

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



The class of 2023 will represent GCS at **top colleges and universities** across the country.

Guilford County Schools is proud of each of our more than 5,500 graduates, who are crossing the stage prepared for success in college, career and life.

GCS is a shining example of public education, offering each of our students – from gifted students to those with special needs – the opportunity to personalize their educational experience.

We are GCS and proud. #GCSGradsSoar23



GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS

A PROUD STATE AND NATIONAL LEADER

DISTRICT HONORS

- Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation **for the fifth consecutive year**
- **Profiles in Courage Award** from the Council of the Great City Schools
- **First-ever World Kindness District**
- **United Way Spirit of North Carolina Award since 2013**
- **A shift_ed Community**
- Deena A. Hayes, Chairwoman of the Guilford County Board of Education, received of the **2019 Benjamin Elijah Mays Lifetime Achievement Award**

STANDOUT SCHOOLS

- 2022, GCS' graduation rate reached a record-high **91.8%, higher** than all other large districts in NC.
- For the fourth year running, the Early College at Guilford was ranked best in the state. It's also the 35th best high school and

ninth-best STEM high school in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report.

- The STEM Early College at N.C. A&T rose to second best in North Carolina and 87th in the nation. **Weaver Academy rounded out the top five for the state.** It also ranked 56th best Magnet High school in the United States, and 240th overall.
- **20 State Schools of Character** since 2014 and 13 National Schools of Character

TOP EDUCATORS

- GCS Teacher of the Year Leah Carper was named the **Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year in 2022.** GCS Principal of the Year KaTrinka Brown was named a regional finalist.
- 331 National Board Certified Teachers (NCBT): GCS is 17th in the country for the number of new NBCTs
- Page High teacher Justin Scarbro received the **Milken Educator Award**, considered the Oscars of teaching.

SUPERIOR STUDENTS

- Six students earned scholarships through the 2021-22 **National Merit Scholarship program.**
- 40 students selected for 2022 **Governor's School of North Carolina**, the nation's oldest statewide summer residential program for academically gifted students.
- Students, teachers and administrators awarded state recognition by the **North Carolina Association for the Gifted and Talented.**
- **Outstanding scholarships and grants** were awarded to the Class of 2022 totaling **\$166,440,587.**
- Members of the Class of 2022 received the **Morehead-Cain Scholarship, Park Scholarship, Goodnight Scholarship and Duke Trinity Scholarship.**



Personalizing Learning

GCS is a national leader in personalizing programs to meet the needs of our diverse student body.

- 48 magnet and choice schools with 66 programs
- Students can study Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), aviation, Spanish immersion, health sciences, Montessori and more
- 258 Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses in 49 schools CTE programs include artificial intelligence, nursing, drone supply chain and logistics, advanced manufacturing, culinary arts, aviation, and engineering, among others
- Two nationally recognized visual and performing-arts high schools
- Nationally recognized programs for students with autism, developmental, physical or intellectual disabilities, and other needs



Advanced Academics

GCS students are achieving educational excellence. Each is prepared to succeed in a globally competitive world, benefiting from a district that offers challenging and exciting programs and courses.

- More challenging courses for academically gifted students and a separate school for very advanced learners
- 30 different Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered district wide
- Challenging International Baccalaureate (IB) programs at four GCS high schools
- Through a partnership with Equal Opportunity Schools (EOS), nine participating high schools are addressing gaps in participation in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes.
- In 2022, 122 IB Diplomas were awarded to graduates in our four International Baccalaureate district high schools.
- More than 14,000 GCS students are identified as Academically and Intellectually Gifted.



Character and Service

GCS knows today's young people must be citizens of the world, as well as leaders in their own community. We focus on educating the whole child, linking learning with meaningful action.

- Students have completed more than 2.1 million service-learning hours, or more than \$51 million in economic impact
- We are the first-ever World Kindness District.
- All 126 schools focus on a monthly character trait, from courage to perseverance to self-respect
- Since 2012, more than 90 GCS programs have been recognized as Promising Practice recipients
- In 2021 one State School of Character was named from GCS, totaling 20 State Schools of Character and 13 National Schools of Character since 2014.

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