



Gaston County Schools

Collegiate Prep
Academy

Collegiate Preparatory Academy at Forestview High School

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of the Collegiate Preparatory Academy?

The Collegiate Preparatory Academy allows students to develop, practice, and sharpen their critical and creative thinking skills. A rigorous academic framework will prepare students for success at the College and University level, while also providing a solid foundation through two capstone courses: AP Seminar and AP Research.

2. What are the start and stop times of the school day?

8:00am-3:00pm

3. What is the earliest I can drop my child off and the latest I can pick up my child?

7:00am Drop Off and 4:00pm Pick Up

4. Will my student be able to be in the running for Valedictorian/Salutatorian if they commit to yearlong courses like the AP Capstone Seminar and AP Research?

Yes, if your student chooses to take additional AP course options as elective credits.

5. Will my student be able to take enough AP credit courses to say in the top of their class?

Yes, if your student chooses appropriate leveled courses (honors or AP) and chooses rigorous elective courses throughout the pathway.

6. Will my student be able to take AP courses in the 9th Grade?

Your student will have opportunities to take challenging courses at an honors level that will satisfy many upper level course prerequisites in preparation for success in the pathway AP course structure. College Board recommends that students begin taking select AP courses in their sophomore year. Many Colleges and Universities will not accept AP credit if taken prior to the sophomore year in High School.



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7. If my student is accepted and begins the program, can they choose to not take the AP Capstone courses, but remain in the Collegiate Preparatory Academy?

No; the AP Capstone courses (AP Seminar and AP Research) are the culminating courses that are required in the College Preparatory Pathway.

8. What are the requirements for admissions to the Collegiate Preparatory Academy?

Students must be in good standing, including attendance, behavior, and academics; Parent/Legal Guardian Resident of Gaston County; Level IV or higher 7th Grade Reading & Math EOGs; Overall “B” Average in 8th Grade; Incoming 9th Grader.

9. Who can apply to the Collegiate Preparatory Academy and how are students selected?

Incoming ninth grade students that meet entrance requirements may apply.

10. What are the requirements for continued enrollment?

Parent/legal guardian must maintain residency in Gaston County. Maintain a 3.0 grade point average. Maintain adequate attendance and behavior. Must be making progress towards completion of required courses and exams.

11. What credentials could I earn as part of the Collegiate Preparatory Academy?

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing receive the *AP Capstone Diploma™*.

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research but not on four additional AP Exams receive the *AP Seminar and Research Certificate™*.

The Capstone Certificate and Diploma credentials are recognized by major colleges and universities. This designation allows your application to stand out because you will have shown early success on college level curricula.