



Gaston County Schools

Collegiate Prep Academy

Collegiate Preparatory Academy at Forestview High School

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of the Collegiate Preparatory Academy?

The Collegiate Preparatory Academy allows students to develop, practice, and sharpen their critical and creative thinking skills. A rigorous academic framework will prepare students for success at the college and university level, while also providing a solid foundation through two foundational courses, Research Methods and Research & Composition. Students earn the College Board's elite Capstone Diploma through successful completion of two capstone courses, AP Seminar and AP Research, as well as four chosen Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

2. What are the start and stop times of the school day? What is the earliest I can drop my child off and the latest I can pick up my child?

The school day is 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Students may be dropped off at 7:45 am and must be picked up by 4:00 p.m.

3. Will my student be eligible to be a Valedictorian/Salutatorian if they commit to yearlong courses like the AP Capstone Seminar and AP Research?

If your student chooses to take additional AP course options as credits they will rank among the most competitive students. In fact, CP Academy students are usually among the top 20 in their graduating class.

4. Will my student be able to take enough AP credit courses to stay in the top of their class?

If your student chooses appropriate leveled courses (honors or AP) and chooses rigorous elective courses throughout the pathway, he or she can accumulate AP credits.

5. Will my student be able to take AP courses in the 9th Grade?

Your student will have opportunities to take challenging courses at an honors level that will satisfy many upper-level course prerequisites in preparation for success in AP courses. For some mature students, FHS offers AP classes in the freshman year, according to the College Board's recommendations.



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6. If my student is accepted and begins the program, can they choose to not take the AP Capstone courses, but remain in the Collegiate Preparatory Academy?

The AP Capstone courses (AP Seminar and AP Research) are the culminating courses that are required in the College Preparatory Pathway.

7. What are the requirements for admissions to the Collegiate Preparatory Academy?

Students must be in good standing, including attendance, behavior, and academics. The parent/legal guardian must be a resident of Gaston County. The incoming 9th grader must have a level 3 or higher 7th grade reading & math EOGs, AND an overall “B” Average in 8th Grade core courses (English, math, science, social studies). The student must be proficient on the most recent i-Ready diagnostic in reading and math.

8. Who can apply to the Collegiate Preparatory Academy and how are students selected?

Incoming ninth-grade students that meet entrance requirements may apply. Collegiate Prep Academy at Forestview will be accepting rising tenth graders with limited seats available.

9. What are the requirements for continued enrollment?

The parent/legal guardian must maintain residency in Gaston County. Students must maintain a 3.0-grade point average. Students must maintain adequate attendance and behavior and be making progress towards the completion of required courses and exams.

10. What credentials could I earn as part of the Collegiate Preparatory Academy?

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing receive the *AP Capstone Diploma*[™]. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research but not on four additional AP Exams receive the *AP Seminar and Research Certificate*[™].

The Capstone Certificate and Diploma credentials are recognized by major colleges and universities. This designation distinguishes college applicants because they will have shown early success on college-level curricula.