



NORCROSS HIGH SCHOOL

WE BELIEVE



PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Welcome to Norcross High School, where we focus on preparing our students with the academic knowledge, skills and behaviors to be successful in life after high school, whether that is college or career.

Norcross High School teachers know that relationships and research-based instruction make the difference for our students. The future success of our students depends on a combined effort between our students, parents, school staff, and the Norcross High School community.

Students at Norcross have the opportunity to get a world class education while taking a wide variety of classes and having the option to be involved in a multitude of activities, organizations and athletic teams. All ninth and tenth grade students are a part of our International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, a continuation of the program students experienced at Pinckneyville and Summerour Middle Schools. In addition, some students choose to be a part of our 3DE program by Junior Achievement, while others choose to work toward an International Baccalaureate Diploma in the eleventh and twelfth grades.

At Norcross we encourage our students to strive to be their best and to achieve at levels above their own expectation. Success is the only option!

Please take some time to review the information about Norcross High School. We look forward to our new students joining us this fall!

Will Bishop

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Principal

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

**NHS administered over 1,781
AP and IB exams in May of 2019**

\$235,000

Raised by the Norcross High School Foundation for Excellence to support our students, teachers and school.

60.5%

OF MAY 2019 GRADUATES
COMPLETED AP OR IB
COURSEWORK

THE CLASS OF 2019 WAS OFFERED

\$9,599,470 OF SCHOLARSHIPS

EXCLUDING THE STATE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

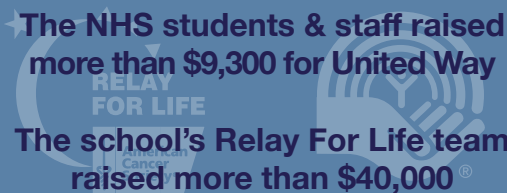


STRONG PERFORMANCE ON 2018-2019 AP TESTS RESULTED IN HONORS FOR

**84 AP Scholars,
31 AP Scholars with Honor,
51 AP Scholars with Distinction and
6 National AP Scholars**



**The NHS students & staff raised
more than \$9,300 for United Way**
**The school's Relay For Life team
raised more than \$40,000**



TOP COLLEGE ADMISSIONS



Auburn University
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon University
Clemson University
Cornell University
Davidson College
Duke University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
University
Emory University
Florida State University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Harvard University
Howard University
Johns Hopkins University
Louisiana State University

Massachusetts Institute of Technol-
ogy
Mississippi State University
Morehouse College
Princeton University
Rice University
Savannah College of Art & Design
(SCAD)
Spelman College
Stanford University
Tulane University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy at
West Point
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of California-Berkeley
University of Chicago
University of Colorado-Boulder
University of Georgia

University of Florida
University of Kentucky
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Notre Dame
University of North Carolina-
Chapel Hill
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Carolina
University of Tennessee
University of Virginia
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest
Wesleyan University
Yale University

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION AND RETENTION

The terms credits and units (or Carnegie Units) are used interchangeably to identify how much each course passed counts toward meeting the 23 credits/units required for graduation.

To Be Classified A	Students Must Earn
10th grader	5 Carnegie Units
11th grader	11 Carnegie Units
12th grader	17 Carnegie Units

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

In order to earn a Gwinnett County high school diploma, students must pass Gwinnett's High School Gateway Writing Assessment, and students must earn a minimum of 23 credits (units) in the following areas of study:

Required Area of Study	Credit/Unit
Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science (The 4th science unit may be used to meet both science and an elective requirement.)	4
Social Studies	3
Modern/Classical Language and/or Technical Education and/or Fine Arts	3
Health and Physical Education	1
Electives	4

9TH GRADE / ROUTE 23

Norcross High School 9th graders are a part of Route 23, a community within Norcross dedicated to providing the structure and support students need in making the transition into high school. Students within this community are supported by dedicated administrators and a team of counselors. The purpose of the community is for students to make meaningful connections with trained school personnel and to receive essential educational support.

Through this program we believe that students will make an effective transition into high school in academic performance and by leading as positive role models within the overall NHS community. During the year in Route 23, our students will begin the process of becoming well prepared for college and career success and start down the road of achieving the necessary 23 credits to graduate!

OUR MISSION

The mission of Norcross High School is to engage each student in a higher level of learning, resulting in measured improvement against local, national and world-class standards.

OUR VISION

Norcross High School is committed to excellence in education where a collaborative learning community equips students with the knowledge, skills, and behavior to be successful in a competitive world.



3DE
FOR ACHIEVEMENT
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**EDUCATION FOR EVERY
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WHAT IS 3DE?

3DE reengineers high school education to be more relevant, experiential, and authentically-connected to the real world to prepare students for the demands of tomorrow.

3DE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

RELEVANT

3DE connects education to real-world concepts to heighten students' appreciation for academics and long-term aspirations.

AUTHENTIC

3DE infuses business connections into all aspects of learning to deepen students' understanding and sustain engagement.

EXPERIENTIAL

3DE delivers opportunities to apply academic concepts to enhance students' retention of knowledge and develop skills for success.

LEARNING

Case methodology is used as a core part of the academic experience in 3DE. It is proven to increase student engagement, strengthen comprehension, build critical thinking and accelerate academic performance. This effective approach to learning is central to 3DE's model and is the anchor for interdisciplinary study, connections to the real world, and authentic application of students' learning.

HOW CAN MY STUDENT FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE 3DE EXPERIENCE?

1. Contact by email
nhs3de@gwinnett.k12.ga.us
2. Visit website
<http://bit.ly/3denorcross>



THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME

- COLLEGE CREDIT POTENTIAL
- A WORLD CLASS EDUCATION
- TOP COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
- SCHOOL LEADERSHIP
- INTEGRATED CURRICULUM

IS IB RIGHT FOR YOU?

Do you want to know how school connects to the world?

Do you want to excel academically?

Do you plan on attending a top college?

The IB Programme is known worldwide for its ability to build critical thinking skills and high level academic performance.

Students in this program are highly sought after by many college admissions offices. Students in the IB Programme excel in high school, college, and careers. They also develop skills to become active, empathetic, and lifelong learners.

Students take courses across all academic disciplines, including high level Math and Science courses.

Graduates are recognized worldwide as top students who receive prestigious college admissions and sought after by most selective colleges.



IB PROGRAMS OFFERED

IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)

- 9-10 grades
- Provides an opportunity for year-long investigation of a topic of the student's own interest
- Emphasis on inquiry-based, conceptual learning with local, national and global contexts

IB Diploma Programme (Full)

- 11-12 grades
- College Level Coursework
- Courses in every subject area
- Theory of Knowledge

IB Diploma Programme (Course)

- 11-12 grades
- College Level Coursework
- Choose courses in your strongest subjects

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the opportunities available through an IB Education contact:

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ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

NUMBER OF GRADUATES

779

HONOR GRADUATES

174

DUAL ENROLLMENT

19

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE:

79%

of IB Diploma students
earned the IB Diploma
in the May 2019 exam session.

IB DIPLOMA CLASSES AVAILABLE

HL = HIGHER LEVEL COURSES

SL = STANDARD LEVEL COURSES

English Literature HL
Math HL & SL
Biology SL
Environmental Systems & Societies SL
Physics HL
Sports, Exercise and Health Science SL
History of the Americas HL
Psychology SL
Music SL
Theatre SL
Visual Arts HL & SL
French HL & SL
Spanish HL & SL
Theory of Knowledge

AP CLASSES AVAILABLE

AP Computer Science
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics
Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics I
World History
US Government and Politics
Macroeconomics
US History
Psychology
French Language
Spanish Language
Computer Science Principles
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio
Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio

ELECTIVE COURSES OFFERED AT NORCROSS HIGH SCHOOL

In addition to the AP/IB classes listed above, students may choose electives from this diverse selection of courses.

SCIENCE ELECTIVES

Anatomy & Physiology
Earth Systems
Forensics
Oceanography



SOCIAL STUDIES ELECTIVES

Psychology
Sociology

WORLD LANGUAGES

French I – IV
Spanish I-IV
Spanish for Native Speakers I & II

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Marketing Principles
Marketing and Entrepreneurship
Marketing Management

Video Broadcast I - IV

Introduction to Graphic Design
Graphic Design & Production

Introduction to Digital Tech
Digital Design
Web Design

Intro to Business Tech

Foundations of Engineering
and Technology
Engineering Concepts
Engineering Applications

3DE ELECTIVES

3DE: Marketing Principles
3DE: Marketing & Entrepreneurship
3DE: Marketing Management
3DE: Senior Experience

ARMY JUNIOR ROTC

JROTC I-IV

PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION ELECTIVES

Health (required)
Introduction to Lifetime Fitness (required)
Aerobic Dance
Body Sculpting
Recreational Games
General PE
Lifetime Sports
Weight Training



VISUAL ARTS

2D Design (one semester)
3D Design (one semester)
Ceramics
Drawing & Painting
Jewelry & Metalworking
Photography
Sculpture

BAND

Percussion Ensemble
Concert Band
Symphonic Band
Symphonic Winds
Wind Symphony



CHORUS

Beginning Chorus
Intermediate Women's Chorus
Voce Bella
Mastery Chorus

ORCHESTRA

Beginning Orchestra
Concert Orchestra
Symphonic Orchestra
Philharmonic Orchestra
Chamber Orchestra

THEATER

Acting
Advanced Drama
Introduction to Theater
Musical Theater
Technical Theater - Set Design
Technical Theater - Costuming

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

Beginning Music Technology
Intermediate Music Technology

OTHER ELECTIVES

Library Science
Work Based Learning
Yearbook

GET INVOLVED

Norcross High School offers a number of after school activities. These activities serve to compliment classroom learning to create an environment that encourages all students to achieve their greatest potential as responsible, productive members of a diverse society.



Clubs & Activities

800 Club	I Am A Difference Maker
Academic Team	IB Club
African-American Leadership Roundtable (AALR)	Interact
Anime Club	JROTC
Art Club	La Voz
Band	Math Team
Best Buddies	Mock Trial
Blue Crew	Model UN
Calligraphy Club	National Art Honor Society
Chess Club	National English Society
Color Guard	National Honor Society
Culinary Club	National Thespian Society
Dance Club	Norcross High School Ambassadors
DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America)	Norcross HOSA
Drama Club	Norcross Student Leadership Team (NSLT)
Dumbledore's Army	Odyssey of the Mind
Dungeons & Dragons	One Act Play
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)	Random Acts of Kindness Club (RAKS)
Fencing Club	Readers Rally
FIDM Fashion Club	Relay for Life
First Robotics	Science Fair
French Club	Senior Beta
French Honors Society	Spanish Club
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Spanish National Honor Society
Future Georgia Educators	Step Team
Future Problem Solvers (FPS)	Student Council
Georgia Thespian Club	Technology Student Association (TSA)
Grassroots Club	Ultimate Frisbee
GSA	Video Broadcasting Club
Gwinnett Student Leadership Team (GSLT)	Winter Guard
HoPE (Hispanic Org. Promoting Education)	Young Americans for Freedom

Sports

Baseball
Basketball
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Lacrosse
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Tennis
Track
Volleyball
Wrestling



NHS Foundation for Excellence

The mission of the NHS Foundation for Excellence is to ensure the success of all students at Norcross High School by building community support and by raising funds to cultivate excellence in academics, arts, and athletics.

Our focus is to respond to student education needs, to encourage teacher innovation and teaching excellence, and to fund capital improvements at Norcross High School.

Visit www.norcrosshighfoundation.org for more information



**National
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The PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) is a team of parents, family members, teachers, staff, and friends of Norcross High School.

The goal is to enhance the educational experience for Norcross High School students. We believe that being involved in our school's community leads to higher rewards for our children.

Programs supported by PTSA include:

- Teacher Appreciation
- Blue Angel Students of the Month
- Project Graduation
- Clean & Beautiful Program
- PTA Reflection
- College Fair

Visit www.norcrosshigh.org homepage for a link to PTSA

Parent Center/Title 1

The Parent Center is located on the first hallway off the Commons Area (across from the Registrar's Office). The Parent Center is a place where all Norcross High School parents are welcomed. Here, parents can receive Title I information, review Title I documents, parenting resources, and information about ways to become more involved in their child's education. In addition, the Parent Instructional Clerk works closely with Gwinnett County Public Schools, NHS teachers, and administrators to promote parent involvement and ways to communicate better with the school. The Parent Instructional Clerk and Title 1 Assistant Principal work together to plan workshops and meetings throughout the year to continually support our parents.

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Connect with us...

STAY CONNECTED WITH NORCROSS HIGH SCHOOL

norcrosshigh.org

Visit our school website to find general information including; news and events, calendar updates, academics, academic support, athletics, fine arts, student life and community support.

PARENT PORTAL

Use this secure source to view your student's grades, attendance, discipline record and testing.
Visit the Front Office to register (ID required)

BLUE DEVIL BULLETIN

The Blue Devil Bulletin is a weekly email blast. It is a great way to stay informed and connected about the latest happenings at Norcross High School.
Sign up at norcrosshigh.org

MY eCLASS

All MYeCLASS resources are available with a single sign-on. Students log into MYeCLASS using their GCPS student number and the password they create at the beginning of the school year. (If a student doesn't remember his or her password or does not have one, he or she should ask the teacher for help.)



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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Through our eCLASS initiative, all Gwinnett schools have received a wireless Internet upgrade to support local school BYOD initiatives. Instructional activities can be enhanced when students bring their own personal devices (cell phones, tablets, laptops, eReaders, etc.) to class. GCPS encourages students to take advantage of the school system's BYOD policy, but participation is not required. Ask your child's teacher about use of personal devices in class or go to the school system's website for more about BYOD in GCPS.