

# 2014-2015 School Profile



## Peachtree Ridge High School

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“The Standard of Excellence”

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### School Type:

Public, 4-Year, comprehensive high school, AAAAAA-Region 7



A Unit of

### Gwinnett County Public Schools

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Gwinnett County Public Schools holds system accreditation through AdvancED.

## About Gwinnett County Public Schools

*Envisioning a system of world-class schools...* The largest school system in the state and the 13th largest in the nation, Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) is a diverse and growing district in metro Atlanta, serving more than 173,000 students. GCPS was honored as the 2010 winner of the prestigious Broad Prize for Urban Education and is a finalist for the honor in 2014. The district has 22 high schools, including an open campus high school and three charter high schools. Aligned to the state-adopted Common Core standards, 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 preparing students for college and 21st century careers in a globally competitive future.

## Graduation and Testing Requirements for the Class of 2015

In order to earn a regular Gwinnett County high school diploma, students in the Class of 2015 must:

- Learn the AKS curriculum 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 (*some accelerated students may take this test in 9th grade*);
- Pass the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT), which is administered in the 11th grade.

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

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

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

## About Peachtree Ridge High School

Peachtree Ridge High School is located in Suwanee, Georgia and first opened its doors in August of 2003. Our vision is that Peachtree Ridge will be the standard of excellence as a learning community, committed to effective instruction that prepares students for success in a dynamic global environment. PRHS has been named an Advanced Placement Honor School for AP Merit from the Georgia Department of Education for the last five years and was named an AP STEM Achievement School for the third consecutive year. Also, Newsweek magazine and US News & World Report have previously named PRHS as one of America's top high schools. The PRHS Counseling Department was recognized by the American School Counselor Association as a RAMP award recipient in 2011 and 2014. The school operates on a block schedule where students take 4 courses each semester and earn 8 full credits per year.

## Instructional Hours

Two semesters of 18 weeks each for a total of 180 instructional days. Four classes meet daily. School calendar runs August to May.

## School Enrollment and Demographics

- **Current total enrollment:** 3217, including 777 seniors
- **Demographics:** 32% White, 24% Asian, 26% African American, 15% Hispanic, 3% Multiracial

## 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 courses are weighted equally. 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 (Pre-AP), and College Preparatory 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 career 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. Technology permeates a GCPS education, and students develop key 21st century skills as critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers, and effective communicators.

## Test Scores—Class of 2014

		School	GCPS	GA	U.S.
<b>SAT</b>	<b>Critical Reading</b>	521	503	488	497
	<b>Math</b>	533	514	485	513
	<b>Writing</b>	512	488	472	487
	<b>Combined</b>	1566	1505	1445	1497
<b>ACT</b>	<b>English</b>	22.0	21.1	20.3	20.3
	<b>Math</b>	22.3	22.1	20.5	20.9
	<b>Reading</b>	22.6	21.9	21.4	21.3
	<b>Science</b>	22.1	21.8	20.7	20.8
	<b>Composite</b>	22.4	21.9	20.8	21.0

## Advanced Placement

Available college-level AP courses include English Literature, English Language, Statistics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1 and C, Environmental Science, Human Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, European History, Macroeconomics, Comparative Government, Psychology, Spanish Language, French Language, German Language, Latin Literature, Chinese Language, Art History, Studio Art, and Computer Science.

During 2013-2014, 1,008 students completed AP exams for a total of 1,842 exams taken. 78.1% received a 3 +.

## Class of 2014 Statistics

- **Number of Graduates:** 746
- **Honor Graduates:** 271 • **Dual Enrollment:** 14
- **Postsecondary Plans:** 77%, 4-year college; 7%, 2-year college; 4%, technical school; 4%, military; 8%, employment or other plans
- **Scholarships Offered:** \$12.4 mil, excluding HOPE

## Other 2013-2014 Honors

- 12 National Merit Scholarship Finalists
- 2 National Achievement Scholarship Finalists
- 137 AP Scholars, 65 AP Scholars with Honors, 134 AP Scholars with Distinction, 31 National AP Scholars