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Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! The entire Storm staff, including administration, teachers, and support personnel, are excited to begin this year with you. We look forward to welcoming you, supporting you, and celebrating all of your successes. We are also eager to see the Class of 2025 achieve great things as they complete their high school journey. Our school motto, "Taking the Future by Storm," reflects our belief that each of you will contribute to our collective and individual journey.

At SCHS, we strive to embody the following ideals:

Success

Trust

Optimism

Respect

Motivation

Our staff is dedicated to building an optimal learning environment for F

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MISSION

Stuart W. Cramer High School seeks to inspire students to be successful in their future endeavors by creating a community of lifelong learners.

- Seeking success
- Teaching with technology
- Offering opportunities
- Bequitting right
- Maintaining mindfulness

GRADES 9-12

ENROLLMENT 960

COLORS Purple, Silver and Blue

BUSINESS MANAGER Ms. [Name]

COUNSELOR Ms. [Name]

Ms. Karin Stroud (E-7)

Mr. Michael Patton

Rie Smith (E-7)

PARENT PORTAL PowerSchool Parent

SCHOOL WEBSITE [http://easton.k12.nc.us](#)

BEGINNING OF YEAR SCHEDULE: AUGUST 14 & 15

Advisory	8:30-9:30
1 st Period	9:35-10:35
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SCHOOL COUNSELORS:

Ms. Williams



Grading Policy

GCS grading policy are as follows:

Test - 60%	Quizzes - 20%	Daily Grades/Homework - 20%
Each 9-weeks grades shall be made up of a minimum of 3 major test grades (may include major projects, essays, research papers, performances)	Each 9-weeks grades shall be made up of a minimum of 6 quizzes (only covers part of a unit of study or a specific step in a project or performance)	Each 9-weeks grades shall be made up of a minimum of 9 daily class and/or homework grades (may include warm-ups or bell work)

RETEACH/RETEST POLICY

The reteach/retest program is a strategy to be utilized in working with student mastery of coursework. This program is intended to be a complement to the regular instructional day. A reteach session is not required before a retest is administered but may be offered by the teacher.

Any student who makes below a 75 is eligible to retest any major test/project one (1) time for a possible grade up to 75 (benchmarks, formative assessments, and final exams are not included). If the retest is lower, the highest grade will be used. Entire projects may not be considered part of the retest process. Teachers may allow students to "retest" a portion of a project, therefore positively affecting the overall grade assigned.

Students who have an IEP through the Exceptional Children's Program may receive higher than a 75 on the retest if it is included as a modification in the IEP. A complete grading policy is available on the Gaston County Schools website.

STATE AND NATIONAL EXAMS

End of Course (EOC) Exams – EOC exams are required by the state in specified courses. The End-Of-Course test counts one-fifth (20%) of the student's final grade in the course. Students must take the EOC in order to receive credit for the course. EOC testing is required in Math I, Biology, English II, and Math III as part of graduation requirements.

Career and Technical Vocational (VOCAT) Exams – VOCATs are required by the state in all Career & Technical Education courses. Students are required to take the VOCAT as a final exam for the course and it counts for one-fourth (25%) of the student's final grade.

PSAT and PreACT – The PSAT and PreACT, preliminary tests for the SAT/ACT, offer students valuable testing experience and specific feedback on test results. The PSAT is available to tenth and eleventh graders. Students are encouraged to take the PSAT in the tenth grade, study their results carefully, and retake the test in their junior year. PSAT will be given on October 16, 2024 at SCHS. The PreACT test will be administered to all 10th graders during November, which is the precursor to the ACT which will be given to all students in the 11th grade.

SAT and ACT – Both the SAT and the ACT are college admissions tests typically taken in the junior year following English III and Math III. Each year, the state of North Carolina will administer the ACT to all registered 11th graders on March 11, 2024. Students should check with the college or university to determine which test is required. Students may pick up test prep materials and registration information in the counseling office. Testing

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

TO BE A SOPHOMORE	6 UNITS OF CREDITS
TO BE A JUNIOR	13 UNITS OF CREDITS
TO BE A SENIOR	20 UNITS OF CREDITS
TO GRADUATE	28 UNITS, COMPLETION OF COURSE OF STUDY, AND EOC TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Testing Requirements for Graduation

Students must take four End of Course Exams and pass the courses of Biology, English 10, Math I, and MATH III. All students in the 11th grade are required to take the ACT, which will be taken at SCHS at no charge during their junior year.

In addition to meeting the above requirements, students must earn 28 credits as required by local standards set forth by the Gaston County Board of Education.

SCHS GRADUATION INFORMATION

Graduation is a highly regarded event and should be treated with the utmost respect and dignity. Students must adhere to all GCS and Stuart Cramer policies to participate.

The graduation ceremony will be held in the stadium, ~epa

HONOR GRADUATES

GCS seniors are eligible for graduation honors based on their final



SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS

Students are expected to pursue courses that they selected during registration. Classroom presentations, parent nights, and individual meetings with our counselors, and school staff, are provided to ensure course selections align with graduation requirements and prepare students to meet future career goals following SCHS. Every effort has been made to creM

check and fee may be made electronically at customerservice@envisionpayments.com or over the phone (877-290-5460 or 770-709-3100) using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check.

ENTRY & EXIT

The school building doors open at 8:00 a.m. Car Riders and Student Drivers will enter through the student driver entrance (near the gym), and bus riders will enter through the entrance by the bus lot.

Upon entering the building, all students will walk through a metal detector, be randomly searched, and go straight to their 1st period class.

Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am to 8:25 am, and students will quickly eat breakfast and proceed directly to their period class.

At the conclusion of the school day, students are expected to exit the building promptly in an orderly fashion.

Buses leave promptly at 3:30 p.m.

Students must have proper adult supervision to remain in the building after 3:30 p.m.

Loitering in vehicles or in the parking lot will not be permitted and may be subject to disciplinary action.

FIRE, TORNADO, LOCKDOWN, EVACUATION DRILLS

Fire drills are held monthly as required by state law. A tornado drill will be held in the spring on a date selected by the Emergency Management System. Lock-down and evacuation drills will be performed a minimum of two times per semester.

LOCKERS & VALUABLES

Lockers are available upon request.

Students are encouraged to utilize hallway and athletic lockers to keep items secure at all times.

Students are encouraged to utilize their own personal combination lock to secure items in athletic lockers.

Students should keep valuables with them and

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CONDITIONS FOR ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

Authorized school employees may administer medication to students when all of the following conditions are met. These conditions apply to all medications, including those available over-the-counter without a prescription.

- a. Parental Consent: The student's parent must make a signed, written request that authorizes school personnel to administer the medication to the student.
- b. Medication Authorization/Order: A health care practitioner must prescribe the medication for use by the student and provide explicit written instructions for administering the medication.
- c. Certification of Necessity: The student's health care practitioner must certify that administration of the medication to the student during the school day is necessary to maintain and support the student's continued presence in school.
- ⁶ d. Proper Container/Labeling: If the medication to be administered is available^e the

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of milk, fruit juice, or water. Schools are provided negative balance letters for distribution to students at least once a week. A negative balance report can be provided by the Cafeteria Manager at any time upon request.

Student Accounts

Checks, Cash, or Money Orders can be accepted in the school cafeterias. Parents/Guardians may utilize Family Portal Link <https://family.titank12.com> to pay with their credit or debit card.

Parents requesting a refund must contact the School Nutrition Free and Reduced Specialist at 704 836-9110 ext. 1.

Positive balances remaining at the end of the school year will remain on students' accounts for the following school year unless a refund is requested. Seniors

The following guidelines should be followed for use of the Library

Gaston County Schools, our community, and parents have worked to provide you the opportunity to attend an impressive new school with many new and exciting educational opportunities. Our school is seco

COMPUTER & INTERNET USE: Students may not engage in unauthorized network access, restricted website access, or other illegal activities online while using the school system computer equipment or the Internet. (see GCS Student Code of Conduct; GCS Responsible Use Policy (RUP)).

- DELIVERIES: No deliveries of food, flowers, balloons, etc. will be accepted during the school day.
 - Food deliveries include DoorDash, GrubHub, UberEats, Restaurants, etc.
 - No exceptions will be granted, including but not limited to holiday deliveries.
 - Only individuals listed on a student's contact list can drop off items (i.e., gym bag, money for a sporting event, etc.) or a lunch box for a student.

PROFANITY: Use of obscene or profane language or gestures to a staff member or student will not be tolerated (see GCS Student Code of Conduct).

- **PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION (PDA):** There is a no bodily contact policy (such as holding hands, embracing, kissing, etc.) at Stuart W. Cramer High School.
- **SKATEBOARDS, ETC.:** Skateboards, rollerblades, and scooters are not allowed on campus.

91bb62 ● **SKIPPING:** Students who are not in class on time and ready to learn are skipping class. Skipping class

communication devices include, but are not limited to, cellular phones, electronic devices with internet capability, paging devices, two-way radios, and similar devices.

- A student's wireless communication device and its contents, including, but not limited to, text messages and digital photos, may be searched whenever a school official has reason to believe the search will provide evidence that the student has violated or is violating a law, board policy, the Code of Student Conduct or a school rule.
 - School employees will immediately confiscate the cell phone or wireless device for any of the above violations. The device will be turned into student services, and a student can pick up the phone after school. After the second offense, the cell phone is taken, and a parent/guardian must pick up the item. Devices will not be returned to students. Additional repeated violations could result in up to 10 days OSS. (see GCS Student Code of Conduct)
 - Unfortunately, electronic devices are sometimes stolen. Students are advised that SCHS assumes NO responsibility for lost or stolen electronic equipment. It is advised that cell phones and all other electronic equipment be left at home.
- **WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN CLASS:** To utilize and maximize instructional time in classes, cell phones, tablets, smart watches, headphones, or any other electronic device not authorized by the teacher are not allowed to be used during class by students unless directed by the teacher for instruction. Devices need to be out of sight throughout the entire class period as directed by teachers. Students are allowed to use their cell phones during class changes and their assigned lunch period. Failure to comply with the teachers' and school policy will result in consequences.
 - **WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES VIOLATION**
 - 1st offense: Cell phone/device is confiscated and the owner/student can pick up the phone after school in Student Services.
 - 2nd offense: Cell phone/device is confiscated and a parent must pick up the phone after school in the office.
 - 3rd offense: Cell phone/device is confiscated and a parent must pick up the phone after school and the student receives a day of ISS.
 - 4th offense and beyond: Cell phone/device is confiscated and further disciplinary action up to OSS may occur.
 - Failure or refusal to comply with the above guidelines will result in OSS
- **ISS/REDIRECT RULES**
 - Everyone must put their phone(s) in the cell phone holder for the entire time
 - No talking or sleeping
 - 1 student may use the restroom at a time, and you must use the restrooms designated
 - Students can get their lunch during the transition between 3rd and 4th lunch.
- *noncompliance with the rules could result in further consequences.

Students will only be allowed to ride their assigned bus and must get off at their assigned bus stop.
No student will be allowed to ride another student's assigned bus.
At dismissal, buses begin departing at 3:30 p.m.
Student safety is a primary concern in all bus procedures. Riding the bus is a PRIVILEGE, not a RIGHT. Students will lose bus privileges if their conduct endangers others or distracts the driver.
Obey the bus driver promptly and with respect.
Be at the designated stop, ready to board the bus before your scheduled time.
Leave no trash on the bus.
Stay in your seat while the bus is moving.
Respect other students and their property.
Horseplay, fighting, and other misbehavior are not allowed.
Keep all body parts inside of the bus.
Don't throw anything out of the bus windows.

Consequences

Consequences for violation of bus rules will range from parent contact, temporary bus suspension, and/or permanent removal from riding the bus. School consequences may also be required.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE - STUDENTS 7-16 YEARS OF AGE

(Please see policy code #3480 for complete policy)

Public school laws of North Carolina require compulsory attendance for all children seven and sixteen years (N.C.G.S. §115C-378). Every parent, guardian, or other person having charge or control of such a child enrolled in the Gaston County Schools is charged by law to cause the child to attend the school regularly and consistently for a period equal to

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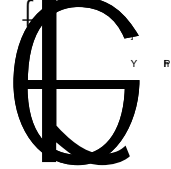
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- o Death In The Immediate Family- An absence is excused if it results from the death of a member of the immediate family of the student. In cases of this nature, the immediate family of a child includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, brothers, and sisters.
- o Medical or Dental Appointments- An absence is excused if it results from a medical or dental appointment of a child, and appropriate approval from the appropriate official is gained prior to the absence, except in the case of an emergency.
- o Court or Administrative Proceedings- An absence is excused when it results from the attendance of a child at the proceedings of a court or administrative proceeding.
- o Religious Observances- An absence is excused when it results from the observance of an event required by the student's religious belief or the observance of an event required by the student's religious belief or the observance of an event required by the student's religious belief.
- o Educational Opportunity- An absence is excused when it results from the absence used to take advantage of an educational opportunity, if the student has demonstrated that the absence is to take advantage of an educational opportunity, and approval for such an absence has been obtained from the appropriate official.



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worker may file a complaint with the juvenile intake counselor that the student is habitually absent from school without a valid excuse.

- o All teachers are required to report attendance each day and maintain accurate attendance records.
- o Report cards will accurately reflect the student's attendance record.

GASTON COUNTY SCHOOLS REQUIRED ATTENDANCE FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

(regardless of student age)

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Required Daily School Attendance

After each full day absence, whether excused or unexcused, the school will attempt to contact the parent or guardian using personal staff contact or automated telephone/email contact.

Students in grades nine through twelve (9-12) are expected to be in each class each day of the semester.

Upon the student's third (3rd), sixth (6th), and tenth (10th) full day absences, the school will notify the parent or guardian of the violations of the high school attendance policy (as is consistent with State Policy for students under 16 years of age).

Class attendance is essential to student achievement and participation in class are integral parts of academic achievement and the teaching and learning process. With this in mind, all students are expected to be in attendance at school.

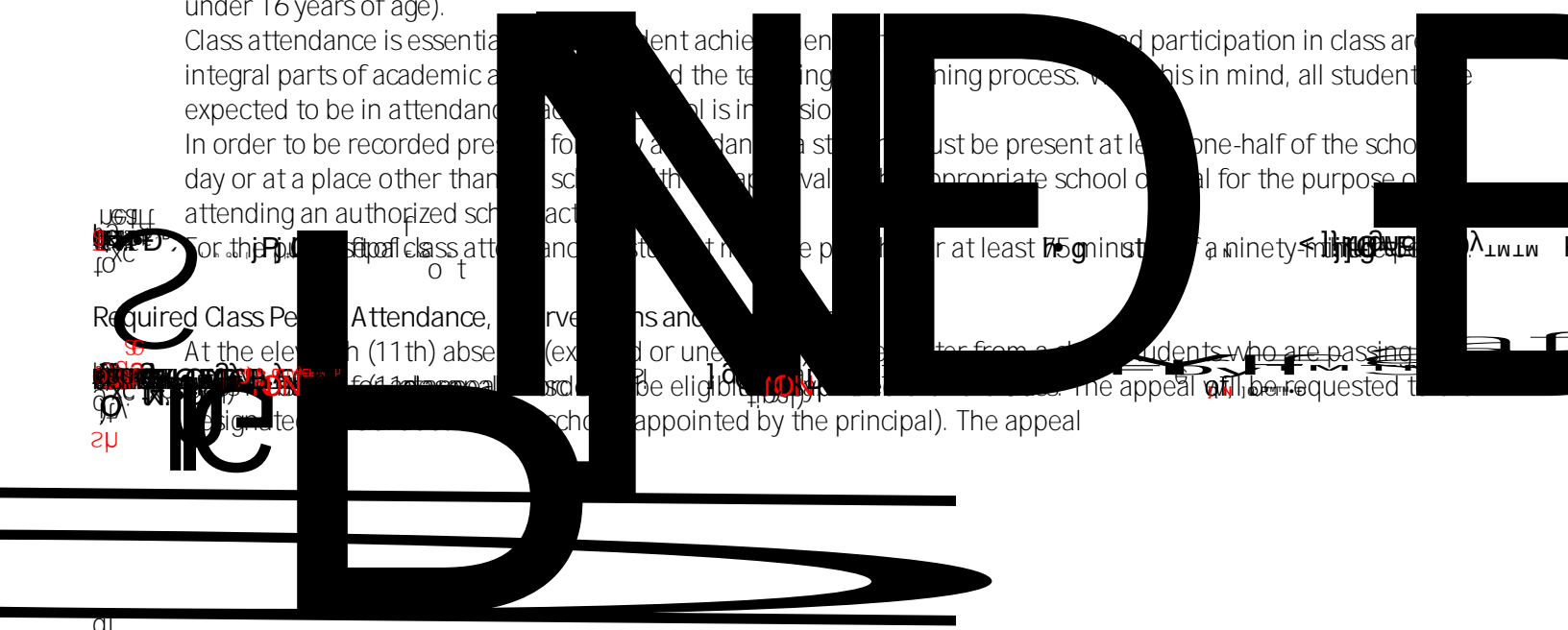
In order to be recorded present for a day, a student must be present at least one-half of the school day or at a place other than school with the approval of an appropriate school official for the purpose of attending an authorized school activity.

For the purpose of class attendance, a student must be present for at least 75% of a ninety-minute class period.

Required Class Period Attendance, interventions and consequences for students who are passing.

At the eleventh (11th) absence (excused or unexcused) for students who are passing, an appeal will be requested from the principal.

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message. The classroom teacher will remind the parent/guardian of the number of absences and The Gaston County Board of Education Policy on high school student attendance.

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Attendance

A player must have been in attendance for at least 85 percent of the previous semester at an approved high school. Any student must be in membership to be able to make up days missed while in membership (days missed while not in membership may not be made up for athletic eligibility). For a regular 90-day semester, a student may not miss more than 13 days and be in compliance with the 85 percent rule.

A student must, at the time of any game in which he or she participates, be a regularly enrolled member of the school's student body, according to local policy.

The student must be enrolled within the first 15 days and in regular attendance for the present semester to be eligible for athletics. A student whose family has moved into a school district shall immediately assume the same status in the new district as that from which he moved. Summer school attendance shall not be counted in determining the percentage of attendance for athletic eligibility but approved homebound programs do fulfill the attendance requirement.

At the end of each semester, any participant who has failed to attend school 85 percent of that semester is immediately ineligible.

Insurance

Accidental

Insurance coverage is provided for all athletes in a sports policy under the "All Sports" section of the policy.

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RULES:

Students must park in designated student parking areas with parking permits displayed.

Students should not exceed speeds of 5 mph on campus.

Students cannot park in spaces marked RESERVED, FACULTY, BUS LOT, or HANDICAP.

Once a parking permit is sold, it cannot be traded, exchanged, resold, or transferred.

Loitering **will not** be tolerated in parking areas.

Students are not to return to their vehicles during the school day.

Pass not displayed while parked on campus

1st offense = Warning
2nd offense = One week parking suspension
3rd offense = Two week parking suspension

Parking in a FACULTY or RESERVED space

1st offense = Warning
2nd offense = One week parking suspension
3rd offense = Two week parking suspension

Parking in a HANDICAP space

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Speeding, reckless driving, or refusal to comply with personnel directing traffic

1st offense = One week parking suspension
2nd offense = Two week parking suspension
3rd offense = Parking revocation

Students will be allowed to enroll in driver education only if they meet a minimum of 94% attendance in the year (if in middle school) or 94% attendance the semester (if in high school) before enrolling in driver education. Students must have been in attendance 168 days of the 180 day school year (for middle school) or 84 days of the 90 day semester (for high school) in the year or semester before enrollment in driver education with Gaston County Schools (medical exceptions considered).

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Students who are at least 14 years old or who are rising 8th graders are subject to this law. The law applies to all students, even to those exempted under Dropout Prevention/Driver's License Legislation. Unlike the Dropout Prevention/Driver's License Legislation law that ends when a student turns 18 years old, the "Lose Control" law does not stop at age 18, nor does it stop when the student graduates.

Students who may lose their permit/license under this legislation may be eligible to regain the permit/license after a six-month period by displaying exemplary behavior in an alternative education setting or having successfully completed a school district approved drug or alcohol treatment counseling program.