

Gaston County Schools

Collegiate Prep Academy



Choice Program Pathways





Program Information

The Gifted and Talented Academy at Pleasant Ridge allows
Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG) students to take a
deeper look at their individual gifts and talents, providing them
with the opportunity to explore new adventures different from the
traditional school setting.

Pleasant Ridge focuses on the Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) to extend an opportunity for all students to explore individual gifts and talents through Enrichment Clusters.



Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG)

- Academically or intellectually gifted students perform or show the potential to perform at substantially high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment.
- Academically or intellectually gifted students exhibit high performance capability in intellectual areas, specific academic fields, or in both the intellectual areas and specific academic fields.
- Academically or intellectually gifted students require differentiated educational services beyond those ordinarily provided by the regular educational program.



Entrance Requirements

- Parent/Legal Guardian Resident of Gaston County
- Eligible for Enrollment in North Carolina
- Meet Academically & Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Criteria
- Incoming Kindergartner

Available Seats

- 40 for Incoming Kindergartners
- Limited Seats Available for 1st 5th Grade

Academy Activities

- Entrepreneurship
- Chess
- Theatre
- Painting
- Band
- Drum Line
- Yoga
- Dance

- Photography
- Cooking
- German
- Sewing
- Poetry
- Jewelry Making
- Video Production
- Robotics





Program Information

The Academy provides a challenging learning environment designed to nurture AIG students by embracing their multiple intelligences. The Academy empowers students by encouraging them to interact in academic, creative, aesthetic, and social endeavors supported by certified gifted teachers.

Cramerton Middle School also utilizes the Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) to offer a broad range of advanced level enrichment experiences which accentuate the gifts and talents of our entire student population based on their unique interests.

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Entrance Requirements

- Students must be in good standing, including attendance, behavior, and academics
- Parent/Legal Guardian Resident of Gaston County
- Incoming 6th Grader
- Identified AIG

Available Seats

25 Outside Attendance Area for Rising 6th Graders

Middle School Courses for High School Credit*

- English I
- Math I
- Spanish I
- World History



^{*}Additional criteria must be met to participate in these courses



Program Information

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.

Entrance Requirements

- 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

Capstone Program Course Requirements

- Six (6) AP Courses and Exams
 - Four (4) AP Courses
 - AP Seminar Capstone
 - AP Research Capstone

What are AP Seminar and AP Research?

Both courses guide students through completing a research project, writing an academic paper, and making a presentation on their project.

Over the course of the two-year program, students are required to:

- Analyze topics through multiple lenses to construct meaning or gain understanding.
- Plan and conduct a study or investigation.
- Propose solutions to real-world problems.
- Plan and produce communication in various forms.
- Collaborate to solve a problem.
- Integrate and make cross-curricular connections.



Sample Pathway Courses				
Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	
English 1	English 2	English 3 / AP	English 4 / AP	
Math 1	Math 2	Math 3	Math 4	
Science 1	Science 2	Science 3	Social Studies 4 / AP	
Social Studies 1	Social Studies 2	Social Studies 3 / AP Course	Foreign Language / Elective	
Health/PE	Pre-AP or AP Course	Foreign Language / Elective	AP Research	
Career Management	Research Methods	AP Seminar	AP Research	
Elective	Elective	AP Seminar	Elective / AP Course	
Elective	Elective	Elective / AP Course	Elective / AP Course	

^{*}Students must take courses in bold to complete this pathway.



^{*}Students must take 4 additional AP courses (in addition to AP Seminar and AP Research) to complete this pathway.

^{*}In order to receive the AP Capstone Diploma, students must score a 3 or higher on 6 AP exams (AP Seminar and AP Research must be 2 of the 6 exams).

Program Credentials

- AP Capstone DiplomaTM
- AP Seminar and Research Certificate TM

Program Credential Requirements

AP Capstone Diploma TM =

AP Seminar + AP Research + 4 Additional AP Courses (must score a 3 or higher on all 6 AP Exams)

AP Seminar and Research Certificate ™ =

AP Seminar + AP Research

(must score a 3 or higher on both AP Exams)

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Available Seats

30 Outside Attendance Area for Rising 9th Graders

Participation

 Students in attendance zone are eligible to participate (must apply for academy and will participate in lottery)

Choice Program	Event	Date
Gaston Early College (GEC)	Application Window	January 28 - February 28, 2019
Highland School of Technology (HST)	Application Window	January 28 - February 28, 2019
ALL Other Choice Programs	Application Window	January 28 - February 28, 2019
Highland School of Technology (HST)	Lottery Selection	March 14, 2019
ALL Choice Programs (except: GEC, HST, Hawks Nest, and G&T at Pleasant Ridge)	Lottery Selection	March 15, 2019
Gaston Early College (GEC)	Lottery Selection	April 1, 2019
ALL Choice Programs (except: GEC, HST, Hawks Nest, and G&T at Pleasant Ridge)	Seat Acceptance Deadline	March 29, 2019
Hawks Nest and G&T at Pleasant Ridge	Lottery Selection	May 17, 2019
Hawks Nest and G&T at Pleasant Ridge	Seat Acceptance Deadline	May 31, 2019
ALL Choice Programs (except: GEC and HST)	Waitlist Seat Acceptance Deadline	July 27, 2019

Questions?