

# One Cluster! Two Great Choices!

Students in the Norcross Cluster have the unique opportunity to choose the high school they wish to attend. We have found that students and families make the best choice by learning about both high schools and choosing the school that best fits their interests. There will be several meetings over the next few weeks for student and parents to learn more about both schools. Recordings of these meetings will be available on the high school websites. Students and parents can begin familiarizing themselves with both schools by visiting the school websites at [PaulDukeSTEM.org](http://PaulDukeSTEM.org) and [NorcrossHigh.org](http://NorcrossHigh.org). Families will make their selection of which high school to attend in early December, after the Thanksgiving break.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday, November 1 @ 6:30 pm:** Virtual parent meeting about Norcross HS and Paul Duke STEM HS (in English)
- **Tuesday, November 1 @ 7:30 pm:** Virtual parent meeting about Norcross HS and Paul Duke STEM HS (in Spanish)
- **Monday, November 7 @ 6:30 pm:** In-person student/parent meeting with detailed information about Paul Duke STEM HS (in English & Spanish)
- **Monday, November 14 @ 6:30 pm:** In-person student/parent meeting with detailed information about Norcross HS (in English & Spanish)
- **Week of November 28:** Students submit their high school choice and elective course selections through eClass.

## REGARDLESS OF WHICH SCHOOL YOUR STUDENTS CHOOSE, GET INVOLVED!

Both Norcross High School and Paul Duke STEM High School offer numerous after school activities. These activities serve to complement classroom learning to create an environment that encourages all students to achieve their greatest potential as responsible, productive members of a diverse society.



### Unique Programs at NHS

- INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
  - IB Diploma Programme
  - IB Middle Years Programme
- 3DE BY JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT
- BAND, ORCHESTRA, CHORUS, THEATER, & VISUAL ARTS
- ARMY JUNIOR ROTC
- 8 CTE PATHWAYS



### Unique Programs at PDS

- AP CAPSTONE
- COMPUTER SCIENCE & CYBERSECURITY PROGRAMS
- BAND, ORCHESTRA, DANCE, THEATER, & VISUAL ARTS
- 10 STEAM PATHWAYS
- SENIOR INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES



# NORCROSS CLUSTER HIGH SCHOOLS: A CHOICE FOR EXCELLENCE

## GETTING ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS!

During their Freshman year, students will continue their journey of becoming well prepared for college and career success and start down the road of achieving the necessary 23 credits to graduate!

### Which school is right for my students?

There are many similarities between Norcross and Paul Duke STEM High Schools, so please encourage your students to learn about both schools before determining which school is best for them.

- What are their interests, talents, and passions?
- What type of high school experience do they want?
- What are their current college and career goals?
- Which school matches them best?



## GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students are **required** to pass the High School Gateway Assessment, as well as core classes requiring an End of Course assessment, in order to to earn a regular high school diploma.

Subject	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies	Health & PE	Fine Arts, World Languages, and Career & Technical Ed	Electives	Total Credits
<b>Credits required</b>	<b>4 Credits;</b> including 1 Credit of 9th Grade Lit. & Comp. AND 1 Credit of American Lit. & Comp.	<b>4 Credits;</b> including Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II	<b>4 Credits;</b> including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and a science elective	<b>3 Credits;</b> including 1 Credit World History, 1 Credit U.S. History, .5 Credit Amer. Gov't and .5 Credit Economics	<b>1 Credit;</b> including .5 Credit Personal Fitness & .5 Credit Health OR 3.0 Credits JROTC	<b>3 Credits (Any Combination)</b> *2 credits of the same modern or classical language are required for university admissions in the state of Georgia.	<b>4 Credits</b>	<b>23 Credits</b>