

Gaston County Schools

Fast Facts 2012-2013

Accreditation: Gaston County Schools is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as a top rate quality school system. Accreditation is extremely important for students going to college.

✓ Ninth largest school district in the state

✓ Largest employer in Gaston County

Number of Employees – 3,848

✓ Total Number of Schools – 55

- Elementary and Primary Schools – 30
- Intermediate Schools – 2
- Middle Schools – 11
- High Schools – 10
- Special Needs School – 1
- Alternate School – 1

Total Number of Schools – 55

*The new Stuart Cramer High School will open in August 2013 – the district will have 11 high schools and 56 schools.

✓ Student Enrollment 2012-2013

- Grades K-5 – 14,233
- Grades 6-8 – 7,420
- Grades 9-12 – 9,524
- Early College 13th year – 12
- **Total K-12 – 31,189**
- Preschool – 586
- **Total PreK-12 – 31,775**

✓ Students receiving Special Services - 2012-2013

- Academically Gifted and Talented: 3,637
- Special Needs Children: 3,990

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✓ Student Ethnic Distribution

- 20.3 % – African American
- 0.2 % – American Indian
- 1.4 % – Asian
- 64.7 % – Caucasian
- 9.5 % – Hispanic
- 3.8 % – Multiracial
- 0.1 % – Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

✓ Student Teacher Ratio

- Grades K-3 – 1-21
- Grades 4-12 – State does not place a cap on student teacher ratio, but Gaston County Schools' goal is to keep student teacher ratios as low as possible within the budget constraints that the district must work.

✓ Student Computer Ratio: 1 computer to 2.38 students

✓ Graduation Rate

- 2006 – GCS Graduation Rate – 68.1
- 2007 – GCS Graduation Rate – 71.17
- 2008 – GCS Graduation Rate – 72.3
- 2009 – GCS Graduation Rate – 70.0
- 2010 – GCS Graduation Rate – 72.0
- 2011 – GCS Graduation Rate – 75.4
- 2012 – GCS Graduation Rate – 78.8

**The 2012 National Graduation Rate is 70 percent*

✓ High School Students - 2012 Graduates

Graduates: 2,063

- Scholarship Money Offered Graduates: More than \$45 million

Graduates' Intentions:

- Graduates Continuing Their Education
 - Post-Secondary Education 86%
 - Four-Year College 40%
 - Two-Year College 41%
 - Vocational/Trade/Business 5%
 - Military - 5%

Employment - 8%

Other - 1%

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✓ Student Dropout Rate Grades 7-12

- 2000 - 5.10 %
- 2001 - 4.49 %
- 2002 - 3.93 %
- 2003 - 3.83 %
- 2004 - 3.30 %
- 2005 - 3.47 %
- 2006 - 3.80%
- 2007 - 4.39%
- 2008 – 4.02%
- 2009 – 3.84%
- 2010 – 3.04%
- 2011 – 3.06%

✓ Student Attendance

- 2005-06: 93.6 – 113th out of 115 school districts
- 2006-07: 93.7 – 111th out of 115 school districts
- 2007-08: 93.8 – 111th out of 115 school districts
- 2008-09: 95.1 – 49th out of 115 school districts
- 2009-10: 94.99 – 35th out of 115 school districts
- 2010-11: 95.3
- 2011-12: 95.2

✓ Employees -2012-2013

- Total Number of Employees – full-and part-time permanent employees: 3,848
- Total Number of Teachers: 1,869
- Teachers Average Years of Experience: 11
- Teachers Average Age: 41
- Advanced Degrees – Master’s and Doctorate: 29 %
- Number of Guidance Counselors: 87
- Number of School Nurses: 25
- Number of Social Workers: 28
- Beginning Teacher Salary: \$30,800 and \$1,480 local supplement
- Average Teacher Salary: \$39,796 and average supplement is \$2,690

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✓ Transportation - 2012-2013

Total Number of Students Transported Daily – 14,430

Senior High – 3,450

Middle School – 3,420

Elementary – 7,360

Exceptional Children – 200

- Miles Traveled Daily – 11,906
- Number of School Buses – 215
- Number of Activity Buses – 40

✓ School Nutrition

- Cost of Student Lunch – 2012-2013
 - Elementary: \$2.30
 - Middle and Senior High: \$2.40
 - Adults (staff and visitors): \$3.00
- Cost of Student Breakfast K-12 – All Grades: \$1.20
- Breakfasts Served Daily, 2011-2012: 8,735
- Breakfasts Served Annually, 2011-2012: 1,572,387
- Lunches Served Daily, 2011-2012: 22,055
- Lunches Served Annually, 2011-2012 – 3,969,862
- Percent of students on free and reduced lunch
 - 59 percent – Fall, 2012
 - 58 percent – 2011-2012
 - 57 percent – 2010-2011
 - 56 percent – 2009-2010
 - 53 percent – 2008-2009
 - 47 percent – 2007-2008
 - 45.6 percent – 2006-2007

✓ English as a Second Language Program

- Number Hispanic - Spanish Speaking Students -2,652
- Number born in another country (National Origin Minority Students) – 2,445
- Different Languages Spoken – 56
- Of the 56 languages – 1,235 identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP)

- Second Language Programs in all schools.
- Number of English as a Second Language Teachers – 29
- Spanish Translators – 3
- An International Center located at Hawks Nest Intermediate School to assist linguistically diverse families.
- Newcomer Classes at Hawks Nest Intermediate for new linguistically diverse students in grades 1-5.

Plyer vs Doe Case:

- Students cannot be refused enrollment due to lack of legal documentation.
- Schools are not to inquire into legal status of students.

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✓ School Safety

Based on last state report - 2011

- Outstanding School Safety Record
- Lower incidents of violence than state average
- Gaston County Schools Average – 4.1 incidents of violence per 1,000 students
- State Average – 7.9 incidents of violence per 1,000 students
- Of the ten largest school systems in the state, Gaston County has the lowest incidents of violence
- Number of Resource Officers
 - High school – Ten, one per school
 - Middle school – Eleven, one per school

✓ Advanced Placement Program

- Total Number of Different AP Courses Offered: 27
- Combined number of courses offered in all high schools: 115 courses
- Total Enrollment in AP Courses – 3,245 – many students take multiple AP courses.
- Average for students scoring at or above grade level
 - Gaston County Average: 59.1 percent
 - Global Average: 61.4 percent
- All Gaston County AP Teachers attend College Board endorsed training institutes and workshops.

✓ Finances

Total Budget - 2011-2012: \$265,000,000

Total Budget - 2010-2011: \$274,300,963

Total Budget - 2010-2011

Sources of Revenue

State – North Carolina	\$ 150,078,746	54.7%
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Local – Gaston County	43,310,022	15.8%
Federal – U. S. Government	48,999,143	17.9%
School Nutrition Sales	17,060,000	5.4%
Other Restricted Grants	14,853,052	6.2%
Total Revenue	\$ 274,300,963	100 %

Major Categories of Expenditures

Instructional Services	\$ 159,788,360	64.3%
Instructional Support	16,229,937	6.5%
School Administration	13,517,461	5.4%
Operational Support Services	17,184,387	6.9%
Administration	14,619,219	5.9%
Transportation	7,579,636	3.1%
Children Nutrition	16,164,360	6.5%
Other	3,016,385	1.4%
Total Expenditures	\$ 246,493,043	100%

✓ Magnet Schools and Special Programs

- Highland School of Technology – Grades 9-12
- Gaston Early College High School – Grades 9-13
- Hunter Huss High School International Baccalaureate Program – Grades, 9-12

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Some figures are not available for the 2012-2013 yet. We will update those as they become available.