



2019-2024 Gaston County Schools Strategic Plan

The vision of Gaston County Schools is to inspire success and a lifetime of learning.

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Priority I: College and Career Ready

State Goal: Every student in the NC Public School System graduates from High School prepared for work, further education and citizenship.

State Goal: Every student in the NC Public School System has a personalized education.

GCS Goal: Every student will graduate prepared for college, the work force, and other life-enhancing opportunities.

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will increase the graduation rate to 90%.							
Indicators Current Status 2019-2020 2020-2021 2021-2022 2022-2023 2023-2024							
Increase Graduation Rate	85.6	87	88	89	90	90	

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will increase the percent of students who perform on or above grade level on state assessments.									
Indicators	Current Status	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024			
EOG Math	53.6	56.1	58.6	61.1	63.6	66.1			
3 ^{ro}	55.1	57.6	60.1	62.6	65.1	67.6			
4 th	50.0	52.5	55.0	57.5	60.0	62.5			
5 th	57.1	59.6	62.1	64.6	67.1	69.6			
6 th	54.6	57.1	59.6	62.1	62.6	67.1			
7 th	53.9	56.4	58.9	61.4	63.9	66.5			
8 th	50.2	52.7	55.2	57.7	60.2	62.7			
(EOG and Math I Included)									
EOG Reading	54.0	56.0	58.0	60.0	62.0	64.0			
3 ^{ro}	52.0	54.0	56.0	58.0	60.0	62.0			
4 th	54.1	56.1	58.1	60.1	62.1	64.1			
5 th	52.9	54.9	56.9	58.9	60.9	62.9			
6 th	57.5	59.5	61.5	63.5	65.5	67.5			
7 th	55.5	57.5	59.5	61.5	63.5	65.5			
8 th	51.7	53.7	55.7	57.7	59.7	61.7			



Indicators	Current Status	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
EOG Science	69.5	71.5	73.5	75.5	77.5	79.5
5^{th}	64.0	66.0	68.0	70.0	72.0	74.0
8 th	75.6	77.6	79.6	81.6	83.6	85.6
EOC	56.1	58.1	60.1	62.1	64.1	66.1
Math I	55.4	57.4	59.4	61.4	63.4	65.4
Math 3	Baseline Year					
English II	56.0	58.0	60.0	62.0	64.0	66.0
Biology	57.0	59.0	61.0	63.0	65.0	67.0
ACT/WorkKeys						
Percent of Students with Certificate of Silver or Higher	64.5	65.6	66.7	67.8	68.9	70.0
ACT Composite (17 or higher)	52.3	53.8	55.3	56.8	58.3	60.0
AP Courses						
ercent of students enrolled in AP courses	11.7	12.3	12.8	13.4	14.0	15.0
Percent of Students Enrolled in AP course and take the exam	11.4	12.1	12.8	13.5	14.2	15.0
ercent of students that earn a 3 or higher on the AP exam	33.2	34.6	36.0	37.4	38.8	40.0
CTE						
Increase the proficiency percentage on CTE assessments	87.8	81.0	82.0	83.0	84.0	85.0
Increase the percentage of students earning industry recognized credentials	161.5	>=100	>=100	>=100	>=100	>=100



By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will increase the percent of students who perform on or above grade level on EOG and EOC assessments, in all

najor sub-groups.						
Indicators	Current Status	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
EOG Math	53.6	56.1	58.6	61.1	63.6	66.1
SW	D 16.5	19.0	21.5	24.00	26.5	29.0
El	.L 43.6	46.1	48.6	51.1	53.6	56.1
ED	S 41.1	43.6	46.1	48.6	51.1	53.6
African-America	an 36.4	38.9	41.4	43.9	46.4	48.9
EOG Reading	54.0	56.0	58.0	60.0	62.0	64.0
SW	D 16.0	18.0	20.0	22.0	24.00	26.0
El		36.3	38.3	40.3	42.3	44.3
ED	S 42.1	44.1	46.1	48.1	50.1	52.1
African-America	an 37.3	39.3	41.3	43.3	45.3	47.3
EOG Science	69.5	71.5	73.5	75.5	77.5	79.5
SW	D 30.9	32.9	34.9	36.9	38.9	40.9
El	.L 52.2	54.2	56.2	58.2	60.2	62.2
ED	S 58.6	60.6	62.6	64.6	66.6	68.6
African-America	an 52.5	54.5	56.5	58.5	60.5	62.5
EOC Math I	55.4	57.4	59.4	61.4	63.4	65.4
SW	D 15.6	18.1	20.6	23.1	25.6	28.1
El		36.3	38.8	41.3	43.8	46.3
ED		44.1	46.6	49.1	51.6	54.1
African-America	an 38.6	41.1	43.6	46.1	48.6	51.1
EOC Math 3	Baseline Year					
SW	D Baseline Year					
EL						
ED						
African-America	n Baseline Year					
EOC English II	56.0	58.0	60.0	62.0	64.0	66.0
SW	D 16.3	18.3	20.3	22.3	24.3	26.3



ELL	24.2	26.2	28.2	30.2	32.2	34.2
EDS	43.2	45.2	47.2	49.2	51.2	53.2
African-American	39.2	41.2	43.2	45.2	47.2	49.2
EOC Biology	57.0	59.0	61.0	63.0	65.0	67.0
SWD	17.1	19.1	21.1	23.1	25.1	27.1
ELL	39.2	41.2	43.2	45.2	47.2	49.2
EDS	44.0	46.0	48.0	50.0	52.0	54.0
African-American	35.6	37.6	39.6	41.6	43.6	45.6



Priority II: Qualified Workforce

State Goal: Every student, every day, has excellent educators.

GCS Goal: Every employee is qualified and committed to the education of all children.

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will attract and retain high quality workforce in all schools, including high needs areas.							
Indicators	Current Status	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	
Decrease the Teacher Turnover Rate	13.41	13.30	13.20	13.00	13.00	13.00	
Increase the Teacher Supplement	\$2,826	\$3,075	\$3,325	\$3,575	\$3,826	\$4,075	

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will survey stakeholders annually to determine the level of overall district and school climate.								
Indicators	Current Status	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024		
Increase Survey Participation								
Percent of Student Participation	83	85	87	90	92	94		
Percent of Parent Participation	48	55	60	65	70	75		
Percent of District Personnel Participation	84	85	87	90	92	94		

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will increase access to quality, research-based, academic credentials for employees.							
Indicators	Current Status	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	
Increase Number of	238	245	255	265	275	285	
National Board Certified Teachers							
Increase Number of	12	20	25	30	35	40	
Teachers with Advanced Degrees							



Priority III: Innovation

State Goal: Every school district has up to date financial, business, and technology systems to serve its students, parents, and educators.

GCS Goal: Every employee uses innovative practices to serve all students, parents, and other stakeholders.

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will ensure equitable and sustainable access to technology infrastructure and professional learning.								
Indicators	Current Status	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024		
Number of Technology Devices								
Current Devices	37,439	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000		
End of Life Devices	2,117	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000		
Budget Allocation for Refreshment and Additional Infrastructure								
Budget Allocation	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000		
Gaston Digital								
Number of Course Offerings	63	70	75	80	85	85		
Number of Participants in Gaston Digital	728	735	740	745	750	755		
Teachers Using Innovative Practices								
Number of lesson plans using higher level SAMR								

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will continue to use technology for communication and outreach.								
Indicators	Current Status	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024		
Communications								
Number of Schools with Social Media	55	55	55	55	55	55		
Number of Mobile App Downloads	19,800	21,780	23,760	25,740	27,720	29,700		
Number of Visits to District Website	2.2 million	2.42 million	2.64 million	2.86 million	3.08 million	3.3 million		
Number of "likes" on Facebook (district	21,460	23,606	25,752	27,898	30,044	32,190		
account)								
Number of followers on Twitter (district	10,700	11,770	12,840	13,910	14,980	16,050		
account)								



Number of subscribers on YouTube (district account)		363	396	429	462	495
Number of Channel 21 Programs/Videos	22	24	26	28	30	32
Number of general information messages sent through Parentlink system (from district level)		27	29	31	33	35

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will increase the number of teachers and students who effectively use technology enriched learning experiences that are immersive and authentic.

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Indicators	Current Status	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Number of Schools with Innovation	11	16	21	23	26	30
Stations						



Priority IV: Healthy, Safe, and Responsible Schools

State Goal: Every student is healthy, safe, and responsible.

GCS Goal: Every student has the opportunity to learn in a safe school environment.

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will have continuous improvement of safety and security components of the school and work environment.							
Indicators	Current Status	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	
Safety							
Decreased MOD Rate Average	1.63	1.52	1.45	1.38	1.30	1.23	
Number of Completed Work Orders	Baseline Year						
Security							
Number of Security Audits Conducted	Baseline Year						
Full Time SRO in All Schools	54	54	54	54	54	54	
Up to Date Security Technology	Baseline Year						

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will utilize community resources to increase the physical and mental health support of all students.							
Indicators	Current Status	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	
Reduce the Amount of Reported Bullying Incidents	116	111	105	100	95	90	
Community Resources							
Number of Volunteers and Mentors	3950 V/ 265 M	3975 V/ 275M	4000 V/ 300 M	4000V/ 300M	4000V/ 300M	4025V/ 305M	
Number of Business/Community	420	425	430	430	430	430	
Partnerships							
Number of Attendees/Participants at							
Special Events							

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will continue to foster responsible digital citizenship among all students and employees.								
Indicators Current Status 2019-2020 2020-2021 2021-2022 2022-2023 2023-2024								
Completed CIPA Lessons	Completed CIPA Lessons Baseline Year							



STRATEGIES: Reaching Goals





Priority I: College and Career Ready

State Goal: Every student in the NC Public School System graduates from High School prepared for work, further education and citizenship.

State Goal: Every student in the NC Public School System has a personalized education.

GCS Goal: Every member of our diverse student population will graduate prepared for work, further educational opportunities through personalized instruction.

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools	will increase the gradu	uation rate to 90%.			
Strategies	Person(s) Responsible for Implementation	Person(s) Responsible Data Reporting	Benchmark Dates	Required Resources	Monitoring Method
		ease Graduation Rate			
Collaborative Summer Offerings: Teacher Professional Learning Opportunities.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services	Annually End of Summer	Time for Professional Development, funding for stipends and resources, training sites	Formative Assessment Data
Increase STEM resources and professional development learning opportunities through the addition of Innovation Station Elementary Classrooms and Robotics support for elementary and middle school coaches and teams.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction Executive Director of Executive Director of Exceptional Children/AIG	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services	Annually	Time for Professional Development, funding for resources, training sites. materials for Innovation Station and Robotics	# of Innovation Station classrooms, professional development calendar, RoboGASTON rubrics
Every elementary BT2 teacher will attend Reading to Research Training.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services	Executive Director of Exceptional Children/AIG	August - June	Time for Professional Development, funding for stipends and	Attendance records, assessment pass rate



	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction Executive Director of Exceptional Children/AIG			resources, training sites	
Every elementary BT3 teacher will	Assoc. Supt. For	Executive Director of	August - June	Time for	Attendance records,
attend Foundations of Math Training.	Academic Services	Exceptional		Professional	assessment pass
		Children/AIG		Development,	rate
	Executive Director of			funding for	
	Elementary School			stipends and	
	Instruction			resources,	
				training sites	
	Executive Director of				
	Exceptional				
	Children/AIG				

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will increase the percent of students who perform on or above grade level on state assessments.

Strategies	Person(s) Responsible for Implementation	Person(s) Responsible Data Reporting	Benchmark Dates	Required Resources	Monitoring Method
		EOG Math			
Provide common resources for universal screeners and progress monitoring tools.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services	Annually	Time for Professional Development, funding for stipends and resources	Assessment Data
Provide after school K-5 teacher standards-based, math professional development.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	August - June	Time for Professional Development, funding and resources	Attendance records, TNL survey



Increase the number of schools using AMC to include every K-2 classroom.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	August - June	Time for Professional Development, funding and resources	Attendance records, TNL survey
Provide summer 6-8 teacher training on usage of research based instructional strategies.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	June-August	Time for Professional Development, funding and resources	Attendance Records, Assessment Data
Provide county wide virtual middle school 6th-8th grade math professional development during the school year to support current initiatives.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	June- August	Time for Professional Development, funding and resources	Attendance Records, Assessment Data
Provide continued support for new curriculum for Math 1 (HS credit) through teaming of teachers across the district and common planning among the PLC team.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	Throughout the school year	Schedules, Planning	CF Support Calendar, Assessment Data
TIPS 1 professional development to support novice teachers with emphasis on planning lessons with other district teachers and collaborating on various curricula within the pacing guide.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Director for Human Resources	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Director for Human Resources Professional Learning	August - May	Funding, Scheduling	Sign in documentation



		EOG Reading			
Provide common resources for universal screeners and progress monitoring tools.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services	Annually	Time for Professional Development, funding for stipends and resources	Data
Provide after school K-5 teacher standards-based, literacy professional development.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	August - June	Time for Professional Development, funding and resources	Attendance records, TNL survey
Provide full-time Literacy Teachers at all Title I Elementary Schools.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services	August, January, May	Literacy Teachers, Leveled Literacy Instruction	Data
TIPS 1 professional development to support novice teachers with emphasis on planning lessons with other district teachers and collaborating on various curricula within the pacing guide.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Director for Human Resources Professional Learning	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Director for Human Resources Professional Learning	August - May	Funding, Scheduling	Sign in documentation
Provide 6-8 collaborative teacher literacy professional development, during the summer.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	July	Time for Professional Development, funding and resources	Attendance records, TNL survey



Develop a cadre (team) of 6-8 teachers as ELA teacher leaders to provide support to developing ELA teachers across the district.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	August - June	Time for Professional Development, funding and resources	Attendance Records, TNL survey, Assessment Data
Provide year-long 6-8 teacher professional development to support current initiatives.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	August - June	Time for Professional Development, funding and resources	Attendance Records, TNL survey, Assessment Data
		EOG Science			
Provide after school K-5 teacher standards-based, science professional development.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	August - June	Time for Professional Development, funding and resources	Attendance records, TNL survey
Partner with Gaston Natural Resources Department for school based programs and field trips aligned to the NCES.	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	September - May	Funding for transportation	Record of school participation
Provide 5th grade standard mastery benchmarks and end of unit assessments.	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	August - May	Schoolnet	Assessment Data
Increase teacher resources through on- line streaming resources.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	August - June	Time for Professional Development, funding and resources	Assessment Data



Provide standards based science professional development during planning for 6 - 8 science teachers. Partner with Gaston Natural Resources Department for school based programs.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Middle School Instruction Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	Executive Director of Middle School Instruction Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	September - June September - May	Standards, Facility	Attendance records Record of school participation
Provide 8th grade standards mastery benchmarks and end of unit assessments.	Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	September - May	Schoolnet	Record of school participation
		Dielegy			
Engilitate Professional Learning	Executive Director of	Biology Executive Director of	Luha Arramat	Cupplies for	Record of teacher
Facilitate Professional Learning Networks among Biology teachers within schools and across the district to	High School	Executive Director of High School Instruction	July-August	Supplies for Effective Professional	participation
provide collaborative environments and develop planning and pacing as a team.	msuucuon	msuucuon		Learning Communities Professional Development	
Facilitate Professional Growth for Teachers through Professional Development such as Delta Fellows and Lesson Design Summits.	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator	July-June	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
	for High School Science	for High School Science			
Facilitate Professional Growth for Beginning First Year Teachers via the Teacher Induction for Success program.	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School	August-May	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation



Facilitate Professional Growth for Beginning Second Year Teachers via Lesson Design and Verso Learning provide collaborative environments and develop planning and pacing as a team.		Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	July-June	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
Facilitate Professional Growth for Beginning Third Year Teachers via Lesson Design and Verso Learning with an emphasis on "Coaching" teachers.	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	July-June	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
Facilitate Professional Development through Summer Institutes to develop teacher leaders.	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	July-August	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
Facilitate Professional Development through Research in the Classroom to coach developing teachers and mold teach leaders.	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	July-August	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
Facilitate Professional Development through Teaching Critical Consciousness Through Science Content.	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	July-August	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation



Facilitate Resources and Support for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-June	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Implementation of Gizmos.	High School	High School		funds this	participation
	Instruction	Instruction		Professional Development	
	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator		Development	
	for High School	for High School			
	Science	Science			
		English II			
Facilitate Professional Learning	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-August	Supplies for	Record of teacher
Networks among English teachers	High School	High School		Effective	participation
within schools and across the district.	Instruction	Instruction		Professional Learning	
				Communities	
				Professional	
				Development	
Facilitate Professional Growth for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-June	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Teachers through Professional	High School	High School		funds this	participation
Development such as Delta Fellows and	Instruction	Instruction		Professional	
Lesson Design Summits.	0	0 1 1 5 1111		Development	
	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator			
	for High School English	for High School English			
Facilitate Professional Growth for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	August-May	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Beginning First Year Teachers via the	High School	High School	riagaot may	funds this	participation
Teacher Induction for Success program.	Instruction	Instruction		Professional	1 1
	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator		Development	
	for High School	for High School			
	English	English		_	
Facilitate Professional Growth for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-June	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Beginning Second Year Teachers via	High School	High School		funds this	participation
Lesson Design and Verso Learning.	Instruction	Instruction		Professional Development	
	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator		Developinent	
	for High School	for High School			
	English	English			



Facilitate Professional Growth for Beginning Third Year Teachers via Lesson Design and Verso Learning with an emphasis on "Coaching" teachers. Facilitate Professional Development through Summer Institutes.	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School English Executive Director of High School	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School English Executive Director of High School	July-June July-August	Supplies and funds this Professional Development Supplies and funds this	Record of teacher participation Record of teacher participation
	Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School English	Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School English		Professional Development	
Facilitate Resources and Support for Implementation of Turnitin.	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School English	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School English	July-June	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
		Math I			
Facilitate Professional Learning Networks among Math 1 teachers within schools and across the district.	Executive Director of High School Instruction	Executive Director of High School Instruction	July-August	Supplies for Effective Professional Learning Communities Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
Facilitate Professional Growth for Teachers through Professional Development such as Delta Fellows and Lesson Design Summits.	Executive Director of High School Instruction	Executive Director of High School Instruction	July-June	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation



	Curriculum Facilitator for High School Math	Curriculum Facilitator for High School Math			
Facilitate Professional Growth for Beginning First Year Teachers via the	Executive Director of High School	Executive Director of High School	August-May	Supplies and funds this	Record of teacher participation
Teacher Induction for Success program.	Instruction Coursiant as Facilitates	Instruction		Professional Development	
	Curriculum Facilitator for High School Math	Curriculum Facilitator for High School Math			
Facilitate Professional Growth for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-June	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Beginning Second Year Teachers via	High School	High School	-	funds this	participation
Lesson Design and Verso Learning.	Instruction	Instruction		Professional Development	
	Curriculum Facilitator for High School Math	Curriculum Facilitator for High School Math		,	
Facilitate Professional Growth for Beginning Third Year Teachers via Lesson Design and Verso Learning with	Executive Director of High School Instruction	Executive Director of High School Instruction	July-June	Supplies and funds this Professional	Record of teacher participation
an emphasis on "Coaching" teachers.	Curriculum Facilitator for High School Math	Curriculum Facilitator for High School Math		Development	
Facilitate Professional Development through Summer Institutes to develop	Executive Director of High School	Executive Director of High School	July-August	Supplies and funds this	Record of teacher participation
pedagogy amongst teachers and offer opportunities of collaboration across	Instruction	Instruction		Professional Development	
the district.	Curriculum Facilitator for High School Math	Curriculum Facilitator for High School Math			
Facilitate Professional Development for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-August	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Math 1 teachers through content- specific instructional training.	High School Instruction	High School Instruction		funds this Professional	participation
	Curriculum Facilitator for High School Math	Curriculum Facilitator for High School Math		Development	



Facilitate Resources and Support for Implementation of IXL.	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Math		July-June	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
De la	01: () () () ()	ACT/WorkKeys	D : : (D 4 (D (5 (
Provide schools with Pre-ACT data to begin targeted support and instruction for the ACT assessment.	Chief Accountability Officer	Chief Accountability Officer	Beginning of Second Semester	Pre-Act Data	Reports, Assessment Data
		AP			
Expand AP offerings and AP exam participation.	Assoc. Supt. of Academic Services Executive Director of High School Instruction Executive Director of the Department of Exceptional Children	Executive Director of High School Instruction Executive Director of the Department of Exceptional Children	Throughout the school year	Professional Development and travel funding, new textbooks /course resources	offerings in PS, students registered
Facilitate AP Teacher PLC Meetings to open up collaboration and common lesson planning within the network of AP courses.	Executive Director of the Department of Exceptional Children	Executive Director of the Department of Exceptional Children	Throughout the school year	Calendar	Sign-in Sheets, PLC notes
		CTE			
Work individually with Greatest Opportunity for Improvement (GOFI) teachers to help improve their student EOC exam proficiency.	Director of Career and Technical Education IMC	Director of Career and Technical Education IMC	September - May	Time, Schoolnet, NCCTE Admin	NCCTE Admin, PowerSchool, LPS, Schoolnet



Offer new student earned credentials that can be used in lieu of the CTE EOC exam.	Director of Career and Technical Education IMC	Director of Career and Technical Education IMC	Annually	CTE funds to purchase credentials, SOCCA	CTE Status of Curriculum, Credentials and Assessment (SOCCA)
Create schoolnet common assessment benchmarks for Greatest Opportunity for Improvement (GOFI) teachers that addresses low performing CTE EOC standards.	Director of Career and Technical Education IMC	Director of Career and Technical Education IMC	September - May	TIme, Schoolnet, NCCTE Admin	NCCTE Admin, PowerSchool, LPS, Schoolnet

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will increase the percent of students who perform on or above grade level on state assessments, in all major sub-groups.

Strategies	Person(s) Responsible for Implementation	Person(s) Responsible Data Reporting	Benchmark Dates	Required Resources	Monitoring Method
		EOG Math			
Summer K-5 Math Camp for all	Assoc. Supt. For	Executive Director of	June-August	Funding,	Student attendance,
qualifying students to attend to receive additional math instruction.	Academic Services	Elementary School Instruction		Facilities, Curriculum	iReady Diagnostic Data
	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction				
Implement Math Institute Camp to provide coaching of developing teachers and to strengthen math pedagogy and practices.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	June-August	Funding, Facilities, Curriculum	Student attendance, iReady Diagnostic Data
Continue ASPIRE- After-School Instruction to help remediate students.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Throughout the school year	Funding, Facilities, Curriculum	Student attendance, Diagnostic Data



who are behind in proficiency levels,	Executive Director of				
reading/math/science performance.	Elementary School				
	Instruction				
Provide additional support through a	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	Throughout the	Tech tools	Participation
weekly "Homework Hotline" for math	Middle School	Middle School	school year		
students 6th-8th grades.	Instruction	Instruction			
Implement a district wide monthly math	Assoc. Supt. for	Executive Director of	Throughout the	Funding, Facilities	Participation
competition for school teams grades 7th	Academic Services	Middle School	school year		
through Math 1.		Instruction			
	Executive Director of				
	Middle School				
	Instruction				
Provide SIOP training for teachers at all	Assoc. Supt. for	Executive Director of	Throughout the	Funding, Facilities	Participation
levels.	Academic Services	Student Support	school year		
		Services			
	Executive Director of				
	Student Support				
	Services				
		EOG Reading			
Provide full-time Literacy Teachers at all		Assoc. Supt. For	August, January,	Literacy	iReady Diagnostic
Title I Elementary Schools.	Academic Services	Academic Services	May	Teachers,	Dat, EOG
				1 0, 10 0 1 1 10 10 0 1	4 ()
				Leveled Literacy	Assessment Data
				Instruction	
Summer K-5 Reading Camp for all EDS	Assoc. Supt. For	Executive Director of	June-August	Instruction Funding,	Student attendance,
students to attend to receive additional	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services	Elementary School	June-August	Instruction Funding, Facilities,	
students to attend to receive additional math instruction to prevent summer	Academic Services		June-August	Instruction Funding,	Student attendance,
students to attend to receive additional	Academic Services Executive Director of	Elementary School	June-August	Instruction Funding, Facilities,	Student attendance,
students to attend to receive additional math instruction to prevent summer	Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School	Elementary School	June-August	Instruction Funding, Facilities,	Student attendance,
students to attend to receive additional math instruction to prevent summer regression of reading progress.	Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Elementary School Instruction	Ü	Instruction Funding, Facilities, Curriculum	Student attendance, Diagnostic Data
students to attend to receive additional math instruction to prevent summer regression of reading progress. Implement Reading Institute Camp to	Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction Assoc. Supt. For	Elementary School Instruction Executive Director of	June-August June-August	Instruction Funding, Facilities, Curriculum Funding,	Student attendance, Diagnostic Data Student attendance,
students to attend to receive additional math instruction to prevent summer regression of reading progress. Implement Reading Institute Camp to develop teacher pedagogy and	Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Elementary School Instruction Executive Director of Elementary School	Ü	Instruction Funding, Facilities, Curriculum Funding, Facilities,	Student attendance, Diagnostic Data
students to attend to receive additional math instruction to prevent summer regression of reading progress. Implement Reading Institute Camp to develop teacher pedagogy and practices with an emphasis on coaching	Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services	Elementary School Instruction Executive Director of	Ü	Instruction Funding, Facilities, Curriculum Funding,	Student attendance, Diagnostic Data Student attendance,
students to attend to receive additional math instruction to prevent summer regression of reading progress. Implement Reading Institute Camp to develop teacher pedagogy and	Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of	Elementary School Instruction Executive Director of Elementary School	Ü	Instruction Funding, Facilities, Curriculum Funding, Facilities,	Student attendance, Diagnostic Data Student attendance,
students to attend to receive additional math instruction to prevent summer regression of reading progress. Implement Reading Institute Camp to develop teacher pedagogy and practices with an emphasis on coaching	Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services	Elementary School Instruction Executive Director of Elementary School	Ü	Instruction Funding, Facilities, Curriculum Funding, Facilities,	Student attendance, Diagnostic Data Student attendance,



ASPIRE- After-School Instruction to remediate and support students who need additional support in the areas of reading, math and science to reach proficient levels.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Throughout the school year	Funding, Facilities, Curriculum	Student attendance, Diagnostic Data
Provide SIOP training for teachers at all levels to better support English Language Learners.	Assoc. Supt. for Academic Services Executive Director of Student Support Services	Executive Director of Student Support Services	Throughout the school year	Funding, Facilities	Participation
		EOG Science			
Continue Innovation Station Partnership with UNC Charlotte to provide additional science instruction.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction	Throughout the school year	Funding, Facilities, Curriculum	Student attendance, Assessment Data
Develop summer partnership with outside resources provide additional science instruction to strengthen science practices and instruction in schools.	Assoc. Supt. For Academic Services Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	Executive Director of Elementary School Instruction Executive Director of Middle School Instruction	Throughout the school year	Funding, Facilities, Curriculum	Student attendance, Assessment Data



		Biology			
Facilitate Professional Learning	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-August	Supplies for	Record of teacher
Networks among Biology teachers	High School	High School		Effective	participation
within schools and across the district.	Instruction	Instruction		Professional	
				Learning	
				Communities	
				Professional	
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Facilitate Professional Growth for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-June	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Teachers through Professional	High School	High School		funds this	participation
Development such as Delta Fellows and	Instruction	Instruction		Professional	
Lesson Design Summits.	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator		Development	
	for High School Science	for High School Science			
Facilitate Professional Growth for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	August May	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Beginning First Year Teachers via the	High School	High School	August-May	funds this	participation
Teacher Induction for Success program.	Instruction	Instruction		Professional	participation
reacher induction for Success program.	IIISHUCHON	IIISUUCUOII		Development	
	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator		Development	
	for High School	for High School			
	Science	Science			
Facilitate Professional Growth for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-June	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Beginning Second Year Teachers via	High School	High School	cany cante	funds this	participation
Lesson Design and Verso Learning.	Instruction	Instruction		Professional	p a a. o. p a. a. o. r
				Development	
	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator		,	
	for High School	for High School			
	Science	Science			
Facilitate Professional Growth for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-June	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Beginning Third Year Teachers via	High School	High School	-	funds this	participation
Lesson Design and Verso Learning with	Instruction	Instruction		Professional	
an emphasis on "Coaching" teachers.				Development	
	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator			
	for High School	for High School			
	Science	Science			



Facilitate Professional Development through Summer Institutes to develop teachers and provide collaboration in planning lessons for the new school year.	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	July-August	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
Facilitate Professional Development through Research in the Classroom to provide coaching opportunities to develop teachers and their practices.	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	July-August	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
Facilitate Professional Development through Teaching Critical Consciousness Through Science Content.	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	July-August	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
Facilitate Resources and Support for Implementation of Gizmos.	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School Science	July-June	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
		English II			
Facilitate Professional Learning Networks among English teachers within schools and across the district to provide opportunities for collaboration and common planning.	Executive Director of High School Instruction	Executive Director of High School Instruction	July-August	Supplies for Effective Professional Learning Communities	Record of teacher participation



				Professional Development	
Facilitate Professional Growth for Teachers through Professional Development such as Delta Fellows and Lesson Design Summits.	Executive Director of High School Instruction	Executive Director of High School Instruction	July-June	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
	Curriculum Facilitator for High School English	Curriculum Facilitator for High School English		,	
Facilitate Professional Growth for Beginning First Year Teachers via the Teacher Induction for Success program.	Executive Director of High School Instruction	Executive Director of High School Instruction	August-May	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
	Curriculum Facilitator for High School English	Curriculum Facilitator for High School English			
Facilitate Professional Growth for Beginning Second Year Teachers via Lesson Design and Verso Learning.	Executive Director of High School Instruction	Executive Director of High School Instruction	July-June	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
	Curriculum Facilitator for High School English	Curriculum Facilitator for High School English		,	
Facilitate Professional Growth for Beginning Third Year Teachers via Lesson Design and Verso Learning with an emphasis on "Coaching" teachers.	Executive Director of High School Instruction	Executive Director of High School Instruction	July-June	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
	Curriculum Facilitator for High School English	Curriculum Facilitator for High School English			
Facilitate Professional Development through Summer Institutes to develop teachers and their practices.	Executive Director of High School Instruction	Executive Director of High School Instruction	July-August	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation



	Curriculum Facilitator for High School English	Curriculum Facilitator for High School English			
Facilitate Resources and Support for Implementation of Turnitin.	Executive Director of High School Instruction	Executive Director of High School Instruction	July-June	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
	Curriculum Facilitator for High School English	Curriculum Facilitator for High School English			
Facilitate Professional Learning Networks among English teachers within schools and across the district to provide collaborative environments while lesson planning.		Executive Director of High School Instruction	July-August	Supplies for Effective Professional Learning Communities Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
Facilitate Professional Growth for Teachers through Professional Development such as Delta Fellows and Lesson Design Summits.	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School English	Executive Director of High School Instruction Curriculum Facilitator for High School English	July-June	Supplies and funds this Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
		Math I			
Facilitate Professional Learning Networks among Math 1 teachers within schools and across the district to provide collaborative opportunities to share practices and lesson planning.	Executive Director of High School Instruction	Executive Director of High School Instruction	July-August	Supplies for Effective Professional Learning Communities Professional Development	Record of teacher participation
Facilitate Professional Growth for Teachers through Professional	Executive Director of High School Instruction	Executive Director of High School Instruction	July-June	Supplies and funds this	Record of teacher participation



Development such as Delta Fellows and				Professional	
Lesson Design Summits.	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator		Development	
	for High School Math	for High School Math		•	
Facilitate Professional Growth for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	August-May	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Beginning First Year Teachers via the	High School	High School		funds this	participation
Teacher Induction for Success program.	Instruction	Instruction		Professional	
				Development	
	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator		•	
	for High School Math	for High School Math			
Facilitate Professional Growth for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-June	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Beginning Second Year Teachers via	High School	High School	•	funds this	participation
Lesson Design and Verso Learning.	Instruction	Instruction		Professional	
				Development	
	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator		•	
	for High School Math	for High School Math			
Facilitate Professional Growth for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-June	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Beginning Third Year Teachers via	High School	High School	-	funds this	participation
Lesson Design and Verso Learning with	Instruction	Instruction		Professional	
an emphasis on "Coaching" teachers.				Development	
	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator			
	for High School Math	for High School Math			
Facilitate Professional Development	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-August	Supplies and	Record of teacher
through Summer Institutes to develop	High School	High School		funds this	participation
teachers and their practices.	Instruction	Instruction		Professional	
				Development	
	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator			
	for High School Math	for High School Math			
Facilitate Professional Development for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-August	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Math 1 teachers through content-	High School	High School		funds this	participation
specific instructional training.	Instruction	Instruction		Professional	
				Development	
	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator			
	for High School Math	for High School Math			
Facilitate Resources and Support for	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-June	Supplies and	Record of teacher
Implementation of IXL.	High School	High School		funds this	participation
	Instruction	Instruction			



	Curriculum Facilitator	Curriculum Facilitator		Professional Development	
	for High School Math	for High School Math		,	
Facilitate Professional Learning	Executive Director of	Executive Director of	July-August	Supplies for	Record of teacher
Networks among Math 1 teachers within	High School	High School		Effective	participation
schools and across the district to	Instruction	Instruction		Professional	
provide opportunities for collaboration				Learning	
and lesson planning.				Communities	
				Professional	
				Development	



Priority II: Qualified Workforce

State Goal: Every student, every day has excellent educators.

GCS Goal: Every employee is capable and committed to the education of the whole child.

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will attract and retain a high quality workforce in all schools, including high needs areas.							
Strategies	Person(s)	Person(s)	Benchmark Dates	Required	Monitoring Method		
	Responsible for	Responsible Data		Resources			
	Implementation	Reporting					
		the Teacher Turnover					
TIPS Program for Beginning Teachers.	Assoc. Supt. For	Professional Learning	Throughout the	Facilities,	Meeting Sign-ins		
Support Sessions	Academic Services	5	School year	Agendas, Topics	and agendas		
Monthly Newsletter		Personnel Management		of Discussion			
Make-up Sessions for Late Hires		Coordinator					
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Beginner to National Board Certification.	Director of Title One K-12 Curriculum Facilitator	K-12 Curriculum Facilitator	Throughout the School year	Facilities, Agendas, Topics of Discussion	Number of National Board Certified Teachers		
Implement a 12% salary increase for all National Board Certified .	Executive Director of Human Resources	Executive Director of Human Resources	Beginning of Fiscal year	Funding	Salary Information		
Award a \$1,000 supplement for all GCS employees who obtain National Board certification and stay with GCS.	Executive Director of Human Resources	Executive Director of Human Resources	Beginning of Fiscal year	Funding	Salary Information		
Teaching and Learning Conference where teachers across the district are invited to attend and present on various topics within education.	Associate Supt. of Academic Services	K-12 Curriculum Facilitator Professional Learning	August of each year	Facilities, Presenters, Topics to Present	Total Attendees and Total Presenters		



Title One Poverty Certification.	Director of Title One K-12 Curriculum Facilitator	K-12 Curriculum Facilitator	Throughout the school year	ECU Courses, Funding for Supplement	Number of teacher receiving certification
Human Resources will attend area Career Fairs to attract potential employees.	Executive Director of Human Resources	Executive Director of Human Resources	Throughout the school year	Early Contracts, Career Fair Invites	Number of Visits, Signed Early Contracts, Visits to Booth
Award Early Contracts to Qualified Employees .	Executive Director of Human Resources	Executive Director of Human Resources	Throughout the school year	Funding	Signed Contracts
Innovative partnership with UNC-Charlotte and GCS to provide and train student-teachers.	Executive Director of Human Resources Mentor Support Coordinator	Mentor Support Coordinator	Throughout the school year	Student-Teachers and Clinical Site Director	Timesheets
Partner with HS Teacher Cadet courses to promote further education opportunities for teaching licensure.	Executive Director of Human Resources	Executive Director of Human Resources	Throughout the school year	Scheduled Visits with Teacher Cadets	Scheduled Visits
All Beginning Teachers receive a mentor for their first 3 years of	Executive Director of Human Resources	Mentor Support Coordinator	Throughout the school year	Qualified Mentors	Mentor logs, BT 1, 2 and 3
employment with Gaston County.	Traman Resources	Goordinator	donoor year		requirement completion
Annual Principal Evaluations are conducted using various data points.	Executive Director of Human Resources	Executive Director of Human Resources	Three times a year	Data points and Evaluation System	NCEES Evaluation
	Executive Director of K-12 Instruction	Executive Director of K-12 Instruction			



By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will survey stakeholders annually to determine the level of overall district and school climate.								
Strategies	Person(s) Responsible for Implementation	Person(s) Responsible Data Reporting	Benchmark Dates	Required Resources	Monitoring Method			
	Increas	se Survey Participation	n					
Create parent, student and staff climate annually and share with all	Chief Accountability Officer	Chief Accountability Officer	End of the Year	eProve Survey Software	Link to survey, completed survey			
stakeholders.					data			

By June 2024, Gaston County So	By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will increase access to quality, research-based academic credentials for employees.							
Strategies	Person(s) Responsible for Implementation	Person(s) Responsible Data Reporting	Benchmark Dates		Monitoring Method			
	In	crease Number of						
	National	Board Certified Teacl	ners					
Beginner to National Board Certification.	Director of Title One K-12 Curriculum Facilitator	K-12 Curriculum Facilitator	Throughout the School year	Facilities, Agendas, Topics of Discussion	Number of National Board Certified Teachers			
National Board Certification Support Sessions at Rader Center.	Director of Title One K-12 Curriculum Facilitator	K-12 Curriculum Facilitator	Throughout the School year	Facilities, Agendas, Topics of Discussion	Number of National Board Certified Teachers			
Reception to recognize new National Board Certified Teachers.	Chief Communications Officer	K-12 Curriculum Facilitator	Throughout the School year	Facilities, Agendas, Topics of Discussion	Number of National Board Certified Teachers			
Increase Number of Teachers with Advanced Degrees								
Partnership with ECU.	Director of Title One	Director of Title One	Throughout the school year	ECU Courses, Funding for Supplement	Number of teachers receiving certification			



Priority III: Innovation

State Goal: Every school district has up to date financial, business, and technology systems to serve its students, parents, and educators.

GCS Goal: Every employee utilizes transformative practices to serve all students and other stakeholders.

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will ensure equitable and sustainable access to technology infrastructure and professional learning.							
Strategies	Person(s) Responsible for Implementation	Person(s) Responsible Data Reporting	Benchmark Dates	Required Resources	Monitoring Method		
	Number	r of Technology Device	es				
Track the number of devices at each school location to ensure distribution is fair and equitable.	Chief Technology Officer	Chief Technology Officer	Beginning of the Year	Inventory System	Utilizing GCS One to One Plus to monitor current and end of life devices as well as funding source		
		efreshment and Addit	ional Infrastructure				
Request on-going funds in budget request so that end of life devices may be refreshed Track funds spent by schools and other departments to refresh technology.	Chief Technology Officer	Assoc. Supt. of Operations and Finance	Beginning of the Year	Funding	Budget Allocation		
		Gaston Digital					
Provide a variety of innovative professional learning opportunities using different sources of technology through a collaborative environment.	Chief Technology Officer Instructional Technology Facilitators	Chief Technology Officer	Beginning of the year	Current Personnei	True North Logic Reports for participation		



Instructional Technology Facilitators and Academic Facilitators will team together to embed the effective use of	Assoc. Supt. of Academic Services	Assoc. Supt. of Academic Services	Beginning of the year	Current Personnel	Review of Pacing Guides
technology into GCS Pacing Guides.	Chief Technology Officer	Chief Technology Officer			
	Instructional Technology Facilitators				
	Academic and Curriculum Facilitators				
Continue to train Pinnacle Leaders at all		Chief Technology	Throughout the	Applications	Applications
schools.	Officer	Officer	school year		



By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will continue to use technology for communication and outreach.							
Strategies	Person(s)	Person(s)	Benchmark Dates		Monitoring Method		
	Responsible for Implementation	Responsible Data		Resources			
		Reporting Communications					
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Session at the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council fall meeting or other	Cniet Communications	Communications Dept.	Beginning of the Year	Facility, Handouts,	Parent Portal, Mobile App,		
community meeting at the start of each	Officer	Accountability Dept.	i eai	,	YouTube, Parentlink,		
school year to introduce parents to all	Omoor	Accountability Dept.		ricscritation	district website,		
the communication tools offered.	Chief Accountability				district social media		
	Officer						
Provide communication tools	Chief	Communications Dept.	Throughout the	Printed directions	Parent Portal, GCS		
information to all new students who	Communications		School Year	in enrollment	App, U-Stream,		
enroll in the district throughout the	Officer	Accountability Dept.		packets	YouTube, Parentlink,		
school year.	Olaiat Assassatalailites				Schoolwire user		
	Chief Accountability Officer				statistics		
	Officer						
Provide link on GCS homepage about	Chief	Communications Dept.	Beginning of the	N/A	Parent Portal, GCS		
the registration process for Parent	Communications	,	school year		App, U-Stream,		
Portal and Mobile App.	Officer	Accountability Dept.			YouTube, Parentlink,		
					Schoolwire user		
	Chief Accountability				statistics		
Develop and Implement Parent Focus	Officer Chief Accountability	Chief Accountability	Two times a year	Facility,	Attendance, Invites		
Group to review District Performance	Officer	Officer	Two times a year	Handouts,	Alleriuarice, iriviles		
and provide bi-annual feedback on the	Onlogi	Onlogi		Presentation,			
Strategic Plan.				Performance Data			
Collaborate with principals and/or	Chief	Communications Dept.	Throughout the	Handouts,	Quarterly checks on		
school webmaster/social media	Communications	,	School Year	Presentation	schools' Facebook		
coordinator/News Network	Officer	Accountability Dept.			and Twitter accounts		
representative about how to							
create/maintain a Facebook and Twitter	Chief Accountability						
account.	Officer						



By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will increase the number of teachers and students who effectively use technology enriched learning experiences that are immersive and authentic. Strategies Person(s) Person(s) **Benchmark Dates** Required **Monitoring Method** Responsible for Responsible Data Resources **Implementation** Reporting Number of Schools with Innovation Stations Partnership with UNC Charlotte to Throughout the Professional Assoc. Supt. For Executive Director of Funding, provide training and resources to Academic Services Facilities. Elementary School school year Development schools for innovation stations. Instruction Curriculum Opportunities, Executive Director of completed projects,, Elementary School Assessment Data Instruction



Priority IV: Healthy, Safe, and Responsible Schools

State Goal: Every student is healthy, safe, and responsible.

GCS Goal: Every student has the opportunity to learn in a safe school environment.

By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will have continuous improvement of safety and security components of the school and work environment.							
Strategies	Person(s) Responsible for Implementation	Person(s) Responsible Data Reporting	Benchmark Dates	Required Resources	Monitoring Method		
	T	Safety					
Train Principals, AP, Counselors on "How to Write a Safety Plan."	Director of Counseling Services	Director of Counseling Services	Throughout the School Year	Handouts, Presentation	Sign in sheets from training		
	Director of Alternative Education	Education					
All Safety Plans and Notebooks are Audited.	Executive Director of Auxiliary Services	Executive Director of Auxiliary Services	Throughout the School Year	Schedule, Audit Sheets	Audit Reports		
	Security Compliance Manager	Security Compliance Manager					
		Security					
Schedule school security audits.	Security Compliance Manager	Security Compliance Manager	Throughout the School Year	Schedule, Audit Sheets	Audit Reports		
Safety and Security Training: Teachers; Administrators; School Resource Officers; Local Law	Executive Director of Auxiliary Services	Executive Director of Auxiliary Services	Throughout the School Year	Handouts, Presentation			
Enforcement Agencies.	Security Compliance Manager	Security Compliance Manager					
Life Safety Upfits and Improvements: Camera's; Metal Detection; Event Planning.	Executive Director of Auxiliary Services	Executive Director of Auxiliary Services	Throughout the School Year and Ongoing	Preventative Maintenance Schedule and as	Reports		
	Security Compliance Manager	Security Compliance Manager		needed			



By June 2024, Gaston County Schools w	vill utilize community	resources to increase	e the physical and	By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will utilize community resources to increase the physical and mental health support of all students.							
Strategies	Person(s) Responsible for Implementation	Person(s) Responsible Data Reporting	Benchmark Dates	Required Resources	Monitoring Method						
	Reduce the Amou	unt of Reported Bullyi	ng Incidents								
Implement the use of the DPI "Bullying Assessment Tool."	Director of Counseling Services	Director of Counseling Services	Throughout the year	Handouts Presentations	Completed assessment						
Maintain Educator's Handbook.	Director of Alternative Education	Director of Alternative Education	Throughout the year	Educator's Handbook	Referrals and outcome reports						
Provide the Superintendent/Executive Director of Student Support Services with a student discipline annual report.	Director of Counseling Services	Director of Counseling Services	End of school year	Educator's Handbook	Reported Incidents						
Maintain the Anti-Bullying webpage for students, staff and parents.	Director of Counseling Services	Director of Counseling Services	school year	Anonymous Bullying Website	updated website						
Develop a Parent Program to be offered each semester.	Director of Counseling Services Director of Athletics	Director of Counseling Services	Once each semester	Handouts Presentations	Parent sign in logs						
	and Driver Education	Director of Athletics and Driver Education									
Involve School-Based Therapist to provide training to select staff.	Director of Counseling Services	Director of Counseling Services	year	Handouts Presentations	Staff sign in sheets						
Train counselors to provide Mental Health Referral to identified "bullies."	Director of Counseling Services	Director of Counseling Services	school year	Handouts, Presentations	School Counselor sign-in sheet						
All schools implement a mental health indicator through their school improvement plan.	Executive Director of Student Support Services Chief Accountability Officer	Chief Accountability Officer	Beginning of Two Year School Improvement Plan Cycle	NC Star, School Improvement Plan	SIP Monitoring Meetings, Indicator and Action						



	Cor	mmunity Resources			
Raise visibility of the Business and	Director of Business	Director of Business	Throughout the	Funding, Facilities,	Attendees
Community Partnerships Office through	Partnerships	Partnerships	School Year		
annual partnership recognition event					
and other activities.	Chief				
	Communications				
	Officer				
Continue to speak and present	Director of Business	Director of Business	Throughout the	Funding, Facilities,	
programs at churches, businesses, and	Partnerships	Partnerships	School Year		of events attended
other community events.					
Use district level means of	Director of Business	Director of Business	Throughout the	Communication	N/A
communication to highlight	Partnerships	Partnerships	School Year	tools	
partnerships.					
	Chief				
	Communications				
	Officer	51 1 15	-	- " - "	
Attend community events to engage	Director of Business	Director of Business	Throughout the	Funding, Facilities,	Calendar, Agendas
stakeholders.	Partnerships	Partnerships	School Year		of events attended
Continue management of volunteer	Director of Business	Director of Business	Throughout the	-	Database, Attendees
database and provide convenient	Partnerships	Partnerships	School Year	Facilities	
access for Volunteer Orientation.	51	51 1 15			24/4
Encourage schools to post volunteer	Director of Business	Director of Business	Throughout the	Communication	N/A
information and needs on school web	Partnerships	Partnerships	School Year	Tools	
pages and social media accounts.	01:5				
	Chief				
	Communications				
Dogwit and train mentage and sussition	Officer	Dina atau at Desais	The second section	0	0-111
Recruit and train mentors and speak on	Director of Business	Director of Business	Throughout the	Communication	Calendar, Agendas
behalf of the Gaston County Schools	Partnerships	Partnerships	School Year	tools,	of events attended
mentoring program.					



By June 2024, Gaston County Schools will continue to foster responsible digital citizenship among all students and employees.					
Strategies	Person(s)	Person(s)	Benchmark Dates	Required	Monitoring
	Responsible for	Responsible Data		Resources	Method
	Implementation	Reporting			
Completed CIPA Lessons					
Student Support Services and	Chief Technology	Instructional	June-August	Lesson plans,	Bank of Lessons
Technology Support Services will team	Officer	Technology		Drive to store	shared with schools
together to write and share digital		Facilitators		lessons	
citizenship lessons with schools at the	Instructional				
elementary, middle and high school	Technology				
level.	Facilitators				
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	Student Support				
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Administrators will monitor the	School-level	School-level	Throughout the	Lessons	Completed Lesson
implementation of district prepared	administrators	administrators	school year		Spreadsheet
digital citizenship lessons within the					
school day at all elementary, middle and					
high schools.					