

# Bessemer City High School

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The Gaston County School System is a nationally accredited public school district enrolling nearly 33,000 students in grades k-12. The district includes 10 high schools, 1 alternative school, and 2 innovative high schools located on the community college campus. There are 30 elementary schools and 11 middle schools. Gaston County also offers a Virtual Academy for online, remote school, and a community-based vocation training school that serves special needs populations.

Bessemer City High School is a four-year public school and serves approximately 596 students in grades 9-12. Bessemer City utilizes 4x4 block scheduling where each student attends 4 classes daily for an entire semester. Bessemer City High School is also the home to Gaston County's Technology and Industrial Engineering Academy.



## Community Information

Total population: 5,507  
Median household income: \$39,055  
Percentage of residents living below poverty line: 13.3%

## Grading Scales

**COVID-19 Grading Policy:** for the 2020 spring semester, students had the option to select one of the following final grade options for each course:

Accept numerical grade (factors into GPA)  
 PC19 (pass & receive credit, not factored into GPA)  
 WC19 (withdrawal & no credit, not factored into GPA)

	Non-Weighted Courses	Honors Courses	AP & College Courses
A = 90-100	A = 4.0	A = 4.5	A = 5.0
B = 80-89	B = 3.0	B = 3.5	B = 4.0
C = 70-79	C = 2.0	C = 2.5	C = 3.0
D = 60-69	D = 1.0	D = 1.5	D = 2.0
F = 0-59	F = 0.0	F = 0.0	F = 0.0

## HONORS, COLLEGE, & AP COURSES

### Honors Courses

Bessemer City High School offers students 28 honors courses in numerous disciplines:

English  
 Math  
 Science  
 Social Studies  
 Elective Courses

### College Courses

Students have the option of taking college level courses through College Now (Career & College Promise) at Gaston Community College. Credit received can either be transferred to another college or applied towards a college certificate program.

### AP Courses

Bessemer City High School offers 5 AP courses on site and numerous courses through North Carolina Virtual Public School.

## Graduation Requirements

To graduate from Gaston County Schools, students must complete 28 units in grades 9, 10, 11, & 12.

### **English:** 4 Units

- English 1, 2, 3, & 4

### **Math:** 4 Units

- Math 1, 2, 3, & 4<sup>th</sup> unit aligned with post-secondary plans

### **Health & PE:** 1 Unit

### **Social Studies:** 4 Units

- World History
- American History
- Civics & Economics -or- Civic Literacy
- A 4<sup>th</sup> unit of Social Studies

### **Science:** 3 Units

- Earth/Environmental
- Biology
- Physical science aligned with post-secondary plans

### **Electives:** 11 Units

## Extra-Curricular Activities

### Athletic Teams

Baseball  
 Basketball  
 Cheerleading  
 Cross Country  
 Football  
 Golf  
 Soccer  
 Softball  
 Track  
 Volleyball  
 Wrestling

### Clubs

Art Club  
 Drama Club  
 Fellowship of Christian Students  
 Health Science Club  
 Spirit/Pep Club  
 Student Council  
 Student Leadership Team  
 Yearbook

### Honor Societies

National Honor Society  
 National Technical Honor Society