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## North Gaston High School

Leadership Academy

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### Assistant Principals

Carlene Falter (9th grade)

Nakishia Glenn (10th grade)

Jennifer Bergerson (11th/12th grade)

Brent Boone (Administrative Duties)

### Principal

Crystal Houser

### Counselors

Lynn Glover (9th grade)

Katie Eckert (10th-12th Last Names: A-G)

Sharae Powell (10th-12th Last Names: H-M)

David Rice (10th-12th Last Names: N-Z)

### The High School

North Gaston High School is a public high school in the Gaston County Schools school district located in Dallas, North Carolina, United States. Its attendance range covers the central portion of northern Gaston County. Of the graduating class of 2023, 34% of students continued their education at a community college or technical school, 31% enrolled in a four year public or private university and 35% of students joined the workforce or enlisted in a branch of the military. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, North Gaston partnered with the Franklin Covey Foundation to be a Leadership School of Distinction. The school wide initiative allows for every student to participate in a Lead class throughout the year. Students will have the additional opportunity to complete the Covey Leadership curriculum and earn credentials upon graduation.

### School Demographics

North Gaston High School is located in a rural community. Current student enrollment of 1,087 with 21% of students being of Hispanic/Latino descent, 47% White, 24% African American and 8% of students coming from Native American, Asian or biracial backgrounds.

### 2023-2024 Graduation Requirements

Students select a concentration pathway in Academics, Fine Arts or a Career/Technical Education by taking 4 classes in the concentration area. All students are required to complete a minimum of 28 credits to graduate and to meet the following graduation requirements:

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Health & Physical Education	1 credit
Foreign Language, Art or CTE	4 credits
Electives	8 credits

### Grading Scale

GPA Quality Points			
Grade	Standard	Honors	AP / College
<b>A</b>	4.0	4.5	5.0
<b>B</b>	3.0	3.5	4.0
<b>C</b>	2.0	2.5	3.0
<b>D</b>	1.0	1.5	2.0
<b>F</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0

### School Year

North Gaston High School operates on a 4x4 block schedule, with students receiving instruction in four 90 minute classes, earning four credits each semester. Students have the opportunity to earn 32 credits in four years.

### Class Rank

Rank is based on an average of final marks in courses beginning with 9th grade. Grade point averages are calculated on a traditional 4.0 scale. When calculating the GPA, weighted courses, denoted by asterisk(s) on the transcript, receive an additional 0.5 points for honors courses and 1.0 points for advanced placement or college courses.

### Unit of Credit

One unit of credit is granted for each course successfully completed.

### Extracurricular Activities

North Gaston High School encourages students to participate in the various clubs and organizations, to grow in leadership and service and to allow for exploration of individual interest. A variety of sports are offered to our athletes to promote leadership, personal fitness and school spirit.

**North Gaston High School  
School Year 2023-24 Courses**

**English**

English I, II, III, IV (Reg/Hns\*)  
AP English Language \*\*  
AP English Literature \*\*  
Creative Writing I, II,  
Creative Writing III & IV Hns \*  
Yearbook  
Young Adult Literature Hns

**Math**

Foundations of Math 1  
Math 1 (Reg/Hns\*)  
Math 2 (Reg/Hns\*)  
Math 3 (Reg/Hns\*)  
Math 4 (Reg/Hns\*)  
Pre-Calculus Hns \*  
AP Statistics\*\*

**Fine Arts**

Art Beginning & Intermediate  
Art Proficient\* & Advance Hns\*  
Band Beginning & Intermediate  
Band Proficient\* & Advance Hns\*  
Theatre Beginning & Intermediate  
Theatre Proficient\* & Advanced Hns\*  
Vocal Music Beginning & Intermediate  
Vocal Proficient\* & Advanced Hns\*

**Foreign Language**

Spanish I & II  
Spanish III Hns\*

**Healthy Living**

Advanced PE  
Body Wellness  
Health and Physical Education  
Team Sports  
Turf Management Hns\*  
Women's Wellness

**Leadership**

Teen Leadership Development I  
Teen Leadership Dev. II (Reg/Hns\*)  
Teen Leadership Dev. III (Reg/Hns\*)  
Teen Leadership Dev. IV Hns \*

**Science**

Anatomy & Physiology Hns\*  
AP Biology\*\*  
AP Environmental Science\*\*  
Astronomy Hns\*  
Biology (Reg/Hns\*)  
Chemistry I (Reg/Hns\*)  
Earth & Environmental Science  
(Reg/Hns\*)  
Forensic Science Hns\*  
Physical Science  
Physics Hns\*

**Social Studies**

AP Human Geography\*\*  
AP Psychology \*\*  
AP US History \*\*  
African American Studies  
American History (Reg/Hns\*)  
Civics Literacy (Reg/Hns\*)  
Cold War  
Current Events  
History of the Holocaust (Reg/Hns\*)  
Law Related Studies (Reg/Hns\*)  
Psychology (Reg/Hns\*)  
Sociology  
World History (Reg/Hns\*)

**Online Learning Opportunities**

North Gaston High School offers access to North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) and Gaston Online (GO). Students may take classes through NCVPS and GO that are not offered at North Gaston or if there is a scheduling conflict.

**Career and College Promise (CCP)**

North Gaston High School students that meet a qualifying GPA of 2.8 or above, can take CCP courses at Gaston Community College to earn both high school and college credits. These courses are denoted with CCP on student transcripts.

**Career & Technical Education**

**Health Sciences**

Health Science I (Reg/Hns\*)  
Biomedical Tech (Reg/Hns\*)  
Health Science II (Reg/Hns\*)  
Nursing Fundamentals Hns\*

**Human Services**

Child Development (Reg/Hns\*)  
Early Childhood Education I Hns\*  
Food and Nutrition I (Reg/Hns\*)  
Food and Nutrition II (Reg/Hns\*)

**Transportation, Distribution & Logistics**

Automotive Service Fundamentals  
Automotive Service I & II (Reg/Hns\*)

**Arts & A/V Communications**

Adobe Visual Design (Reg/Hns\*)  
Adobe Video Design (Reg/Hns\*)  
Digital Design and Animation I  
(Reg/Hns\*)  
Game Art Design (Reg/Hns\*)

**Business Management & Administration**

Entrepreneurship I (Reg/Hns\*)  
Entrepreneurship II (Reg/Hns\*)  
Project Management I (Reg/Hns\*)  
Project Management II (Reg/Hns\*)

**Marketing**

Marketing (Reg/Hns\*)  
Marketing Applications (Reg/Hns\*)

**Architecture & Construction**

Core & Sustainable Construction  
Carpentry I (Reg/Hns\*)  
Carpentry II (Reg/Hns\*)

**\*Honors credits**

0.5 additional GPA points  
(Students grades 9-12)

**\*\* AP and CCP credits**

1 additional GPA Point  
(Students grades 10-12)