

2013-2014 School Profile

Gwinnett County Public Schools holds system accreditation through AdvancED.



Duluth High School

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“Challenging All to Succeed”

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School Type:

Public, 4-year, comprehensive high school, AAAAA-Region 8



A Unit of

**Gwinnett County
Public Schools**

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About Gwinnett County Public Schools

Envisioning a system of world-class schools... The largest school system in the state and the 13th largest in the nation, Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) is a diverse and growing district in metro Atlanta, serving more than 168,000 students. GCPS was honored as the 2010 winner of the prestigious Broad Prize for Urban Education. The district has 22 high schools, including an open campus high school, and three charter high schools. GCPS' rigorous custom curriculum (known as the Academic Knowledge and Skills or AKS) is combined with exceptional teaching and meaningful testing to form a comprehensive instructional program. Highly qualified teachers, involved parents, and a supportive community are key elements in GCPS' quest to become a system of world-class schools preparing students for college and 21st century careers in a globally competitive future.

Graduation and Testing Requirements for the Class of 2014

In order to earn a regular Gwinnett County high school diploma, students in the Class of 2014 must:

- Learn the AKS in order to pass classes and earn the required course credits/units (see chart below);
- Pass Gwinnett's High School Gateway Writing Assessment, which is administered in the 10th grade (some accelerated students may test in 9th grade);
- Pass the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT), which is administered in the 11th grade; and
- Demonstrate proficiency in the four core areas— language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies— by either passing one state-mandated End of Course Test (EOCT) in each of the core content areas (language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies) or by passing the corresponding subtest of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT).

To graduate, Georgia students starting high school July 2008 and after must earn a minimum of 23 credits (also called units) in required areas of study. Students earn .5 units per class each semester. (Students on block schedule earn a full credit per class each semester.)

| Areas of Study | Required Units |
|---|----------------|
| English/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 | <u>4</u> |
| Total Units (minimum) | 23 |

About Duluth High School

Duluth High School, home of the Duluth Wildcats, is located in the city of Duluth, a suburb of metropolitan Atlanta. Duluth High School has been serving students in grades 9-12 in the Gwinnett County Public Schools district since 1958.

Please see other side for specifics on demographics, grading, curriculum, and more.

Instructional Hours

Two semesters of 18 weeks each for a total of 180 instructional days. Six classes meet daily. School calendar runs August to May.

School Enrollment and Demographics

- **Current total enrollment:** 2,656, including 543 seniors.
- **Demographics:** 21% White, 29% Black, 27% Latino, 19% Asian, 4% Multiracial

Class Rank/Numeric Average

Grade Point Average (GPA) is computed at the end of each semester, including all attempted high school courses. This GPA is calculated on a 100-point scale. All courses are weighted equally. All students are ranked within grade levels at the end of each semester, based on numerical cumulative averages. Advanced Placement (AP) courses reflect an additional 10 points, which is included in the final numerical grade for the semester. No additional weight is given to gifted or honors coursework. Honor graduates have earned a 90% or higher cumulative average that includes all attempted high school courses.

GCPS' Grading Scale (adopted 7/99)

Cumulative GPA value

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| A = 90% and Above | 4.0 |
| B = 80%–89% | 3.0 |
| C = 74%–79% | 2.0 |
| D = 70%–73% | 1.0 |
| F = Below 70% | 0.0 |

Curriculum Offerings

Advanced Placement (AP), gifted, honors and college preparatory classes are available in each academic area—language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and modern/classical languages. The school also offers a full complement of classes in health and PE, the fine arts, and technical education. AP classes are college-level classes. Gifted classes are rigorous, exceeding grade-level norms. Honors classes are demanding, often exceeding grade-level norms. College prep classes reflect the grade-level norm. Technical content emphasizes life applications.

Test Scores—Class of 2013

| | | School | GCPS | GA | U.S. |
|-----|------------------|--------|------|------|------|
| SAT | Critical Reading | 509 | 505 | 490 | 496 |
| | Math | 530 | 518 | 487 | 514 |
| | Writing | 498 | 490 | 475 | 488 |
| | Combined | 1537 | 1513 | 1452 | 1498 |
| ACT | English | 21.5 | 21.3 | 20.2 | 20.2 |
| | Math | 23.4 | 22.4 | 20.3 | 20.9 |
| | Reading | 22.4 | 22.1 | 21.2 | 21.1 |
| | Science | 22.4 | 21.8 | 20.5 | 20.7 |
| | Composite | 22.5 | 22.0 | 20.7 | 20.9 |
| | Writing | n/a | 21.3 | 20.4 | 20.5 |

Advanced Placement

Available college-level AP courses include Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, French, Human Geography, Latin-Vergil, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Physics B, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, Studio Art, U.S. Government, U.S. History, and World History.

For 2012-13, 29% of our students took one or more AP courses, accounting for 17% of all courses taken. Of students taking AP classes, 88% took the AP exam, with 67% scoring 3 or higher.

Class of 2013 Statistics

- **Number of Graduates:** 564
- **Honor Graduates:** 120
- **Dual Enrollment:** 15
- **Postsecondary Plans:** 81%, 4-year college; 15%, 2-year college; 4%, technical school
- **Scholarships Offered:** 4.9 million, not counting HOPE.
- **Other Honors:** 2 National Merit Finalists; 90 AP Scholars, 25 AP Scholars with Honor, and 78 AP Scholars with Distinction. Of the AP Scholars, 22 students were also honored as National AP Scholars.

Additional Information

- In 2012, *US News and World Reports* ranked DHS as the #1 high school in Gwinnett County Public Schools and the #4 public high school (excluding charter and magnet schools) in Georgia.
- For the past eight years, Duluth has been named one of the top 1000 high schools in the United States by *Newsweek* magazine.
- Duluth was recognized by *Atlanta* magazine as one of Atlanta's top 50 public high schools, based on nine indicators of college preparedness.
- Duluth is considered a "majority minority" school, offering the greatest cultural diversity in the county.
- During 2012-13, eight students were named finalists in the Georgia Governor's Honors program.
- Duluth was acknowledged by the Georgia Department of Education as a 2013 Advanced Placement (AP) Honor School in three categories—AP Merit, AP STEM, and AP STEM Achievement.
- Duluth posted a passing rate of 96% for all first-time test-takers on the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) in 2012.
- Duluth had 120 Honor Graduates in 2012-13, which represents approximately 22% of the graduating class.
- In 2012, Duluth's student literary magazine, *Epiphany*, was awarded an Excellent rating by the National Council for Teachers of English for the fourth straight year.
- Duluth's average composite ACT and SAT scores were higher than the national average.
- While all certified personnel at Duluth hold at least a bachelor's degree, 70% have achieved advanced degrees. 51% of certified personnel have more than ten years of experience.