



Gaston County Schools **Public Service** Academy

Public Service Academy at Cherryville High School **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. What is the purpose of the Public Service Academy?

The Public Service Academy at Cherryville High School is dedicated to providing high-quality education for students interested in the fields of Education, Criminal Justice, Public Safety, and Emergency Medical Technician. The Academy answers our nation's call for the heroes of tomorrow.

2. What can I gain from joining the Public Service Academy?

EMT Certification; Public Safety Certification; Valuable teaching experience and college credits; Valuable real-life experiences through community service and internships.

3. What opportunities will be available because of my participation in the Public Service Academy?

Students will have the opportunity to complete both internships and community service projects.

4. What credentials could I earn as part of the Public Service Academy?

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), National Incident Management (NIMS), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

5. What criteria must students meet to be eligible for the Public Service Academy?

Students must be in good standing including appropriate attendance, behavior, and academics. The parent/legal guardian must be residents of Gaston County.

6. Who can apply to the Public Service Academy and how are students selected?

Incoming ninth grade students may apply. Rising tenth graders may apply with limited seats available.

7. What are the requirements for continued enrollment?

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

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

7:45 a.m. Drop Off and 3:20 p.m. Pick Up