

Gaston County Schools
Public Service
Academy

Public Service Academy at John Chavis Middle School
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of the Public Service Academy at John Chavis Middle School?

The Public Service Academy introduces students to career options in public service and education. Students will learn how to apply what they learn in all classes to 21st Century work skills. It will help students explore different career options which will inform their high school courses. The Public Service Academy creates a strong foundation for future education and work opportunities.

2. What are the requirements for admissions to the Academy at John Chavis Middle School?

Students must be in good standing including academically, as well as for attendance and behavior. Parents/legal guardians must be residents of Gaston County.

3. Who can apply to the Public Service Academy at John Chavis Middle School?

Incoming sixth grade students may apply.

4. What are the requirements for continued enrollment?

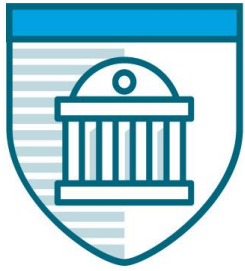
Parent/legal guardian must maintain residency in Gaston County. Students must be in good standing including appropriate attendance, behavior, and academics.

5. What will my child gain from this program?

Classes and learning opportunities that will allow students to explore public service careers. Students will also practice public speaking, soft skills, and peer collaboration.

6. What happens after I complete the Public Service Academy at John Chavis Middle School?

You may apply to the Public Service Academy at Cherryville High School, which offers these programs: Education and Training, Emergency Medical Technician, Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security, Government and Public Administration. These pathways include opportunities to take Gaston College courses that may lead to a specific credential, diploma, or can be transferred to a four year college or university.



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7. What options are available at the middle school level for the Public Service Academy at John Chavis Middle School?

Students will learn about what it takes to become a police officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, lawyer/judge, teacher, and leader in municipal/county government. Students will be given the opportunity to learn about and have hands-on experience in various career paths.

8. What opportunities will be available because of my enrollment in the Public Service Academy at John Chavis Middle School?

Students will job shadow at Cherryville Elementary, Beam Intermediate, and with Local Public Service Officials. They will also participate in a Public Service project as part of the Academy.

9. Are there any additional requirements for students in the Public Service Academy at John Chavis Middle School?

Students must be willing to commit to the Academy's objectives and extra curricular activities as well as all other school expectations.

10. What is the earliest I can drop my child off and the latest I can pick up my child?

7:45 am Drop Off and 4:00 pm Pick Up