

# Seckinger High School...

## A Next-Generation Learning Experience

*As a high school student in the new Seckinger Cluster, you have a unique opportunity to be a part of something really special—the launch of Seckinger High School, opening in August of 2022! This next-generation high school will offer innovative learning opportunities and preparation for fast-paced environments of the future. It will offer a high school experience designed with today’s student in mind. After all, Seckinger High School is about preparing you for your future.*



**Learn more about your new school and what it has to offer!**

### **Where is Seckinger High School located?**

Seckinger High School (SHS) is located at 3655 Sardis Church Road in Buford. The school will provide relief to Mill Creek High School and Mountain View High School.

### **Can you describe the student experience at SHS?**

Seckinger High School will offer a collegiate learning atmosphere in which students can excel in academics, athletics, and the arts. Our students will choose an area of concentration for their high school learning experience within three broad areas—advanced science and technology, business and leadership, and art and design—or they can choose a more personalized high school course of study.

### **Will Seckinger offer athletics?**

Yes. Seckinger will offer a full athletics program. In addition, students will be able to participate in extracurricular activities, fine arts, student associations, leadership opportunities, service organizations, and more.

### **I've heard that Seckinger is part of a "theme" cluster. What does that mean?**

The school district has a few theme schools, but imagine the possibilities if you expanded a theme beyond one school or one level, providing a K–12 focus on a theme! That is exactly what is happening in the new Seckinger Cluster, anchored by Seckinger High School. At the high school, students will be able to choose areas of focus within schools of study that focus on the humanities, international business, and advanced sciences and technology (with a focus on *artificial intelligence*, also called AI). Seckinger Cluster elementary schools and the middle school will be preparing students for their high

school experience by introducing AI and future-ready skills. Because of the clusterwide approach that will be taken, students will be on a K–12 journey that focuses on preparing them to be globally prepared and competitive in a rapidly evolving, technology-rich world.

### **Why the focus on Artificial Intelligence?**

Today’s students are graduating into an ever-changing work landscape that harnesses emerging technologies. Seckinger High School and the focus on AI will ensure that students are prepared for what’s ahead. Seckinger will offer all students an opportunity to explore AI at levels to suit their level of interest.

### **Will Seckinger students learn the AKS?**

Yes. Seckinger students will learn and demonstrate mastery of the AKS just as students at other Gwinnett high schools must. However, SHS students also will participate in future-ready skill development, have the opportunity to take new courses, and take part in a student-developed design capstone experience.

### **Who will attend Seckinger High School?**

The Gwinnett County Board of Education approved the attendance boundaries for Seckinger High School on Nov. 19, 2020. The approved changes created the new Seckinger High School Cluster by reassigning three existing elementary schools (Harmony, Ivy Creek, and Patrick) and Jones Middle School to form the feeder pattern for Seckinger High School. Residences that lie within these attendance boundaries will be reassigned to the new Seckinger High School, beginning in August of 2022. Most students in the new cluster are coming from the Mill Creek Cluster, with some students from the Mountain View Cluster.

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### How will I know if I live in the new Seckinger High School attendance zone?

The district originally communicated information about the reassignment of schools to the new cluster in November of 2020. All families who live in the new Seckinger Cluster attendance zone are receiving this informational flyer along with a letter about the cluster and information for high school students who wish to stay at their current school.

### What will classes be like at Seckinger High School?

Seckinger will feature collaborative and connected classes with hands-on learning. Our teachers will include some teachers from reassigned students' current high schools (Mill Creek and Mountain View) and others who have special experience and/or knowledge.

All students—those who elect to focus on an area of concentration (*see below*) as well as those choosing a more traditional path—will have embedded AI learning and skill development throughout their coursework. These learning experiences will promote future-readiness skills like project management, design thinking, ethics in decision-making, and effective teamwork. Students will have the opportunity to apply their learning and skills to a real-world challenge of their choice through a capstone experience.

In addition, our student will have access to a broad range of Advanced Placement (AP) courses and opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials.

### Are there special features to the SHS campus?

With a building capacity of 2,800, our campus will include expanded technology and engineering labs; three large lecture halls with adjoining labs and classroom space; collaboration rooms and spaces throughout the building; expanded art classrooms and graphic design lab; band, orchestra, chorus rooms, and MIDI lab; theatre and dance studio; and gymnasiums, athletic fields, and a stadium. We anticipate opening with 1,000 students.

### Does the school have a mascot and colors yet?

This fall, Principal Memorie Reesman is meeting with various members of our new school community, asking for their input on a number of items, including ideas for the mascot and school colors. These community focus groups are a part of the process that will help to grow the Seckinger community and build the Seckinger Cluster brand.

### How can I stay in touch and learn more about Seckinger?

Check out our website at [www.gcpsk12.org/SeckingerHS](http://www.gcpsk12.org/SeckingerHS).

### What are my options for areas of study?



#### Advanced Sciences and Technology

*Discover deeper applications of emerging technologies and engineering, leading to future careers in STEM-related fields.*



#### Business and Leadership

*Explore business, diplomacy, and civic leadership through their local, national, and international impact.*



#### Art and Design

*Exercise your creativity and independent thinking through the visual, digital, and performing arts.*

**...Or, choose your own "learning adventure" with a personalized course of study.**

**It's your future. Your decision!**

### Need more information?

Contact Memorie Reesman, principal, at [memorie.reesman@gcpsk12.org](mailto:memorie.reesman@gcpsk12.org), or check out the new Seckinger website at [gcpsk12.org/SeckingerHS](http://gcpsk12.org/SeckingerHS).