



K-12 QUICK FACTS

A GASTON COUNTY EDUCATION



Investing in Choice

A Gaston County education is one that prioritizes real world problem solving by arming students with the best tools to succeed & lead in today and tomorrow's workforce.



GASTON COUNTY, NC

- **Gaston County has a robust system of K-12 public and private school partners** who work collaboratively to prepare our future leaders.
- **In 2018, Gaston citizens overwhelmingly approved a \$250 million school bond referendum** that is funding the construction of **new schools** as well as other critical capital investments.
- Of the top ten largest school districts in NC, **Gaston County Schools is #2 in the state of North Carolina** for student earned industry certifications.
- **Providing choice: Gaston County Schools recently launched 13 school choice academies**, which offer students personalized education tracks, ranging from public service to healthcare, to play to your child's strengths.
- **Gaston County Schools boasts a percentage success rate of 87.8% in Career & Technical Education proficiency**, the highest among the 10 largest school districts in NC.
- **Highland School of Technology and Gaston Early College High School are the top two public high schools** in the Charlotte region in College & Career Readiness.



Education Spotlight:

TechWorks Gaston

Our Opportunity Factory

Celebrating its grand opening in April, TechWorks Gaston is a nonprofit dedicated to creating the region's next tech talent pipeline. With courses scheduled throughout the year for individuals from all backgrounds, TechWorks diligently works to provide relevant educational opportunities for students interested in the tech industry.

This mission to educate ties in directly with TechWorks' other objective: to grow good jobs in Gaston County by recruiting high growth potential tech startups to invest here.

Recently offered courses:

CompTIA A+ (an integral part of cybersecurity)

CompTIA Project+ (highly sought-after course for tech project management)

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WEEK EVENTS

Oct. 12: TechWorks
Gaston's Girls Coding
Course

Oct. 14: Student Tour
of Belmont Abbey
College

Oct. 15: Tour of Hunter
Huss High's Career
Academy

Oct. 16: Tour of Gaston
College's Kimbrell
Campus

Oct. 17: Tour of
Highland School of
Technology & The
Gaston Chamber's
Salute to Business and
Manufacturing

Oct. 18: Tour of East
Gaston High's Health
Science Academy

Oct. 19: TechWorks
Kids in Coding
Courses



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Higher Education

Belmont Abbey College

- From the American Council of Trustees & Advisors: the recently launched Honors College has earned the title among a nationwide list of liberal arts schools for being a "Hidden Gem."
- Belmont Abbey College is consistently a highly ranked college in Undergraduate Teaching in the South by US News & Reports

Gaston College

- With seamless transfer processes and highly ranked in skilling students for high paying jobs, Gaston College takes collaboration with industry to a whole other level.