

Raising Educational Achievement

The Middle College at
North Carolina Agricultural and
Technical State University

“We are proud to work with GCS to offer this innovative, campus-based [school] at A&T. This academy is consistent with and supports the vision of A&T and the School of Education to actively engage public schools and the community.”

Dr. James C. Renick, Chancellor Emeritus, A&T



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**STRIVING.
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In a collaborative arrangement with North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (A&T), Guilford County Schools (GCS) is proud to provide the first all-male public school in North Carolina and one of a few in the nation. This unique publicly funded school offers smaller class size and the opportunity for students to build supportive relationships with teachers and administrators. The classroom environment allows students the chance to receive the individual attention and support necessary for academic success. Students have access to all courses required for graduation.

It is the school's goal for every student to graduate with a high school diploma and two years of transferable college credit with tuition paid by GCS. The Middle College at A&T is open to all high school students. Students interested in attending the Middle College at A&T must complete an application, submit letters of reference and attend an interview accompanied by their parent or guardian.



The Program and the Place

The curriculum focuses heavily on reading, writing and math skills to enable students to progress to grade level and beyond. Teachers re-teach and reinforce necessary skills, and counseling services are available to provide additional support. As students become more confident, they are encouraged to take one or more college courses with tuition paid by GCS in hopes that they will decide to pursue their education beyond high school graduation. The high school classes are taught in A&T classrooms. The school principal and counselor are housed in a facility on the college campus. Students have access to most college facilities including the library, cafeteria and computer equipment. In addition, each student will be assigned an A&T student who serves as a mentor, role model and big brother.

Special Features

Enrollment is limited to ensure a small, caring environment where students can receive the help and support they need to be successful. Class size is small, permitting students to receive individual attention and to build supportive relationships with teachers.

Single-Gender Education Boosts Achievement

Research reveals the many benefits of single-gender education. Single-gender classrooms benefit boys from rural, suburban and inner city neighborhoods, according to researchers at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. They found that all-male classrooms helped establish a school culture that raised educational achievement. Researchers have also determined that boys in single-gender classes are more likely to pursue interests in art, music, drama and foreign languages. They also feel more at ease to explore their individual interests and abilities.

Inquiries from interested parents and students are welcomed. For information about applications or to schedule a visit, please call (336) 691-0941.

Who Should Apply?

The Middle College at A&T encourages high school male students who are not first time ninth-graders to apply. Students must complete an official application. Applications can be obtained on the Web at www.gcsnc.com/magnet or by calling (336) 691-0941. An interview will be conducted with each student and a parent, when applicable, to explain the school's expectations. Students' ages, grades and personal needs will be considered. The interview team, composed primarily of school staff, will determine which students will be accepted.

“This partnership provides a unique opportunity for the school district to make a difference in the lives of young men. This partnership will provide a model of excellence in the education of high school students. Through this collaboration venture, models of success will evolve that can be duplicated around the nation to educate all students in the public schools. Such an education will empower these young men to be contributing citizens.”

Dr. Lelia Vickers, Dean of the College of Education at A&T

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