

Application and Admission Requirements

The point of entry to Gaston Early College High School is the beginning of the 9th grade.

8th grade students interested in attending will complete all parts of the Gaston Early College High School Application:

- Student or Personal Data
- Parent or Guardian Information
- Student Information and Essay
- Parent and Student Commitment and Agreement
- Middle School Team Recommendation Form

Gaston Early College Criteria Requirements.

- Student must reside and maintain a residence in Gaston County.
- Student conduct in the 8th grade must be in good standing.
- Student must demonstrate a willingness to participate in a rigorous and accelerated course of study leading to a high school diploma as well as an advanced degree or college transfer credit.

Criteria considered by the selection committee:

- Student willing to attend a non-traditional high school that does not offer school athletics, band, or chorus.
- First generation college students
- Under-represented students in the college setting
- Students with potential for success in non-traditional academic setting
- Students open to a strong academic support system
- Students who would benefit from accelerated course work (All high school courses are taught at Honors level and students receive Honors credit where applicable.)

Gaston Early College program criteria for continued enrollment

- Student must continue to make progress toward high school graduation and maintain a cumulative minimum 2.0 grade point average on high school and college courses.
- 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.
- Gaston Early College High School (GECHS) students who withdraw from GECHS will not be allowed to re-enroll at GECHS.
- Students will only be allowed to change school assignments at a semester break.