner (2010 and 2014) of The Broad Prize for Urban Education. The district has 23 high schools, including 19 cluster high schools, two STEM-focused school, an online school, and an open campus high school. Aligned to state-adopted Georgia Standards of Excellence and Georgia Performance Standards, GCPS' rigorous custom curriculum (known as the Academic Knowledge and Skills or AKS) is combined with exceptional teaching and meaningful testing to form a comprehensive instructional program. Highly qualified teachers, involved parents, and a supportive community are key elements in GCPS' quest to become a system of world-class schools preparing students for college and 21st century careers in a globally competitive future.

North Gwinnett High School

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"All Students Can Be Leaders"

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School Type:

Public, 4-Year, comprehensive high school, AAAAAAA-Region 6



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Graduation and Testing Requirements for the Class of 2019

In order to earn a regular Gwinnett County high school diploma, students in the Class of 2019 must:

- Learn the AKS in order to pass classes and earn the required course credits/units (*see chart below*);
- Pass Gwinnett's High School Gateway Writing Assessment, which is administered in the 10th grade (*some accelerated students may take this test in 9th grade*);
- Participate in state-mandated End of Course (EOC) assessments for designated courses in core areas.

To graduate, Georgia students must earn a minimum of 23 credits (also called units) in required areas of study. Students earn .5 units per class each semester.

<u>Areas of Study</u>	<u>Required Units</u>
English/Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3
Modern/Classical Language and/or Career and Technical Ed and/or Fine Arts	3
Health and Physical Education	1
Electives	<u>4</u>
Total Units (minimum)	23

About North Gwinnett High School

North Gwinnett is a comprehensive public high school located in Suwanee, Georgia, a community of more than 16,000 residents situated approximately 30 miles northeast of Atlanta. North Gwinnett is committed to the belief that all students learn at high levels and can be leaders. College preparatory coursework is the minimum level of expectation. Participation in more challenging courses is strongly encouraged, with the goal that all students take at least one Advanced Placement class while at North Gwinnett. Leadership at all levels is the cornerstone of North Gwinnett's culture. Our belief is that as students learn to lead themselves and others, they become more independent learners—an essential quality as they enter adulthood. Leadership and academic achievement are intertwined, and North Gwinnett students excel in both.

Please see other side for specifics on demographics, grading, curriculum, and more.

Instructional Hours

Two semesters of 18 weeks each for a total of 180 instructional days. Six classes meet daily. School calendar runs August to May.

School Enrollment and Demographics

Current Total Enrollment: 3213 including 753 seniors.

Demographics: 51% White, 24% Asian, 11% Black, 9% Hispanic, 5% Multiracial

Class Rank/Numeric Average

Grade Point Average (GPA) is computed at the end of each semester, including all attempted high school courses. This GPA is calculated on a 100-point scale. All courses are weighted equally. All students are ranked within grade levels at the end of each semester, based on numerical cumulative averages. Advanced Placement (AP) courses reflect an additional 10 points, which is included in the final numerical grade for the semester. No additional weight is given to gifted or honors coursework. Honor graduates have earned a 90% or higher cumulative average that includes all attempted high school courses.

GCPS' Grading Scale (adopted 7/99)

	Cumulative GPA value
A = 90% and Above	4.0
B = 80%–89%	3.0
C = 74%–79%	2.0
D = 70%–73%	1.0
F = Below 70%	0.0

Curriculum Offerings

Advanced Placement (AP), Gifted, Honors, and College Preparatory classes are available in each academic area—language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and modern/classical languages. The school also offers a full complement of classes in health and PE, the fine arts, and career and technical education. AP classes are college-level courses. Gifted classes are rigorous, exceeding grade-level norms. Honors classes are demanding, often exceeding grade-level norms. College prep classes reflect the grade-level norm. Technology permeates a GCPS education, and students develop key 21st century skills as critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers, and effective communicators.

Test Scores—Class of 2018

		School	GCPS	GA	U.S.
SAT	Critical Reading/Writing	595	549	537	529
	Math	605	553	517	520
	Combined	1200	1102	1054	1049
ACT	English	25.4	22.0	20.9	20.2
	Math	25.3	22.4	20.7	20.5
	Reading	25.3	22.9	22.1	21.3
	Science	24.5	22.4	21.2	20.7
	Composite	25.2	22.6	21.4	20.8

Advanced Placement

North Gwinnett offers 27 Advanced Placement courses: Language & Comp, Lit & Comp, Statistics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electrical and Magnetism, Environmental Science, Human Geography, World History, U.S. History, Macroeconomics, European History, American Government, French, Spanish, German, Latin, Psychology, Computer Science, Music Theory, 2D and 3D Portfolio, AP Drawing and three additional courses offered through Georgia Virtual School; Microeconomics, Comparative Government, and Art History.

Multivariable Calculus, Advanced Calculus II, and Differential Equations which are beyond the AP level are also offered.

For 2017-18, 408 seniors took 1125 AP classes, 170 AP Scholars, 115 AP Scholars with Honors, 242 AP Scholars with Distinction, 62 National AP Scholars

Class of 2018 Statistics

- **Number of Graduates:** 685
- **Honor Graduates:** 305
- **Dual Enrollment:** 111
- **Postsecondary Plans:** 4-year college: 95.4%, 2-year college/technical college: 4.6%
- **Scholarships Offered:** \$18,522,020 million, not counting HOPE. \$11,586,624 Academic Scholarships and \$6,935,396 Athletic Scholarships
- **Other Honors:** 9 National Merit Finalists

North Gwinnett Highlights

Listed as the 13th best high school in the state and 416th nationally by U.S. News & World Report

NGHS seniors performed 45,424 hours of community service during their high school career

Relay for Life Team raised \$80,000

NGHS DECA collected nearly \$25,000 towards Toys for Tots

Football – State Champions

Girls Golf – State Champions

Girls Tennis – Top 4 in State

Volleyball - Area Champs, Elite 8

Boys LaCrosse - 4th in State