



Gaston Virtual Academy (GVA)

#1 Learning Place

Gastonia, NC 28052

(Formerly the Forest Heights Elementary School building)

(704) 836-9125

Dr. Adair McKay (K-12 Principal)

Kristin Haskett (K-12 Assistant Principal)

High School Counselor: Yeva Hall-Williamson (grades 9-12)

About us:

“GVA” is a newly branded choice school, within the Gaston County School District, that provides NC Department of Public Instruction-approved, remote education to students within Gaston County through qualified teachers. Visit our school website at <https://www.gaston.k12.nc.us/virtualacademy>

Weighted Courses

GVA Honors Courses: offered for academics, plus AP English 11, and AP Statistics

Gaston Online: GO! is a virtual learning program where courses are created and administered by Gaston County Schools’ teachers for high school students. *More HONORS and AP courses available.

North Carolina Virtual Public School: NCVPS is the online course provider for public schools in NC and is governed through the NCVPS organization and the NC Department of Public Instruction. *More HONORS and AP courses are available.

College Now (Formerly CCP): is a dual enrollment program for high school juniors and seniors. The purpose is to accelerate completion of college courses while in high school. Enrollment opens three times a school year (fall, spring, and summer and students must register for Gaston College during open enrollment).

Gaston County Schools’ High School Grading Information

MISSION: GVA WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION TO STUDENTS, USING CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY, AND A FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS.

VISION: GVA WILL DELIVER HIGHLY EFFECTIVE DIGITAL LEARNING THROUGH INNOVATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR EACH STUDENT TO HELP THEM REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AND LEAD PRODUCTIVE LIVES IN AN EVOLVING SOCIETY.

Weighted Grade Point Scale

<u>Standard Course</u>	<u>Honors/AP Prep</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>Grading Scale</u>
A = 4.0	A = 4.5	A = 5.0	A 90-100
B = 3.0	B = 3.5	B = 4.0	B 80-89
C = 2.0	C = 2.5	C = 3.0	C 70-79
D = 1.0	D = 1.5	D = 2.0	D 60-69
F = 0	F = 0	F = 0	F Below 60 (eligible for credit recovery/grade suppression)

Class Rank/GPA is calculated at the end of each semester by using the weighted 4.0 scale

Graduation Requirements: EVERY CLASS WHETHER AN ELECTIVE OR ACADEMIC IS WORTH 1.0 CREDIT

All students are required to complete a minimum of 28 credits (of 32 offered) to graduate + meet the following graduation requirements:

4 English

4 Math (Math I, Math II, Math III and a Math course above Math III aligned with post-secondary plans)

4 Social Studies (World History, Civic Literacy, Economics & Personal Finance, **and/or** American History paired with a fourth history elective) *new requirements vary by grade level.

3 Science (Earth/Environmental, Biology, and a Physical Science)

1 Health/PE

12 Electives





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GCS-Grading Information Grades 3-12

Grade Composition

<p>Gaston County Schools uses a 10-point grading scale for students in grades 3-12</p> <p>A 90-100 B 89-80 C 79-70 D 60-69 F Below 60</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Elementary</p> <p>*Reading and writing grades – The weights of each shall be reading 70 percent and writing/word study 30 percent. *In reading and math, at least three (3) must be test grades that are reflective of their proficiency on the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.</p>
<p>High School Credit Earned in Middle School</p> <p>Middle school students are eligible to earn high school credit toward meeting graduation requirements. Students must pass the course and take the applicable final exam. High school courses are taken in middle school count towards graduation credits but not as part of the student's high school grade point average. High school credit courses offered at middle school are World History (7th grade), Spanish I (8th grade), NC Math 1 (8th grade).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Middle</p> <p>The nine weeks grade shall be determined by the following: 40 percent - tests (major projects, papers, & performances) 30 percent independent work - (quizzes, classwork, common assessments, etc.) 20 percent guided work - (group activities, teacher-led activities, etc.) & 10 percent homework •A minimum of three (3) tests shall be given during each grading period for all middle school courses. In addition to test grades, a minimum of five (5) guided assignments and four (4) independent assignments shall be given in each grading period for all middle school courses.</p>

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