



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

HIGHLIGHTS

**NHS administered over 1,050
AP and IB exams in May 2024**

\$2,800,000

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

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**STUDENTS RECOGNIZED
BY NATIONAL MERIT
CLASS OF 2025**

THE CLASS OF 2024 WAS OFFERED

MORE THAN **\$5,858,321** IN SCHOLARSHIPS

EXCLUDING THE STATE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

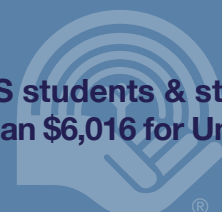


STRONG PERFORMANCES ON 2023-2024 AP TESTS RESULTED IN HONORS FOR

**58 AP Scholars
21 AP Scholars with Honor
44 AP Scholars with Distinction**



**The NHS students & staff raised
more than \$6,016 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[™]
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
2. Visit website
<https://gcpsk12.org/NHS.3DE>



THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

- 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 Program is known worldwide for its ability to build critical thinking skills and high level academic performance.

Students in the IB Program 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 Program (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 Program (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 Program (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

522

HONOR GRADUATES

130

DUAL ENROLLMENT

17

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE:

85%

of IB Diploma students
earned the IB Diploma Award
in the May 2024 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
Chemistry

AP CLASSES AVAILABLE

English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics
Biology
Environmental Science
Physics I
World History
US Government and Politics
Macroeconomics
US History
Psychology
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

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
Computer Science Principles
Business Communications

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

BAND

Percussion Ensemble
Concert Band
Symphonic Band
Symphonic Winds
Wind Symphony

CHORUS

Beginning Womens Chorus
Intermediate Womens Chorus
Advanced Womens Chorus
Advanced Mens Chorus

ORCHESTRA

Beginning Orchestra
Intermediate Orchestra
Advanced Orchestra
Mastery Orchestra
Intermediate Ensemble

THEATER

Advanced Drama
Theater Fundamentals
Musical Theater
Technical Theater

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	Life Through Journaling
AALR (African-American Leadership Roundtable)	Math Club
Anime Club	Mock Trial
Art Club	More Love Letters
Band	Mu Alpha Theta
Best Buddies	NAHS (National Art Honor Society)
Blue Crew	National English Honor Society
Calligraphy Club	National Honor Society
Chorus	National Science Honor Society
Color Guard	National Thespian Society
Culinary Club	NHS American Red Cross 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

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



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

Parent Outreach Liaison

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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 homepage for a link to PTSA (under the community tab)



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.

PARENTVUE

ParentVUE is a 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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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.)

