

College Acceptances 2017 - 2020

* indicates college where at least 1 student has matriculated during this period

The University of Alabama*
American University*
Anderson University
Appalachian State University*
Arkansas State University
Auburn University
Augusta University
Babson College
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University*
Berklee College of Music*
Berry College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University*
Brandeis University
Bridgewater College
Bryn Mawr College
University of California, Berkeley*
University of California, Davis*
University of California, San Diego*
University of California, Santa Barbara
Campbell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Catawba College*
Centre College*
College of Charleston*
The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina*
Clemson University*
Coastal Carolina University
Coker College*
Colby College
College of Coastal Georgia
Colorado College
Columbia College
Dartmouth College*
Davidson College*
Delta State University*
University of Denver*
Drexel University*
University of Dubuque
Duke University*
East Carolina University
Eastern University*
East Tennessee State University
Eckerd College
Elon University*
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory & Henry College
Emory University*
Florida State University
Furman University*

Gardner-Webb University
The George Washington University*
Georgia Institute of Technology
University of Georgia
Greensboro College*
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampton University
University of Hawaii at Manoa
High Point University*
Hollins University
University of Houston*
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University at Bloomington*
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University*
Lander University
Lees-McRae College*
Lehigh University
Lenoir-Rhyne University*
Liberty University
Limestone College*
Lincoln Memorial University*
Mars Hill University*
Marshall University*
Mary Baldwin University
Maryland Institute College of Art
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Mercer University
Meredith College
University of Miami
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Missouri University of Science & Technology*
New York University*
Newberry College*
North Carolina A&T State University
University of North Carolina at Asheville*
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
University of North Carolina at Charlotte*
University of North Carolina at Greensboro*
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University*
Northeastern University
University of Notre Dame*
The University of Oklahoma
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University*
Pfeiffer University
University of Pittsburgh
Purdue University*
Queens University of Charlotte*
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design*
University of Rhode Island
Rhodes College*
Rice University
University of Richmond*
Roanoke College

Robert Morris University
University of Rochester*
Salem College*
Samford University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Sewanee: The University of the South*
Skidmore College
University of South Carolina, Beaufort*
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
St. Andrews University*
St. Lawrence University*
Stony Brook University
Sweet Briar College*
Syracuse University*
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
The American Musical and Dramatic Academy
The New School (Parsons School of Design)
The Ohio State University
Tougaloo College
Tufts University*
Tulane University*
University of Tulsa*
United States Naval Academy*
Vanderbilt University*
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute*
University of Virginia*
Wake Forest University*
Warren Wilson College
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis*
University of Washington
Wesleyan College
West Virginia University
Western Carolina University*
Wingate University
Winston-Salem State University
Winthrop University*
University of Wisconsin, Superior
Wofford College*
Xavier University
Yonsei University-Underwood
Young Harris College

2020-2021

School Profile



Founded in 1967, Gaston Day School is a non-sectarian, college preparatory institution for grades Pre-S through 12. Throughout our history, nearly 100% of Gaston Day School's graduating classes have entered four-year colleges and universities immediately upon graduation. Located in Gastonia, North Carolina, the school serves communities in a five-county area: Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, Mecklenburg, and York counties.

FAST FACTS

ACCREDITATION

Gaston Day School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The School is a member of the North Carolina Association of Independent Schools, Southern Association of Independent Schools, and the National Association of Independent Schools.

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO

Our faculty is comprised of 64 full and part-time teachers. Many of our faculty hold advanced degrees. The average upper school class size is 12, with a school-wide student-to-faculty ratio of 8:1.

ATHLETICS

Roughly 70% of GDS students 6th-12th grades participate in one or more sports.

ARTS

All students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of arts programs; drama, music, & visual.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

GDS is committed to making our school accessible and affordable to all. Because of this commitment, the school has implemented an Indexed Tuition plan whereby a range of tuitions is charged based on demonstrated family need.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

17% of the Class of 2020 were international students.

MISSION

To **educate** our students and **prepare** them for academic success and **responsible, productive** lives.

COVID-19 UPDATES

Gaston Day School shifted to virtual instruction on March 23, 2020. All students continued learning virtually using our traditional year-long schedule as they completed the full course content for the 2019/2020 academic year. Students were awarded numerical grades (1-100) for work completed. All students enrolled in AP classes were still required to take the AP exams. Gaston Day School had 100% participation in the 2020 AP exam administration.

2020 / 2021 ACADEMIC CHANGES

Gaston Day School has resumed in-person instruction on our campus, although students have the choice to receive virtual real-time instruction. The vast majority of our students are on-campus during the school day. Our school schedule has changed from year-long classes to a modified block by quarter system. Students are enrolled in the same classes in quarters one and three, and then switch classes for quarters two and four. All AP classes are offered in quarters one and three so students will complete all coursework prior to the AP exams. Gaston Day School considers a full schedule to be three classes in each quarter. All classes will continue to receive numerical grades (1-100).

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Scholarships

2015	35 students	\$3.4 million
2016	36 students	\$2.4 million
2017	40 students	\$3.8 million
2018	33 students	\$2.1 million
2019	38 students	\$2.1 million
2020	36 students	\$2.5 million

Class Rank

Gaston Day School admits only students who are college bound. The School does not officially rank its students due to small class size and the academic quality of the student population.

Honor Code

Student conduct at Gaston Day School is governed by our Honor Code. When requested by a college, the Director of College Counseling will report any honor code convictions, including suspension, dismissal, or expulsion; however, disciplinary probation at GDS is considered an internal matter and is therefore not reported to colleges.

Courses

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Biology 10-12
 Calculus AB 11 or 12
 Calculus BC 11 or 12
 Chemistry 11 or 12
 English Language 11
 English Literature 12
 Physics 11 or 12
 US Government and Politics 11 or 12
 United States History 11 or 12

HONORS

Algebra
 Algebra II
 Biology
 Calculus
 Chemistry
 Computer Science
 Creative Writing
 English 9th-12th
 Engineering
 Environmental Science
 French IV
 Geometry
 Government and Economics
 Pre-Calculus
 Physics
 Research Methods
 Spanish IV
 Statistics
 US History
 Visual Art IV
 World History

SAT SCORES

classes of 2017-2019 Mid 50% SAT ranges

2018	EBRW560-700	M520-660	W27-35	T1070-1400
2019	EBRW590-700	M560-730	W31-35	T1130-1420
2020	EBRW560-660	M540-660	W27-33	T1100-1320

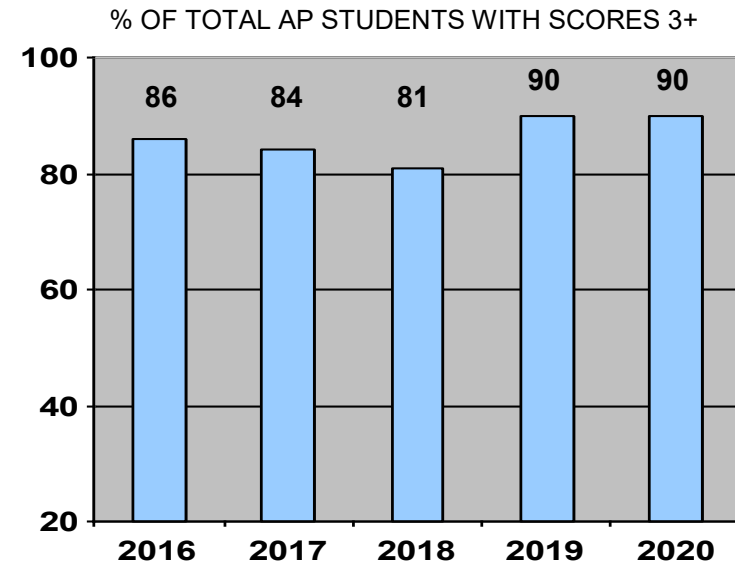
ACT SCORES

classes of 2017-2019 Mid 50% composite ranges

2018	22-31	21 students tested
2019	24-31	29 students tested
2020	22-31	25 students tested

Advanced Placement Scores

All Gaston Day School students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP Exam.



Curricular Highlights and Grading Policy

AP Limits

Gaston Day School limits the number of AP courses a student may take to one AP class in tenth grade and three AP classes in eleventh and twelfth grades. Gaston Day School regards three AP classes in eleventh and twelfth grades as the most rigorous course of study.

Academic Profile

Quintile distribution of the Class of 2020.

QUINTILE GROUPINGS	GPA 2020
1st quintile	4.38 - 4.59
2nd quintile	4.20 - 4.37
3rd quintile	3.83 - 4.15
4th quintile	3.36 - 3.75
5th quintile	2.44 - 3.34

Grading Scale

The academic standing of a student in the various courses is indicated as follows:

Grade Range	Grade Point Value
100 - 97	4.330
96 - 93	4.000
92 - 90	3.670
89 - 87	3.330
86 - 83	3.000
82 - 80	2.670
79 - 77	2.330
76 - 73	2.000
72 - 70	1.670
69 - 67	1.330
66 - 63	1.000
62 - 60	0.670

GPA

GPA is calculated on a four-point scale based on courses taken at GDS. Coursework completed at other institutions is reflected on the GDS transcript but is not calculated into the GPA.

Honors courses receive a bonus of .50; Advanced Placement courses receive a bonus of 1.0.

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits (including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and one additional advanced math course)
Science	3 credits of lab sciences (including Biology, Chemistry, and one additional advanced science course)
Social Studies	3 credits (including World History, U.S. History, and Government and Economics)
Foreign Language	Successful completion through level III of either French or Spanish
Fine Arts	2 credits
Physical Education/Health	1 credit
Electives	4+ credits (available in all subject areas)
Senior Project	All seniors must complete a special projects or internship in their senior year (0.25 credit)
Community Service	25 hours of volunteer service required each year

Online coursework from outside providers will not be listed on transcripts until course completion and a final grade is received.

Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 classes per year.