

# 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 Principal

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**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.

NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS CLASS OF 2023

THE CLASS OF 2023 WAS OFFERED

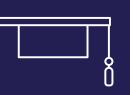
MORE THAN \$4,460,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

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

## 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?

- Contact by email NHS.3DE@gcpsk12.org
- 2. Visit website https://gcpsk12.org/NHS.3DE

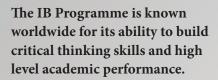


## THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE **PROGRAMME**

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



- 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?



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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Kakie Kaiser IB MYP Coordinator 770-448-3674

Sage Hernandez **IB MYP Coordinator** 770-448-3674 sage.l.hernandez@gcpsk12.org

## 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

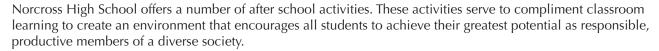
#### MUSIC

Beginning Music Technology Intermediate Music Technology Beginning Piano

#### **OTHER ELECTIVES**

Library Science Work Based Learning Yearbook

## GET INVOLVED





#### **Clubs & Activities**

800 Club

AALR (African-American Leadership Roundtable)

Anime Club Art Club Band

**Best Buddies** Blue Crew Calligraphy Club Career Ready Club

Color Guard Culinary Club

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America)

Drama Club

**Dungeons & Dragons** 

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)

Financial Literacy Club

French Club

French Honors Society Georgia Thespian Club

**GSA** 

GSLT (Gwinnett Student Leadership Team) HoPe (Hispanic Org Promoting Education)

HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) **IB** Club

Interact Club

JSO (Jewish Student Organization)

**JROTC** 

Life Through Journaling

Math Team **Mock Trial** 

More Love Letters Mu Alpha Theta

NAHS (National Art Honor Society) National English Honor Society

National Honor Society

National Science Honor Society

National Thespian Society NHS American Red Cross Club

NHS Magic Club

NSLT (Norcross Student Leadership Team)

Odyssey of the Mind

One Act Play

RAK (Random Acts of Kindness Club)

**REACH Club** Readers Rally

SBSA (Student Based STEM Aid)

Senior Beta

Spanish National Honor Society

Step Team Student Council

Tri-M Music Honor Society

Ultimate Frisbee Vex Robotics Club Winter Guard

Women Empowering Women Club

Yearbook

#### **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 for more information



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 PTA Reflection
- Project Graduation
- Clean & Beautiful Program
- College Fair

#### 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.

#### Elizabeth Magana

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### Connect with us...

## STAY CONNECTED WITH NORCROSS HIGH SCHOOL <a href="http://www.gcpsk12.org/Page/16113">http://www.gcpsk12.org/Page/16113</a>

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.



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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.)

