

Forestview High School History

Forestview was formed and founded via an effort by Gaston County Schools to ease overcrowding at Hunter Huss High School, South Point High School and Ashbrook High School. The school's mission is stated as follows: In partnership with the community, Forestview High School provides an educational experience committed to excellence in academics, arts, and athletics that ensures our students will have success as lifelong learners.

On Monday, April 24, 1995 Forestview was born. The school opened its doors in August 1998 without a senior class. The first ever graduating class was in 2000. 80% percent of Forestview graduates go on to attend universities and in the 2007-2008 school year Forestview set a county record with \$4.2 million in scholarships. Forestview has kept with that tradition receiving over \$10 million in scholarships in the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.

Gastonia native Chuck Clubb came up with the name of Forestview, Clubb is an active member of the Republican Party, actor, and a member of the board of directors for the Little Theater of Gastonia. He also designed the flag for the City of Gastonia, and holds the distinction of proposing the name of the Charlotte Bobcats a National Basketball Association team. Clubb came up with the name Forestview in 1994 while walking around the newly purchased land site for the new school.

Forestview's first Principal Robert Carpenter was selected to serve in 1996, and served as the school's first employee along with Diane Hall the school's financial administrator, who recently retired at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Forestview's second Principal Audrey A. Devine was selected to serve following the retirement of Robert Carpenter. Mrs. Devine was selected as Gaston County Principal of the Year for the 2008-2009 school year while serving at Belmont Middle School. In 2012 Mrs. Devine became Principal at Stuart Cramer High School. Forestview's current Principal is Chad Caper.

ATHLETICS

Forestview would play their first football season away from their campus using East Gaston High School, South Point High School, and Ashbrook High as home facilities. Their first ever home game was play at East Gaston's Arrowhead Stadium versus Bessemer City. With vast community support the Parent Teacher Organization was able to raise in assess of \$1.6 million to build athletic facilities. Included in the Dan Gunter Athletic Facilities are the Alala Stadium, baseball stadium, tennis courts, softball and soccer facilities. Forestview is currently a member of the Big South Conference and in the 3A classification by the North Carolina Athletic Association (NCHSAA).

Forestview has 564 athletes that perform annually in over twenty sports. There have been three jerseys retired in the history of the school:

Mary Hall McCarver-# 3-Women's Basketball

K.C. Correll-#23-Women's Basketball

Whitney Sikes-#5-Women's Soccer