

NORTH SPRINGS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL



Welcome

Welcome to North Springs Charter High School. We have our long tradition of academic excellence and a history of attracting talented, diverse students and teachers, proud to be called Spartans!

Our Shared Mission

North Springs Charter High School is a school community committed to providing Excellence, Equity and Excitement in Education. *(This mission is captured in our school logo, created by our own graphic arts department!)*

Our Shared Vision

North Springs Charter High School is a school of higher learning where our focus is on student achievement for all students.

Our Shared Values

- To create engaging classroom environments that allow our students to achieve at their full potential.
- To collaborate as peers to build instructional capacity that helps teachers grow professionally.
- To attract and retain great teachers that will ensure the success of all students.
- To celebrate the success of all stakeholders in our community of learners.

A History of Being First

North Springs became the first conversion charter high school in the Fulton County School (FCS) system in 2007. In 2012, Fulton County Schools became a charter system, the largest in the state. Two years ago North Springs moved into the FCS system charter and will continue to be a model for school governance and innovation.

The Magnet Programs at North Springs

North Springs' two interest-based magnet programs in math and science and visual and performing arts require students to take additional elective courses in their field of interest, creating a transcript that shows depth and rigor. Students who meet the GPA requirements – 85 for the Math & Science Magnet and 80 for the Visual & Performing Arts (VPA) magnet must apply during our magnet enrollment process which opens in Fall 2017, for the 2018-19 school year.

Many Choices

North Springs offers:

- 25 Advanced Placement (AP) courses including AP Human Geography for freshmen, AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) to support students in the middle achieve their college and career goals
- TAG for identified Talented and Gifted students
- ESOL for students whose primary language is not English,
- Interrelated Resources (IRR) for students who need special academic support
- Community Based Instruction (CBI) for students with developmental challenges allowing them to attend high school in the community where they live.
- Internships and work-based learning opportunities for juniors and seniors
- More than 70 clubs and extracurricular activities including 18 Varsity GHSA sports.

Find Yourself Here!

North Springs has been committed to preparing students for the world that awaits them since 1963. Accredited by the Georgia Department of Education and AdvanceEd, North Springs is a comprehensive, college-preparatory high school - one of the oldest and most diverse - in the Fulton County School system. We offer an array of challenging academic courses, college and career pathways, and the only dual arts and sciences magnet programs in Georgia. This year our new Freshmen Academy provides a smaller, focused learning community for our youngest Spartans.

Whether your interests are in our Career and Leadership programs, Humanities, Math and Science and/or Visual and Performing Arts, we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities we offer and Find Yourself Here!



North Springs Charter High School 2017 Highlights and Achievements

Academics and Leadership

- 2017 Advanced Placement Honor School for STEM, Humanities, AP Merit, and AP Access and Support
- 90% graduation rate continues for 3rd consecutive year
- 4- 2018 National Merit Semifinalists, 9 commended scholars
- 3-2017 National Merit Finalists; 9 Commended Scholars
- 3- 2017 Governors Honors Finalists in social studies, math and drama
- 45 students accepted to UGA; (61% acceptance rate) avg GPA is now 3.98- 4.09
- Senior, only FCS HS student chosen, will serve on 2017-18 State Superintendent's Student Advisory Council
- 14 students inducted into 2018 Youth Leadership Sandy Springs; largest selection from one high school
- 2 Spartans, only FCS students selected, will attend 2017 National ADL conference in Washington DC

Math & Science

- 18 Spartans accepted to Georgia Tech; (47% acceptance rate)
- 9 students taking GA Tech Math - 3 -2nd yr in Combinatorics & Differential Equations, 6- 1st yr in Linear Algebra & Multivariable Calculus
- Science Olympiad team wins 2017 Region championship and competes at STATE
- 3 Spartans advance to 2017 STATE Science fair
- 71 AP Calculus students compete in COMAP global math modeling competition
- NS hosts 7th annual and most successful STEAM Showcase for partner SSEF
- All AP and Honors Chemistry students compete in 2017 Chem Olympiad
- Governance Council awarded \$174K Seed Fund Grant for math/science coaches

Career, Technical & Leadership

- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) again wins 2017 Superior Gold Chapter of the Year.
- 11 FBLA students are 2017 NATIONAL finalists with 7 winning Top 10 in the USA; Chic Fil-A marketing intern named to Who's Who in GA FBLA
- Work Based Learning is premier WBL program in Fulton County: over 250 students apply for 2017-18, avg GPA of accepted students is 91.23 and nearing the 100 off-campus internship placement goal
- 20 Architecture/Construction and Design students inducted into ACE mentorship program and attend CEFGA Job Expo
- ACE junior is big winner of \$2000 scholarship from Atlanta construction firm
- JA Fellows win 2017 Georgia Company of the Year, Most Innovative Product, Best Product Design and Social Media
- Graphic Design students design and present ad concepts to Sandy Springs' Olympus Worldwide Chauffeured Services; selected ad runs in March national magazine followed by April issue with feature story highlighting the partnership
- U Media lifestyle communications agency inducts 8 NS interns to design publication cover art and advertisements, plan and publication launch
- 13 Business Law Entrepreneurship students earn Microsoft Office Specialist Certification
- 6 HOSA students (future healthcare professionals) are 2017 STATE finalists - including STATE 1st place in Medical Assisting and compete in Nationals
- AV Tech/Video Broadcast produce PSA for Sandy Springs Police
- CTE Academy hosts outstanding 2nd annual 2017 Career Expo during CTE Month of special activities

Spartan Nation Foundation and PTO

- Win \$10K grant in May 2017 from Sandy Springs Society for AVID teacher training
- Awarded \$16K from the Sandy Springs Society, City of Sandy Springs, and SSEF for new Recording Studio & Music Technology Classroom
- Awarded \$1,989 from Northside Hospital Foundation Grant for health and life science
- Dispersed nearly \$20,000 in Teacher Grants
- Raised \$16,000 in Silent Auction Spartan Spectacular

Visual & Performing Arts

- Piano student performs at Carnegie Hall as finalist in American Protégé competition
- Music student accepted to prestigious Curtis Institute, only oboist selected
- Student selected to All State Chorus and elite Georgia All State Sight Reading choir
- New music recording studio opens; music technology class among most popular courses
- Jazz musician accepted with full ride to University of Miami and Berklee School of Music
- Advanced Band wins all superiors and A's in every category at large group performance
- Outstanding North Springs theater program featured in *Living Northside* magazine
- Former Spartan and Dukes of Hazzard star John Schneider visits NS for seminar with aspiring film, theater and arts magnet students
- Spartan Art Gallery reopens with a big opening reception featuring the work of over 50 students
- Art Magnet students visit UGA's Lamar Dodd School of Art and Athens' Amici Italian Café exhibiting over 50 students' work
- 10 art students selected for 2017 Roswell Visual Arts Center's juried show
- *Tartuffe* wins 5 awards at Georgia Theater Conference, *Sister Act* is nominated for outstanding choreography in Shuler Awards
- NS students participate in 2017 Common Ground Deconstruction – only high school invited

Humanities

- World history students travel to Japan over Spring Break 2017
- Student competes in national Chinese Proficiency Competition, first time representing the southeast US high schools
- The 2016 Echo Literary Magazine wins Superior rating from GA Scholastic Press Association
- 2 Spartans win Outstanding Delegation at STATE Model UN
- 2 students advance to 2017 Georgia Student Media Festival
- 7 Spartans are Library of Congress cardholders after 2017 AP Gov trip to Washington DC
- NS hosts Frankly Speaking: A Conversation with Dr. Beverly Tatum

Athletics

- 2017 Girls Track 4x4 relay again ranked #1 in USA
- 2016 Girls Track wins 2nd consecutive STATE Championship
- Fox 5 presents High5 Trophy to 2016 Spartans as their Football Team of the Week
- 12 Spartan Sports: Volleyball, Softball, Football, Swimming, Girls' Basketball, B/G Soccer, B/GTennis, Baseball and Track advance to 2016 STATE playoffs!
- 16 Spartan Athletes sign letters of intent to compete at the collegiate level in Football (Washington U), Swimming (South Carolina), B/G Lacrosse (Goucher & Brenau), baseball (Brown), basketball, girl's track (Kennesaw)
- Sophomore wins GHSFU Girls Epee Championship in Fencing!
- 2 Spartans named 2017 Regional Positive Athletes
- NSCHS again hosts 2017 FCS Special Olympics

Academic Rigor and Graduation Requirements

NSCHS offers students a comprehensive, rigorous curriculum, with on-level, honors, advanced placement and dual enrollment classes. Students must earn 26 units to graduate; 3 more than the county and state require. All grades are recorded on transcripts and report cards as numeric grades A = 90 and above, B = 80 – 89, C = 70 – 79, F = 69 and below. Students passing (70 or higher) Honors and AP classes have 7 points added to their grades.

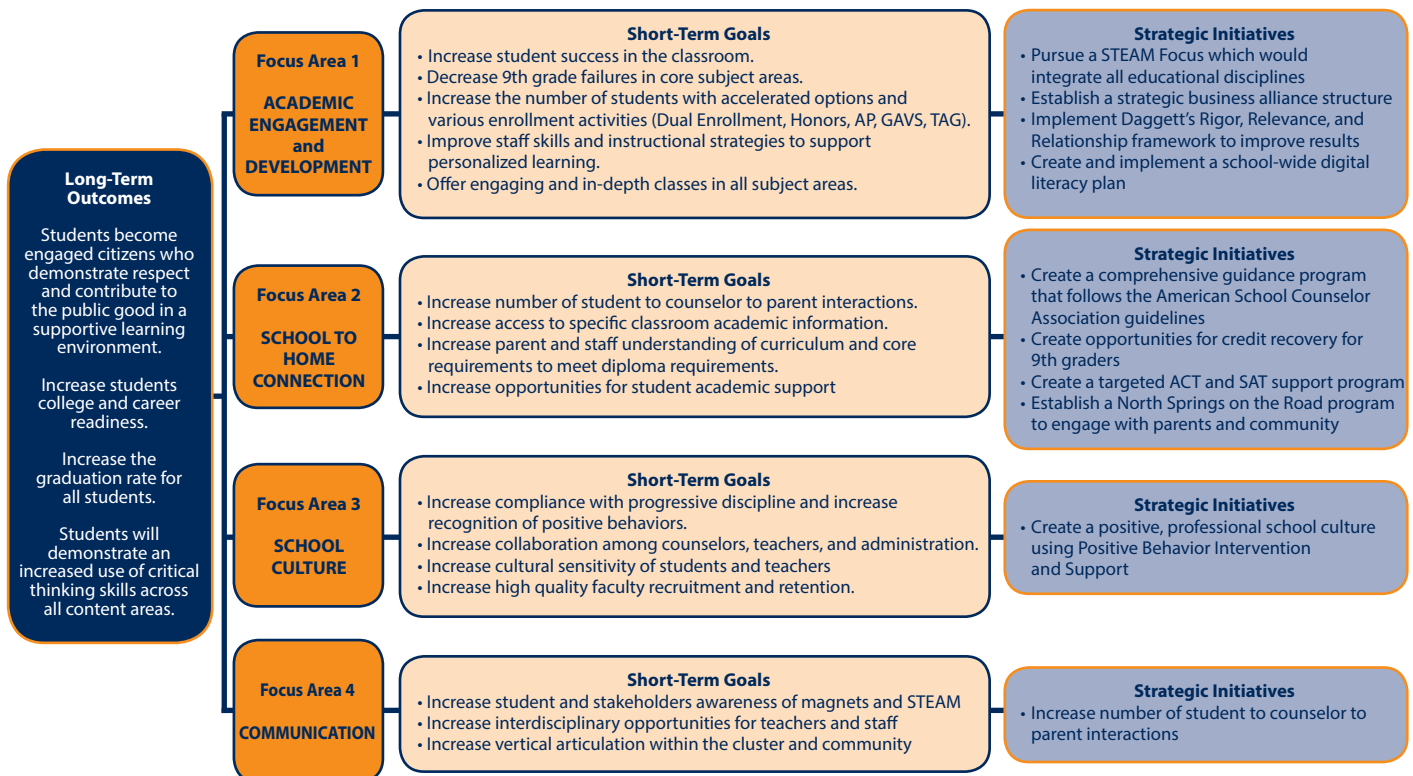
2017-18 Course Offerings

25 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses			
Art History American Government	Chemistry Drawing Portfolio	Human Geography Language/American Literature	Physics 1 and Physics 2 Psychology
Biology Calculus AB	2D-Design 3D-Design	Latin Literature & Composition	Spanish Statistics
Calculus BC Computer Science A	Environmental Science French	Microeconomics Music Theory	US History World History
20 Honors Courses			
Pre-Calculus	CCGPS Accelerated Advanced Algebra	CCGPS Accelerated Advanced Geometry	Biology
English 9,10,11	Chemistry	Human Anatomy	Spanish 2, 3, 4
Chinese 2, 4	French 2, 3, 4	Latin 2, 3, 4	
11 College Courses that can be taken during high school			
Calculus II, Chemistry I, English Lit, English Language, Linear Algebra, Math I, Physics, Pre-Calculus, Psychology, Statistics, U.S. History			

School Governance

North Springs Charter High School's Governance Council (SGC) provides parents, school staff, and community members with a leadership role in the management of the school under Fulton County School's system charter. One of the Council's key responsibilities is making decisions regarding the strategic direction of the school. We have begun work on our strategic plan for 2019-2021 that supports academic success for all with a focus on interdisciplinary, project-based learning to prepare all students to graduate ready to pursue and succeed in their chosen path – a goal shared by FCS. We are excited about integrating our disciplines into a curriculum that is relevant and engaging in the areas of science, technology, engineering, the arts, humanities and math. We are proud of our successful move to personalized learning and robust professional development for collaborative classrooms for 21st century learning.

2015-2018 Strategic Plan



School Data

North Springs Charter HS	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Enrollment	1660	1587	1686	1641	1632
# Magnet Students	697	535	537	548	540
Graduation Rate	71.9%	77.5%	90%	90%	90.4%
Advanced Placement (AP)					
# Candidates	474	469	618	431	562
Total # Tests Administered	980	953	1070	779	1119
# of Tests Scored 3 or Higher	553	543	528	485	570
% of Tests Scored 3 or higher	56.5%	57%	49.4%	62%	51%
SAT*					
Composite	1546	1519	1473	1420	1041
Evidenced Based Reading/Writing	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	530
Mathematics	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	511
<small>*2016-2017 SAT was redesigned by the College Board into 2 components, EBRW and Math for a total score of 1600.</small>					
ACT					
Composite	23.3	22.4	21.4	21.1	22.2
School Statistics					
Economically Disadvantaged	48.1%	46%	50%	46%	46%
English Language Learners		2%	4%	4%	4%
Gifted Students	17.5%	17%	16.3%	18.3%	18.3%
Students with Disabilities	5.6%	7%	7%	7%	7%
CCRPI Index - College and Career Ready Performance Index	75.6%	72.7%	77%	83.9%	n/a

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

Our 2017 graduates received over \$5 million in scholarship awards!

2015-2017 College and University Acceptances include:

Alcorn State • Bethune-Cookman • Morehouse University • Spelman College • Texas A & M University • Hampton University • Howard University • University of Chicago • University of Pennsylvania • Fisk University • Duke University • Dartmouth College • Boston University • Goucher College • Brown University • Emory University • The Citadel • MIT • Curtis Institute of Music • Berklee College of Music • Claremont McKenna College • University of South Carolina • University of Virginia • Johns Hopkins • Washington University in St. Louis • The Ohio State University • Reinhardt University • Thomas More College • Notre Dame College • Georgia Institute of Technology • University of Miami • University of Maryland • University of Georgia • University of Kentucky • Indiana University • Auburn University • University of Alabama • Georgia State University • Kennesaw State University • The College of Wooster • Wake Forest University • University of North Georgia • College of Charleston • Mercer University • Washington and Lee University • Georgia College and State • Valdosta State • University of Michigan • Florida A & M • Clark Atlanta



Our Top 10 2017 Spartans are attending Georgia Institute of Technology, Claremont McKenna College, Indiana University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Chicago, and Wake Forest University; majoring in premed, neuroscience, finance, aerospace engineering, computational media, psychology, statistics, economics, sociology, and biomedical engineering!

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