

1600 North Morris Street Gastonia, NC 28052

January 25, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student:

I would like to invite you to visit Highland School of Technology on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 from 5:30-7:00pm. This open house will give you an opportunity to tour our school, to ask questions about the programs offered, and to meet students, teachers, and administrators.

All students in the class of 2023 must meet these criteria to be included in the initial phase of the lottery process at the Highland School of Technology:

- Student and parent/guardian must reside in Gaston County.
- Student must be a current 8th grader.
- 7th grade overall "C" or 70 minimum average.
- 7th grade math EOG score at Level III/IV/V
- 7th grade reading EOG score at Level III/IV/V
- Good standing in conduct for grade seven.
- Attendance at 94% or above in grade seven (medical exceptions are considered).
- Application postmarked by February 28, 2019.

Qualifying applications received on time will be added to the lottery process.

The lottery will be held on March 14, 2019 at 4pm in the auditorium at Highland School of Technology.

Students must meet these criteria to receive final acceptance to the Highland School of Technology or to remain on the waiting list:

- Student and parent/guardian must maintain residency in Gaston County.
- 8th grade overall "C" or 70 minimum average.
- 8th grade math EOG at Level III/IV/V or 8th grade Math I EOC at Level III/IV/V
- 8th grade reading EOG at Level III/IV/V.
- Good standing in conduct for grade eight.
- Attendance at 94% or above in grade eight (medical exceptions are considered).

*Any student from a private, charter, homeschool, or from any school outside of Gaston County Schools must verify residency with the GCS Student Assignment Office no later than May 1, 2019 to remain on the initially accepted list or waitlist.

Some important dates to remember:

- February 19, 2019 Open House at Highland from 5:30-7pm.
- February 28, 2019 Application must be postmarked or submitted online.
 - March 14, 2019 Lottery is held in Highland Auditorium at 4 pm.
- May 1, 2019 Deadline for Residency Verification* (non-public school applicants only).

Sincerely,



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