

# 2011-12 School Profile

Gwinnett County Public Schools holds system accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Council on Accreditation and School Improvement.



## South Gwinnett High School

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*"College. Not If, But Where"*

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**School Type:**

Public, 4-Year, Comprehensive  
High School, AAAAA-Region 8



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## About Gwinnett County Public Schools

*Envisioning a system of world-class schools...* The largest school system in the state, Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) is a diverse and growing suburban district in metro Atlanta, serving more than 150,000 students. The district has 17 high schools, including an open campus high school and a charter high school. GCPS' rigorous custom curriculum (known as the Academic Knowledge and Skills or AKS) is combined with exceptional teaching and meaningful testing to form a comprehensive instructional program. Highly qualified teachers, involved parents, and a supportive community are key elements in GCPS' quest to become a system of world-class schools.

### Diploma Options and Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2012

*Students earn .5 credits per semester.*

In order to earn a regular Gwinnett County high school diploma, students in the Class of 2012 must:

- Learn the AKS in order to pass classes and earn the required course credits/units (*see chart below*);
- Pass Gwinnett's High School Gateway Writing Assessment, which is administered in the 10th grade;
- Pass the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT), which is administered in the 11th grade; and
- Demonstrate proficiency in the four core areas— language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies— by either passing one EOCT in each of the core content areas or by passing the corresponding subtest of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT).

To graduate, Georgia students starting high school July 2008 and after must earn a minimum of 23 credits (also called units) in required areas of study. Students earn .5 units per class each semester. (Students on block schedule earn a full credit per class each semester).

| <u>Areas of Study</u>   | <u>Required Units</u> |
|---|-----------------------|
| English/Language Arts   | 4                     |
| Mathematics   | 4                     |
| Science   | 4                     |
| Social Studies  | 3                     |
| Modern/Classical Language and/or Technical Education and/or Fine Arts | 3                     |
| Health and Physical Education   | 1                     |
| Electives   | 4                     |
| <b>Total Units (minimum)</b>  | <b>23</b>             |

## About South Gwinnet High School

South Gwinnett High School, which combined Snellville and Grayson High Schools, first opened in the fall of 1957 with 300 students in grades 9-12. The faculty consisted of 13 faculty members including the principal. Fifty-five students received diplomas in the first graduation ceremony. Under the leadership of several outstanding principals, South Gwinnet High School has grown to over 2300 students housed in seven large buildings. Teachers at South continue to set high expectations for student achievement.

*Please see other side for specifics on demographics, grading, curriculum, and more.*

## Instructional Hours

Each school year consists of two semesters of 18 weeks each for a total of 180 instructional days. Six classes meet daily. School calendar runs August to May.

## School Enrollment and Demographics

- **Current total enrollment:** 2383 including 373 seniors.
- **Demographics:** 63% Black, 16% White, 11% Hispanic, 3% Asian, 6% Multiracial, 1% Native American

## Class Rank/Numeric Average

Grade Point Average (GPA) is computed at the end of each semester, including all attempted high school courses. This GPA is calculated on a 100-point scale. All students are ranked within grade levels at the end of each semester, based on numerical cumulative averages. Advanced Placement (AP) courses reflect an additional 10 points, which is included in the final numerical grade for the semester. No additional weight is given to gifted or honors coursework. Honor graduates have earned a 90% or higher cumulative average that includes all attempted high school courses.

## GCPS' Grading Scale (adopted 7/99)

*Cumulative GPA value*

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| A = 90% and Above | 4.0 |
| B = 80%–89%       | 3.0 |
| C = 74%–79%       | 2.0 |
| D = 70%–73%       | 1.0 |
| F = Below 70%     | 0.0 |

## Curriculum Offerings

Advanced Placement (AP), Gifted, Honors, College Preparatory, and Technical classes are available in each academic area— language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and modern/classical languages. The school also offers a full complement of classes in health and PE, the fine arts, and technical education. AP classes are college-level classes. Gifted classes are rigorous, exceeding grade-level norms. Honors classes are demanding, often exceeding grade-level norms. College prep classes reflect the grade-level norm. Technical content emphasizes life applications.

Students have the option to attend the Grayson High School Technical Education Program which offers 14 innovative instructional programs. Additionally students may attend the Maxwell High School of Technology as well as participate in the ACCEL program for joint enrollment. Additional information is available on the school web site.

## Test Scores—Class of 2011

|             |                  | School | GCPS | GA   | U.S. |
|-------------|------------------|--------|------|------|------|
| S<br>A<br>T | Critical Reading | 447    | 501  | 485  | 497  |
|             | Math             | 456    | 521  | 487  | 514  |
|             | Writing          | 433    | 489  | 473  | 489  |
|             | Combined         | 1336   | 1511 | 1445 | 1500 |
|             | % Testing        | 82%    | 74%  | 64%  | 37%  |
| A<br>C<br>T | English          | 19.1   | 21.1 | 20.1 | 20.6 |
|             | Math             | 20.9   | 22.8 | 20.7 | 21.1 |
|             | Reading          | 19.9   | 21.8 | 20.8 | 21.3 |
|             | Science          | 20.1   | 21.7 | 20.3 | 20.9 |
|             | Composite        | 20.1   | 22.0 | 20.6 | 21.1 |
|             | Writing          | 18.9   | 21.1 | 20.4 | 20.8 |

## Advanced Placement

Available college-level AP courses include English Literature, English Language, Statistics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics B, Environmental Science, Human Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language, French Language, German Language, Computer Science, Music Theory and Studio Art.

SGHS saw a tremendous increase in the number of students taking at least one AP exam, nearly doubling prior year participation, with an increase in the number of exams taken (up 90%). Acknowledged by Georgia Department of Education as a 2011 AP Honor School in two categories - AP Access and Support & AP STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics); AP Access & Support recognition goes to schools where more than 30% of AP test-takers are African-American or Hispanic and at least 30% of all AP exam scores of 3 or higher. Many colleges award credit for scores higher than 3 allow students to exempt certain college courses. The STEM honor recognizes schools where students take AP exams in at least two AP science courses and two AP mathematics courses.

## Class of 2011

- **Number of Graduates: 468**
- **Honor Graduates: 34**
- **Post High School Education Plans – Class of 2011**
  - 4-year College.....66%
  - 2-year College.....16%
  - Technical College.....8%
  - Work.....4%
  - Military.....6%

- **Scholarships Offered:** \$4.4 million, not counting HOPE.
- **Other Honors:** Two National Achievement Finalist; South regularly competes and succeeds at the state and national level in Career and Technology, Fine Arts and Athletic Competitions.

## Additional Information

**Transcript Definition:** “Non GCPS”- Course work not taken in a Gwinnett County Public School System. One Carnegie Unit is equal to two semesters or one year of course work.

