

Guilford County School System

In addition to excellent institutions for higher education in the area, Greensboro can also boast a successful public school system with options for every child.

Programs and Achievements of Note

Weaver Education Center	A center offering vocational/technical, performing arts, advanced academics and distance learning programs to all high school students.
College Tech Prep	An initiative to prepare high school students for technical occupations and two-year Associates degrees.
Gateway Education Center	A Pre-K-12 school with enrollment of nearly 200 children with orthopedic disabilities or other learning challenges.
International Baccalaureate Programs	The IB program is a rigorous, two-year course of study for highly motivated 11th and 12th grade students.
Magnet Schools	Forty-four magnet schools offering regular comprehensive curricula plus specialized themes or studies such as communications, cultural arts, math/science, foreign language, two year-round schools, two extended-year schools and two Montessori schools.
Early/Middle College	There are seven Early/Middle College high schools located on local college campuses that offer students an alternative to the traditional high school setting.

- Guilford County Schools' teacher turnover rate is among the lowest in the state.
- Thirteen GCS high schools made Newsweek's list of top AP/IB schools for 2007-2008. Each school is thought to be in the top five percent of schools nationwide. Both The Early College at Guilford and Grimsley High School placed in the top 100.
- Kernodle is now one of 107 middle schools from across the nation to be named a "School to Watch" by the North Carolina Middle School Association. Also distinguished were Claxton Elementary and Shadybrook Elementary, which have both been named No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools by the United States Department of Education, the highest honor the Department gives.
- At 2.98 percent, the dropout rate for Guilford County Schools remains one of the lowest in the state.
- Guilford County Schools is the third largest school district in North Carolina with over 71,000 students and 120 schools.
- The school system offers five International Baccalaureate (IB) programs.
- In 2008, Guilford County Schools students received over \$77,000,000 in scholarships.
- 4,625 students received diplomas, there were 9 National Merit Scholars, and 54 Governor's School appointees in 2008.
- Guilford County Schools is a system that embraces diversity with 86 different languages or dialects spoken by students.

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