



Peachtree Ridge High School

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"The Standard of Excellence"

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School Type:

Public, 4-Year, comprehensive
high school, AAAAAAA-Region 8



A Unit of

Gwinnett County Public Schools

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2020-2021 School Profile

Gwinnett County Public Schools holds system accreditation through Cognia.

About Gwinnett County Public Schools

Envisioning a system of world-class schools... The largest school system in the state and the 12th largest in the nation, Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) is a diverse district in metro Atlanta, serving nearly 180,000 students. GCPS is a three-time finalist (2009, 2010, and 2014) and two-time winner (2010 and 2014) of The Broad Prize for Urban Education. The district has 24 high schools, including 19 cluster high schools, two theme schools, one STEM-focused school, an online school, and an open campus high school. Aligned to state-adopted Georgia Standards of Excellence and Georgia Performance Standards, 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, careers, and life in a globally competitive future.

Graduation and Testing Requirements for the Class of 2021

In order to earn a regular Gwinnett County high school diploma, students in the Class of 2021 must:

- Learn the AKS curriculum in order to pass classes and earn the required course credits/units (*see below*);
- Pass Gwinnett's High School Gateway Writing Assessment, which is administered in the 10th grade (*some accelerated students may take this test in 9th grade*);
- Participate in state-mandated End of Course (EOC) assessments for designated courses in core areas.

To graduate, Georgia students must earn a minimum of 23 credits (also called units) in required areas of study. Students earn .5 units per class per quarter, with one full credit available per class each semester.

Areas of Study	Required Units
English/Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science (3 required and 1 approved elective)	4
Social Studies	3
Modern/Classical Language, Career & Technical Education and/or Fine Arts	3
Health and Physical Education	1
Electives	<u>4</u>
Total Units (minimum)	23

About Peachtree Ridge High School

Peachtree Ridge High School is located in Suwanee, Georgia and first opened its doors in August of 2003. Our vision is that PRHS will be the standard of excellence as a learning community, committed to effective instruction that prepares students for success in a dynamic global environment. As a STEM Gold School and two time STEM Certified School, PRHS is recognized nationally for STEM education. In 2020, Peachtree Ridge was named an AP School of Distinction, AP Humanities School, AP Humanities Achievement School, AP STEM School, and AP STEM Achievement School. Additionally, US News & World Report consistently ranks PRHS as one of the best high schools in the state and country. The PRHS Counseling Department was recognized by the American School Counselor Association as a RAMP award recipient in 2011, 2014, and 2017.

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

Block Schedule & Instructional Hours

The school operates on a block schedule where students take 4 courses each semester and earn 8 credits per year. There are two semesters of 18 weeks each for a total of 180 instructional days. Four classes meet daily. School calendar runs August to May. Beginning fall 2019, students earn .5 credit after each 9 weeks.

School Enrollment and Demographics

- **Current total enrollment:** 3,300, with 820 seniors
- **Demographics:** 17% White, 27% Asian, 30% Black, 22% Hispanic, 4% Multiracial

Class Rank/Numeric Average

On a GCPS transcript, class grades for each semester are presented in both a *weighted* and an *unweighted* format. GCPS adds an additional 10 points to the final grade for Advanced Placement (AP) courses, reflecting the rigor of the class. (No additional weight is given to gifted or honors coursework.) This *weighted* average is used in determining a student's class rank, including valedictorian and salutatorian, and in calculating the Weighted Numeric Average and the Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA). The GPA (5-point scale) is computed at the end of each semester, including all attempted high school courses. Honors graduates have earned a 90% or higher cumulative average that includes all attempted high school courses.

Grades in GCPS

Weighted Numeric Average	Letter Grade	Weighted 5-Point Scale
Above 100% (only AP, IB, etc.)	A	5
90–100%	A	4
80–89%	B	3
74–79%	C	2
70–73%	D	1
Below 70%	F	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 career 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. Technology permeates a GCPS education, and students develop key skills as critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers, and effective communicators.

Advanced Placement

Available college-level AP courses include English Literature, English Language, Statistics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics C: Mechanics, Environmental Science, Human Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, European History, Macroeconomics, Comparative Government, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, French Language, German Language, Latin Literature, Chinese Language, Art History, Studio Art, Computer Science, Computer Science Principles, Seminar, and Research.

During 2019-2020, 1,245 students completed AP exams for a total of 2,438 exams taken. 77% received a 3 +.

Test Scores—Class of 2020

		School	GCPS	GA	U.S.
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading/Writing	569	552	532	520
	Math	560	545	511	510
	Combined	1129	1097	1043	1030
ACT	English	23.9	22.4	21.3	19.9
	Math	23.7	22.8	21	20.2
	Reading	24.4	23.4	22.5	21.2
	Science	23.8	22.9	21.6	20.6
	Composite	24.1	23	21.7	20.6

*State & National SAT scores reflect public school students.

Class of 2020 Statistics

- **Number of Graduates:** 807
- **Honor Graduates:** 319 • **Dual Enrollment:** 76
- **Seniors that took an AP course:** 507
- **Post-secondary Plans:** 82%, 4-year college; 8%, 2-year or technical college; 2%, military; 8%, employment or other plans
- **Scholarships Offered:** \$8.2 million, excluding HOPE
- **Military Academy Appointments:** 4
- **Number of students attending a U.S. News & World Report Top 50 National/Top 25 Public College/University:** 110

Other 2019-2020 Honors

- 10 National Merit Scholarship Finalists
- 191 AP Scholars, 196 AP Scholars with Distinction, 76 AP Scholars with Honors, 50 National AP Scholars, 1 AP Seminar & Research Scholar, 16 AP Capstone Diplomas
- Governor's Honors Finalists: 8