



# WE BELIEVE

NORCROSS HIGH SCHOOL



# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Welcome to Norcross High School, where we focus on preparing our students with the academic knowledge, skills and behaviors to be successful in life after high school, whether that is college or career.

Norcross High School teachers know that relationships and research-based instruction make the difference for our students. The future success of our students depends on a combined effort between our students, parents, school staff, and the Norcross High School community.

Students at Norcross have the opportunity to get a world class education while taking a wide variety of classes and having the option to be involved in a multitude of activities, organizations and athletic teams. All ninth and tenth grade students are a part of our International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, a continuation of the program students experienced at Pinckneyville and Summerour Middle Schools. In addition, some students choose to be a part of our 3DE program by Junior Achievement, while others choose to work toward an International Baccalaureate Diploma in the eleventh and twelfth grades.

At Norcross we encourage our students to strive to be their best and to achieve at levels above their own expectation. Success is the only option!

Please take some time to review the information about Norcross High School. We look forward to our new students joining us this fall!

*Will Bishop*

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Principal

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

**NHS administered over 950  
AP and IB exams in May 2023**

**\$100,000**

Raised by the Norcross High School Foundation for Excellence to support our students, teachers and school.

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**NATIONAL MERIT  
SEMI-FINALISTS**  
CLASS OF 2023

THE CLASS OF 2023 WAS OFFERED

MORE THAN **\$4,460,000** IN SCHOLARSHIPS

EXCLUDING THE STATE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP



STRONG PERFORMANCES ON 2022-2023 AP TESTS RESULTED IN HONORS FOR

**48 AP Scholars**  
**16 AP Scholars with Honor**  
**30 AP Scholars with Distinction**



**The NHS students & staff raised  
more than \$5,681 for United Way**





# TOP COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Agnes Scott College  
Albany State University  
Arizona State University  
Art Institute of Atlanta  
Auburn University  
Berry College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brenau University  
Brown University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Central Baptist College  
Clemson University  
Cornell University  
Dalton State College  
Davidson College  
Duke University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Emory University  
Florida A&M University  
Florida State University

Georgetown University  
Georgia College and State University  
Georgia Gwinnett College  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgia Southern University  
Georgia State University  
Gwinnett Technical College  
Harvard University  
Howard University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kennesaw State University  
Louisiana State University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Mercer University  
Middle Georgia State University  
Mississippi State University  
Morehouse College  
Oglethorpe University  
Princeton University  
Rice University  
Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD)  
Spelman College  
Stanford University  
Tulane University  
United States Air Force Academy  
United States Military Academy at West Point

United States Naval Academy  
University of Alabama  
University of California-Berkeley  
University of Central Florida  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado-Boulder  
University of Georgia  
University of Florida  
University of Kentucky  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
University of North Georgia  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of South Carolina  
University of Tennessee  
University of Virginia  
University of West Georgia  
Valdosta State University  
Vanderbilt University  
Wake Forest  
Wesleyan University  
Yale University

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

### CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION AND RETENTION

The terms credits and units (or Carnegie Units) are used interchangeably to identify how much each course passed counts toward meeting the 23 credits/units required for graduation.

To Be Classified A	Students Must Earn
10th grader	5 Carnegie Units
11th grader	11 Carnegie Units
12th grader	17 Carnegie Units

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

In order to earn a Gwinnett County high school diploma, students must earn a minimum of 23 credits (units) in the following areas of study:

Required Area of Study	Credit/Unit
Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3
Modern/Classical Language and/or Technical Education and/or Fine Arts	3
Health and Physical Education	1
Electives	4

## OUR MISSION

The mission of Norcross High School is to engage each student in a higher level of learning, resulting in measured improvement against local, national and world-class standards.

## 9TH GRADE / ROUTE 23

Norcross High School 9th graders are a part of Route 23, a community within Norcross dedicated to providing the structure and support students need in making the transition into high school. Students within this community are supported by dedicated administrators and a team of counselors. The purpose of the community is for students to make meaningful connections with trained school personnel and to receive essential educational support.

Through this program we believe that students will make an effective transition into high school in academic performance and by leading as positive role models within the overall NHS community. During the year in Route 23, our students will begin the process of becoming well prepared for college and career success and start down the road of achieving the necessary 23 credits to graduate!

## OUR VISION

Norcross High School is committed to excellence in education where a collaborative learning community equips students with the knowledge, skills, and behavior to be successful in a competitive world.





**3DE**<sup>™</sup>  
BY JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

**EDUCATION FOR EVERY  
DIMENSION OF LIFE**

## WHAT IS 3DE?

3DE re-engineers high school education to be more relevant, experiential, and authentically-connected to the real world to prepare students for the demands of tomorrow.

## 3DE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

### RELEVANT

3DE connects education to real-world concepts to heighten students' appreciation for academics and long-term aspirations.

### AUTHENTIC

3DE infuses business connections into all aspects of learning to deepen students' understanding and sustain engagement.

### EXPERIENTIAL

3DE delivers opportunities to apply academic concepts to enhance students' retention of knowledge and develop skills for success.

## LEARNING

Case methodology is used as a core part of the academic experience in 3DE. It is proven to increase student engagement, strengthen comprehension, build critical thinking and accelerate academic performance. This effective approach to learning is central to 3DE's model and is the anchor for interdisciplinary study, connections to the real world, and authentic application of students' learning.

## HOW CAN MY STUDENT FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE 3DE EXPERIENCE?

1. Contact by email  
[NHS.3DE@gcpsk12.org](mailto:NHS.3DE@gcpsk12.org)
2. Visit website  
<https://gcpsk12.org/NHS.3DE>





# THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME

- COLLEGE CREDIT POTENTIAL
- A WORLD CLASS EDUCATION
- TOP COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
- SCHOOL LEADERSHIP
- INTEGRATED CURRICULUM

## IS IB RIGHT FOR YOU ?

- Do you want to know how school connects to the world?

- Do you want to excel academically?

- Do you plan on attending a top college?



The IB Programme is known worldwide for its ability to build critical thinking skills and high level academic performance.

Students in the IB Programme excel in high school, college, and careers. They also develop skills to become active, empathetic, and lifelong learners. College admissions offices seek students from this program.

Students take courses across all academic disciplines, including high level Math and Science courses.

Graduates are recognized worldwide as top students who receive prestigious college admissions and sought after by most selective colleges.

## IB PROGRAMS OFFERED

### IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)

- All students in grade 9 and 10
- Provides an opportunity for year-long investigation of a topic of the student's own interest
- Emphasis on inquiry-based, conceptual learning with local, national and global contexts

### IB Diploma Programme (Full)

- Students in grades 11 and 12 who choose to participate
- College Level Coursework
- Courses in every subject area
- Unique Theory of Knowledge course
- Research Opportunities

### IB Diploma Programme (Course)

- Students in grades 11 and 12 who choose to participate
- College Level Coursework
- Choose courses in your strongest subjects

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the opportunities available through an IB Education contact:

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# ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

## NUMBER OF GRADUATES

**595**

## HONOR GRADUATES

**132**

## DUAL ENROLLMENT

**14**

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE:

**85%**

of IB Diploma students  
earned the IB Diploma Award  
in the May 2023 exam session.

## IB DIPLOMA CLASSES AVAILABLE

**HL** = HIGHER LEVEL COURSES

**SL** = STANDARD LEVEL COURSES

English Literature HL  
Math HL & SL  
Biology SL  
Environmental Systems & Societies SL  
History of the Americas HL  
Psychology SL  
Music SL  
Theatre SL  
Visual Arts HL & SL  
French HL & SL  
Spanish HL & SL  
Theory of Knowledge

## AP CLASSES AVAILABLE

English Language and Composition  
English Literature and Composition  
Calculus AB  
Calculus BC  
Statistics  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Environmental Science  
Physics I  
World History  
US Government and Politics  
Macroeconomics  
US History  
Psychology  
French Language  
Spanish Language  
Computer Science A  
Computer Science Principles  
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio  
Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio  
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio

## ELECTIVE COURSES OFFERED AT NORCROSS HIGH SCHOOL

In addition to the AP/IB classes listed above, students may choose electives from this diverse selection of courses.

### SCIENCE ELECTIVES

Anatomy & Physiology  
Earth Systems  
Forensic Science  
Oceanography

### SOCIAL STUDIES ELECTIVES

Ethnic Studies  
Psychology

### WORLD LANGUAGES

French I - IV  
Spanish I - IV  
Spanish for Native Speakers I, II & III

### BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Marketing Principles  
Marketing and Entrepreneurship  
Marketing Management

Audio Visual Technology

Introduction to Graphic Design  
Graphic Design & Production  
Advanced Graphic Design

Introduction to Software and Technology  
Introduction to Business Technology  
Business and Technology  
Web Development  
Computer Science Principles  
Business Communications  
Legal Environment of Business

### 3DE ELECTIVES

3DE: Marketing Principles  
3DE: Marketing & Entrepreneurship  
3DE: Marketing Management  
3DE: Senior Experience

### ARMY JUNIOR ROTC

JROTC I - IV

### PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION ELECTIVES

Health (required)  
Personal Fitness  
Body Sculpting  
Recreational Games  
General PE  
Lifetime Sports  
Weight Training

### VISUAL ARTS

2D Design (one semester)  
3D Design (one semester)  
Ceramics  
Drawing & Painting  
Jewelry & Metalworking  
Photography  
Sculpture

### BAND

Percussion Ensemble  
Concert Band  
Symphonic Band  
Symphonic Winds  
Wind Symphony

### CHORUS

Beginning Mixed Chorus  
Advanced Mixed Chorus

### ORCHESTRA

Beginning Orchestra  
Intermediate Orchestra  
Advanced Orchestra  
Mastery Orchestra  
Intermediate Ensemble

### THEATER

Advanced Drama  
Theater Fundamentals  
Musical Theater  
Technical Theater - Set Design  
Technical Theater - Costuming

### MUSIC

Beginning Music Technology  
Intermediate Music Technology  
Beginning Piano

### OTHER ELECTIVES

Library Science  
Work Based Learning  
Yearbook



# GET INVOLVED

Norcross High School offers a number of after school activities. These activities serve to compliment classroom learning to create an environment that encourages all students to achieve their greatest potential as responsible, productive members of a diverse society.



## Clubs & Activities

800 Club	Math Team
AALR (African-American Leadership Roundtable)	Mock Trial
Anime Club	More Love Letters
Art Club	Mu Alpha Theta
Band	NAHS (National Art Honor Society)
Best Buddies	National English Honor Society
Blue Crew	National Honor Society
Calligraphy Club	National Science Honor Society
Career Ready Club	National Thespian Society
Color Guard	NHS American Red Cross Club
Culinary Club	NHS Magic Club
DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America)	NSLT (Norcross Student Leadership Team)
Drama Club	Odyssey of the Mind
Dungeons & Dragons	One Act Play
FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	RAK (Random Acts of Kindness Club)
Financial Literacy Club	REACH Club
French Club	Readers Rally
French Honors Society	SBSA (Student Based STEM Aid)
Georgia Thespian Club	Senior Beta
GSA	Spanish National Honor Society
GSLT (Gwinnett Student Leadership Team)	Step Team
HoPe (Hispanic Org Promoting Education)	Student Council
HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)	Tri-M Music Honor Society
IB Club	Ultimate Frisbee
Interact Club	Vex Robotics Club
JSO (Jewish Student Organization)	Winter Guard
JROTC	Women Empowering Women Club
La Voz	Yearbook
Life Through Journaling	

## Sports

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cheerleading  
Cross Country  
eSports  
Flag Football  
Football  
Golf  
Lacrosse  
Soccer  
Softball  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track  
Volleyball  
Wrestling



## NHS Foundation for Excellence

The mission of the NHS Foundation for Excellence is to ensure the success of all students at Norcross High School by building community support and by raising funds to cultivate excellence in academics, arts, and athletics.

Our focus is to respond to student education needs, to encourage teacher innovation and teaching excellence, and to fund capital improvements at Norcross High School.

Visit [NorcrossHighFoundation.org](http://NorcrossHighFoundation.org) for more information



**National  
PTA®**

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The PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) is a team of parents, family members, teachers, staff, and friends of Norcross High School.

The goal is to enhance the educational experience for Norcross High School students. We believe that being involved in our school's community leads to higher rewards for our children.

### Programs supported by PTSA include:

- Teacher Appreciation
- Blue Angel Students of the Month
- Project Graduation
- Clean & Beautiful Program
- PTA Reflection
- College Fair

Visit [NorcrossHigh.org](http://NorcrossHigh.org) homepage for a link to PTSA (under the community tab)

## Parent Center/Title 1

The Parent Center is a place where all Norcross High School parents are welcomed. Here, parents can receive Title I information, review Title I documents, parenting resources, and information about ways to become more involved in their child's education. In addition, the Parent Instructional Clerk works closely with Gwinnett County Public Schools, NHS teachers, and administrators to promote parent involvement and ways to communicate better with the school. The Parent Instructional Clerk and Title 1 Assistant Principal work together to plan workshops and meetings throughout the year to continually support our parents.

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## Connect with us...

### STAY CONNECTED WITH NORCROSS HIGH SCHOOL

<http://www.gcpsk12.org/Page/16113>

Visit our school website to find general information including; news and events, calendar updates, academics, academic support, athletics, fine arts, student life and community support.

### PARENT PORTAL

Use this secure source to view your student's grades, attendance, discipline record and testing. Visit the Front Office to register ( ID required )

### BLUE DEVIL BULLETIN

The Blue Devil Bulletin is a weekly email blast. It is a great way to stay informed and connected about the latest happenings at Norcross High School. Find the signup on the Norcross homepage.

### PARENT SQUARE

ParentSquare is a unified communication platform that offers a whole host of tools that allows district leaders, school administrators, and teachers to communicate and engage with families and students more effectively.

## MY eCLASS

All MYeCLASS resources are available with a single sign-on. Students log into MYeCLASS using their GCPS student number and the password they create at the beginning of the school year. (If a student doesn't remember his or her password or does not have one, he or she should ask their teacher for help.)



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