

GASTON EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

(1) Complete the Gaston Early College High School Application

- Student Personal Data
- Parent or Legal Guardian Information
- Student Information and Essay
- Middle School Team Recommendation Form
- Student and parent must sign application in order to be considered.

(2) Gaston Early College Criteria Requirements.

- Student must reside in Gaston County at time of application and maintain a residence in Gaston County throughout enrollment.
- Student conduct in the 8th grade must be in good standing.

(3) Student application will be reviewed by selection committee, and the following will be considered for admission:

- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Enthusiasm for non-traditional approaches to learning
- Eagerness and ability to complete rigorous coursework
- Leadership ability or potential
- Motivation and self-initiative

(4) Other criteria considered by the selection committee include:

- First-generation college students (*The student's parents did not graduate from a 4 year college/university*)
- Students with potential for success in a non-traditional academic setting
- Students open to a strong academic support system
- Students who would benefit from accelerated, rigorous course work
(All GECHS courses are honors level.)

(5) Gaston Early College program criteria for continued enrollment

- Student must maintain a cumulative minimum 2.0 grade point average.
- Students must maintain good conduct.
- Students who fail to meet the above criteria will be placed on Academic Probation and subject to transfer to the home high school.

(6) Parent/Legal Guardian should support the school by the following:

- Committing to volunteer and support the student's academic and social success;
- Attending events, and being actively involved as a parent volunteer; and,
- Supporting student-sponsored community service projects.
- Sign a parent commitment form

Gaston County Schools and Gaston College sincerely appreciate your interest in the Gaston Early College High School. Please submit the completed application to your middle school counselor. Deadline is February 28, 2018.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

FATHER OR MALE LEGAL GUARDIAN

Full Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Address (If different from student): _____

Occupation _____ Place of Employment _____

MOTHER OR FEMALE LEGAL GUARDIAN

Full Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Address (If different from student): _____

Occupation _____ Place of Employment _____

Mother's Education – Check highest level of completion

Did not finish high school
 High school Graduate
 Graduated from community, technical or junior college
 Graduated from a four-year college or university
 Graduate School

Father's Education – Check highest level of completion

Did not finish high school
 High school Graduate
 Graduated from community, technical or junior college
 Graduated from a four-year college or university
 Graduate School

I certify that the information I have given on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I agree to observe all the rules and regulations of Gaston Early College High School, Gaston County Schools, and Gaston College. I understand the effort and time my student is undertaking, and I agree to keep my student in the program for at least one year.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of parent or legal guardian _____ Date _____

Parent Commitment and Agreement

Student's Printed Name _____

Parent Commitment Statements:

1. I understand that participation in my child's education will help his/her achievement and attitude. I will voluntarily be involved in the school to promote school-wide parent support in all areas of the school.
2. I understand that my child will have homework every night, and I will support the school and him/her in completing homework assignments.
3. I understand that Gaston Early College High School and Gaston College courses require more time and work than traditional high school classes, and I will support the school and my child in completing the requirements.
4. I will assure my child regularly attends school. While Gaston County Schools attendance policy may allow up to 10 absences per class per semester, Early College High school students who miss this much school will have difficulty.
5. I will support Early College High School teachers and staff in assuring my student meets his/her responsibilities as a student including attendance, behavior, and academic performance.
6. I will participate in parent-teacher conferences and parent night meetings. I will have regular telephone or email communication with school staff to discuss my child's performance.
7. I understand the commitment of time and effort my student, and I will be undertaking if my student attends Gaston County Early College High School.
8. I will support my student's participation in field trips and service learning opportunities.

Parent/Guardian's PRINTED NAME

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Student Commitment and Agreement

Student's Printed Name _____

Student Commitment Statements:

1. I understand that I will have homework every night, and I will complete homework assignments to the best of my ability.
2. I understand that Gaston Early College High School and Gaston College courses require more time and work than traditional high school classes, and I will make every effort to complete the requirements.
3. I will attend school regularly. While Gaston County Schools attendance policy may allow up to 10 absences per class per semester, Early College High school students who miss this much school will have difficulty.
4. I understand the commitment of time and effort I am making as a student at Gaston County Early College High School.
5. I understand that I will not have the opportunity to participate in sports, band, chorus, or any other activity at my home high school.
6. I understand this is not a trial period. I am making a commitment to attend GECHS for 5 years.
7. I will participate in field trips and community service projects.
8. I will participate in a variety of cooperative learning projects and group work on a regular basis.
9. I will attend tutoring sessions as needed to improve my achievement.

Student's PRINTED NAME

Student's Signature

8th Grade MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM RECOMMENDATION

Student's Name: _____
Last
First
Middle

To the Student: Write your name above and give this form to your 8th grade middle school team.

To the Team: The student named above is applying for admission to Gaston Early College High School. Please use this form to share with us your collected perceptions of how this student will meet the academic and social expectations of our school. Thank you for your assistance.

*****Please place in sealed envelope with your signature across the flap before you submit it to the middle school counselor. This should be confidential. Neither the student nor the parent should read your recommendation.***

What would you say is the applicant's greatest strength? _____

What would you say is the applicant's greatest challenge? _____

What would identify as an area where growth is needed? _____

Please check as applicable:

	Exemplary	Acceptable	Needs Improvement
Ability to work as a team member			
Ability to Communicate (oral & written)			
Analytical /problem solving			
Works independently			
Accepts personal responsibility for actions			
Leadership Skills			
Overall Quality of Academic Work			
Computer Knowledge/Skills			
Organization			
Willingness to work in groups			
Overall Attitude			
Willingness to take constructive criticism & adjust			
Dependability/Reliability			
Completes homework			
Motivation			
Ability to read college level text			

How does the applicant respond when asked to engage in new and or different learning experiences?

How does the applicant respond when expected to work on a group project with peers?

Have you experienced any patterns of disrespect or non-compliance with this applicant?

How would you describe the applicant's parental support of you and/or the school in general?

Names of Team Members _____

