

One Cluster! Two Great High Schools!

Students in the Norcross Cluster have the unique opportunity to attend two different high schools. Students and families make their high school request after learning about both high schools and requesting the school that best fits their student's specific interests and goals. To help families with their request, there are opportunities over the next few weeks for student and parents to learn more about both Norcross High School and Paul Duke STEM High School.

Students and parents can begin familiarizing themselves with both schools by visiting both of the school's websites at either PaulDukeSTEM.org and NorcrossHigh.org. Families will make their high school selection in early December, after the Thanksgiving break. **IMPORTANT REMINDER: The high school decision is a commitment until the student graduates. After the school selection process, families will only be able to change their decision through the Gwinnett County Public Schools permissive transfer process.**

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday, November 6 @ 6:30 pm:** In-person student/parent meeting with information about [Paul Duke STEM HS](#) (in English & Spanish)
- **Monday, November 13 @ 6:30 pm:** In-person student/parent meeting with information about [Norcross HS](#) (in English & Spanish)
- **Week of November 27:** Students submit their high school choice and elective course selections through the high school selection tool.

REGARDLESS OF WHICH SCHOOL YOUR STUDENTS CHOOSE, GET INVOLVED!

Both Norcross High School and Paul Duke STEM High School offer numerous after school activities. These activities serve to complement classroom learning to create an environment that encourages all students to achieve their greatest potential as responsible, productive members of a diverse society.

Unique Programs at NHS

- INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
 - IB Diploma Programme
 - IB Middle Years Programme
- 3DE BY JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT
- BAND, CHORUS, ORCHESTRA, THEATER, & VISUAL ARTS
- ARMY JUNIOR ROTC
- 9 CTE PATHWAYS



Unique Programs at PDS

- AP CAPSTONE PROGRAM
- COMPUTER SCIENCE & CYBERSECURITY PROGRAMS
- BAND, ORCHESTRA, DANCE, THEATER, & VISUAL ARTS
- 10 STEAM PATHWAYS
- SENIOR INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES



NORCROSS CLUSTER HIGH SCHOOLS: A CHOICE FOR EXCELLENCE

GETTING ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS!

During their Freshman year, students will continue their journey of becoming well prepared for college and career success and start down the road of achieving the necessary 23 credits to graduate!

Which school is right for my students?

There are many similarities between Norcross and Paul Duke STEM High Schools, so please encourage your students to learn about both schools before determining which school is best for them.

- What are their interests, talents, and passions?
- What type of high school experience do they want?
- What are their current college and career goals?
- Which school matches them best?



GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students are **required** to pass the following core classes, in order to to earn a high school diploma.

Subject	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies	Health & PE	Fine Arts, World Languages, and Career & Technical Ed	Electives	Total Credits
Credits required for graduation	4 Credits; including 1 Credit of 9th Grade Lit. & Comp. AND 1 Credit of American Lit. & Comp.	4 Credits; including Algebra C&C, Geometry C&C, and two higher level courses	4 Credits; including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and a science elective	3 Credits; including 1 Credit World History, 1 Credit U.S. History, 0.5 Credit Amer. Gov't and 0.5 Credit Economics	1 Credit; including 0.5 Credit Personal Fitness & 0.5 Credit Health OR 3.0 Credits JROTC	3 Credits (Any Combination) *2 credits of the same modern or classical language classes are required for university admissions in the state of Georgia.	4 Credits	23 Credits