



## North Gaston High School

Leadership Academy

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### 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 2022, 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, NGHS 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 1,168 with 20% of students being of Hispanic/Latino descent, 52% White, 22% African American and 6% of students coming from Native American, Asian or biracial backgrounds.

### 2022-2023 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:

4 English

4 Math (Math I, Math II, Math III & a 4<sup>th</sup> Math course) 4

Social Studies (World History, Foundations of Civics Literacy and Economics, American History and Social studies elective )

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

1Health/PE

12 Electives

28 credits total

### Grading Scale\*

A=Excellent 90-100 4.0  
B=Above Average 80-89 3.0  
C=Average 70-79 2.0  
D=Below Average 60-69 1.0  
F=Failure Below 60 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 point for honors courses and two points for advanced placement 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.

### COVID-19

NGHS students began virtual learning in March 2020. In the 20-21 school year on an "A" and "B" cohort schedule. Cohorts were based on last names. Each cohort was present at school for two days and three days were virtual learning days.

## School 2022-2023

### Course Offerings for North Gaston High

#### English

English I, II, III, IV

English I, II, III, IV Honors \*

AP English Language \*\*

AP English Literature \*\*

Creative Writing I, II,

Creative Writing III & IV

Honors \*

Yearbook

#### Math

Foundations of Math I

Math I

Math I Honors \*

Math II

Math II Honors \*

Math III

Math III Honors \*

Pre-Calculus Honors \*

AP Statistics\*\*

#### Fine Arts

Art Beginning & Intermediate

Art Proficient \* & Advance Honors\*

Theatre Beginning & Intermediate

Theatre Proficient & Advanced Honors \*

Band Beginning & Intermediate

Band Proficient & Advance Honors \*

Vocal Music Beginning & Intermediate

Vocal Proficient & Advanced Honors \*

#### Foreign Language

Spanish I & II

Spanish III Honors\*

French I & II

#### Healthy Living

Health and Physical Education

Body Wellness

Team Sports

Turf Management Honors\*

#### Leadership

Teen Leadership Development I

Teen Leadership Dev. II (Reg/Hns) \*

Teen Leadership Dev. III (Reg/Hns)\*

Teen Leadership Dev. IV Hns \*

#### Science

Earth & Environmental Science

Earth & Environmental Science  
Honors\*

Biology / Biology Honors \*

Anatomy & Physiology Honors\*

Astronomy Honors\*

Physical Science

Chemistry I

Chemistry I Honors \*

Forensic Science Honors \*

Astronomy Honors \*

Physics Honors \*

AP Biology \*\*

#### Social Studies

World History

World History Honors \*

Civics Literacy

Civics Literacy Honors \*

American History

American History Honors \*

The Civil War

African American Studies

Cold War Honors \*

Sociology

Current Events

Psychology

AP Human Geography\*\*

AP Psychology \*\*

AP US History \*\*

#### 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/Honors\*

Biomedical Technology/Honors\*

Health Science II/Honors\*

Nursing Fundamentals \*

##### Human Services

Food and Nutrition I/Honors\*

Food and Nutrition II/Honors\*

Child Development/Honors\*

Early Childhood Education I/Honors\*

##### Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

Automotive Service Fundamentals

Automotive Service I & II Honors\*

##### Arts & A/V Communications

Adobe Visual Design/Honors\*

Adobe Video Design/Honors\*

Digital Design and Animation I/Honors\*

Game Art Design/Honors\*

##### Business Management & Administration

Project Management I/Honors\*

Project Management II/Honors\*

Entrepreneurship I/Honors\*

Entrepreneurship II/Honors\*

##### Marketing

Marketing/Honors\*

Marketing Applications/Honors\*

##### Architecture & Construction

Core & Sustainable Construction

Carpentry I/Honors\*

Carpentry II/Honors\*

##### **\*Honors credits**

0.5 additional GPA points  
(Students grades 9-12)

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

1 additional GPA Point  
(Students grades 10-12)