



AP and IB Increase Chances of College Success

GCS STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE RIGOROUS ACADEMICS OF COLLEGE AND EARN COLLEGE CREDITS IN HIGH SCHOOL.

All GCS students are encouraged to challenge themselves through Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school, giving them a jump start on their college preparation and college credit when they pass exams at the end of the courses.

AP and IB courses not only give students the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school, but they also challenge students to think critically, develop problem solving skills and prepare them for higher education. In fact, research shows that even if a student does not earn college credit, they are still more likely to succeed in college than classmates who did not take AP or IB courses at all.

FACTS:

- 16 GCS High Schools on *The Washington Post's* list of Most Challenging High Schools, putting them in the top 12 percent in the country
 - Four in the top ten for North Carolina
 - *The Early College at Guilford* appeared on the paper's *Public Elite List*
- 31 Advanced Placement Courses offered district wide
- Four IB diploma programs
 - Two elementary and two middle school programs are also available for younger students
- North Carolina's first Advanced Placement Capstone Program at Western High



2016-17 AP/IB RESULTS FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- 5,965 students took 12,134 AP courses
- 744 took 2,411 IB courses
- 1,290 took 5,582 college courses of which 4,335 were passed with a B or better
- 5,944 students took 11,968 AP exams and passed 6,006 exams
- 726 students took 1,531 IB exams and passed 958 exams

Our students are soaring to greatness with advanced academic courses—learn more at www.gcsnc.com