

College Acceptances 2018 - 2022

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

American Musical and Dramatic Academy
 American University *
 Anderson University *
 Appalachian State University *
 Arizona State University
 Auburn University
 Augusta University *
 Ave Maria University
 Babson College *
 Baylor University *
 Belmont Abbey College
 Belmont University *
 Berry College
 Boston University *
 Bradley University
 Brandeis University
 Brevard College
 Bridgewater College
 Bryn Mawr College
 Bucknell University
 Butler University
 Campbell University
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve University
 Catawba College *
 Centre College *
 Charleston Southern University
 Chowan University
 Citadel Military College of South Carolina *
 Clemson University *
 Coastal Carolina University *
 Coker University *
 Colby College
 College of Charleston *
 Colorado College
 Colorado School of Mines *
 Concordia University (Nebraska) *
 Dartmouth College *
 Davidson College *
 Delta State University *
 Denison University *
 DePauw University
 Dickinson College
 Drake University
 Drexel University *
 Duke University *
 East Carolina University *
 East Tennessee State University
 Eckerd College
 Elon University *
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - (Daytona Beach) *
 Emerson College
 Emory & Henry College
 Emory University *
 Florida Gulf Coast University
 Florida State University *
 Franklin & Marshall College
 Furman University *
 Gardner-Webb University
 George Washington University *
 Georgetown University
 Greensboro College *
 Grinnell College
 Guilford College
 Hampden-Sydney College
 Hampton University
 Hawaii Pacific University
 High Point University *
 Hollins University
 Indiana University (Bloomington) *
 James Madison University
 Johns Hopkins University *
 Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
 Kenyon College *
 King's College London
 Lee University
 Lees-McRae College *
 Lehigh University *

Lenoir-Rhyne University
 Liberty University
 Lincoln Memorial University *
 Louisiana State University *
 Loyola University Chicago
 Lynn University
 Marion Military Institute *
 Marquette University
 Mary Baldwin University
 Maryland Institute College of Art
 Mercer University
 Meredith College
 Michigan State University
 Middle Tennessee State University
 Middlebury College
 Midway University
 Minneapolis College of Art and Design *
 Missouri University of Science and Technology *
 Montreat College
 Mount Ida Campus of UMass Amherst
 New York University *
 Newberry College *
 North Carolina A & T State University
 North Carolina Central University
 North Carolina State University *
 Northeastern University
 Pace University (New York City) *
 Palm Beach Atlantic University
 Penn State University (University Park)
 Pennsylvania State University
 Pennsylvania State University
 Pepperdine University
 Presbyterian College *
 Purdue University (Main Campus) *
 Queens University of Charlotte *
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rhode Island School of Design *
 Rhodes College *
 Rice University
 Roanoke College *
 Rollins College
 Saint Louis University
 Salem College *
 Samford University *
 Santa Clara University
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 Seton Hall University
 Sewanee: The University of the South *
 Skidmore College
 Soka University of America
 Southern Methodist University
 St. Andrews University *
 St. Bonaventure University
 St. Lawrence University *
 Stony Brook University
 SUNY at Binghamton
 Sweet Briar College *
 Syracuse University *
 Temple University
 Texas A&M University
 The College of William and Mary *
 The New School
 The Ohio State University (Main Campus) *
 The University of Alabama *
 The University of Montana
 The University of Tennessee (Knoxville) *
 Tougaloo College
 Towson University
 Transylvania University
 Tufts University *
 Tulane University of Louisiana *
 Underwood International College, Yonsei University
 United States Military Academy at West Point
 University College London
 University of California (Davis) *
 University of California (Irvine)
 University of California (Los Angeles) *
 University of California (Merced)

University of California (Riverside)
 University of California (San Diego) *
 University of California (Santa Barbara)
 University of California (Santa Cruz)
 University of Central Florida
 University of Colorado Boulder
 University of Denver *
 University of Dubuque
 University of Florida *
 University of Georgia *
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Houston *
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign *
 University of Kentucky
 University of Lynchburg
 University of Maryland
 University of Maryland (Baltimore County)
 University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
 University of Massachusetts (Boston)
 University of Melbourne
 University of Miami *
 University of Mississippi *
 University of Nebraska (Lincoln)
 University of Nevada (Las Vegas)
 University of North Carolina at Asheville *
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill *
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte *
 University of North Carolina at Greensboro *
 University of North Carolina at Pembroke *
 University of North Carolina School of the Arts
 University of North Carolina Wilmington *
 University of Notre Dame *
 University of Pittsburgh (Main Campus)
 University of Rhode Island
 University of Richmond *
 University of Rochester *
 University of South Carolina *
 University of South Carolina (Beaufort) *
 University of South Florida (Main Campus)
 University of Southern California
 University of Sydney
 University of Tennessee
 University of Toronto
 University of Tulsa
 University of Virginia (Main Campus) *
 University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
 University of Wisconsin (Madison)
 University of Wisconsin (Superior)
 Vanderbilt University *
 Villanova University
 Virginia Commonwealth University
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
 Wake Forest University *
 Warren Wilson College
 Washington and Lee University
 Wesleyan College
 West Carolina University
 West Virginia University
 West Virginia Wesleyan College *
 Western Carolina University *
 Whitman College
 Wingate University
 Winston-Salem State University
 Winthrop University *
 Wofford College *
 Xavier University
 Young Harris College

2022-2023

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 65 full and part-time teachers. Many of our faculty hold advanced degrees. The average upper school class size is 15, 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

8% of the Class of 2022 were international students.

MISSION

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

COVID-19 UPDATES

Gaston Day School students learned in-person for the entirety of the 2021-22 academic year.

On March 23, 2020, Gaston Day School shifted to virtual instruction. All students continued learning virtually using our traditional year-long schedule as they completed the full course content for the 2019/2020 academic year.

For the 2020-21 school year, students had the choice for synchronous or in-person instruction, other than world languages, which were delivered in an asynchronous format.

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Scholarships

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
2021	45 students	\$2.3 million
2022	50 students	\$2.6 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 II
 US Government and Politics 11 or 12
 United States History 11 or 12

HONORS

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

SAT SCORES

classes of 2018-2022 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
2021	EBRW580-670	M540-690	-	T1120-1340
2022	EBRW530-640	M530-630	-	T1060-1280

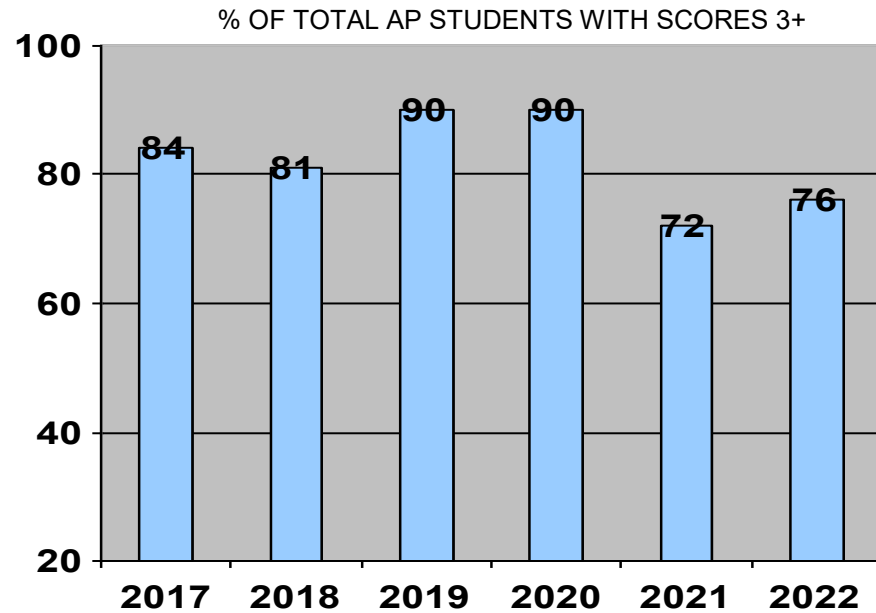
ACT SCORES

classes of 2018-2022 Mid 50% composite ranges

2018	22-31	2021	22.5-29.5
2019	24-31	2022	22-28
2020	22-31		

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 2022.

QUINTILE GROUPINGS	GPA 2022
1st quintile	4.32 - 4.73
2nd quintile	3.97 - 4.31
3rd quintile	3.77 - 3.92
4th quintile	3.60 - 3.74
5th quintile	2.58 - 3.32

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.