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GRAY STONE DAY SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

2014-2015

OVERVIEW

Gray Stone Day School is a public charter high school adjacent to the campus of Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, North Carolina. The school was founded in the fall of 2002 with the goal of providing a rigorous, college preparatory curriculum to students in the region. The curriculum focuses on Honors and Advanced Placement courses and the faculty expects students to demonstrate an in-depth understanding of material through analysis, synthesis, cross-curricular application, and original thought. Students who accept the academic challenge of this school are looking for opportunities to continue their education at a four-year college. Gray Stone currently serves students from eight counties with an average commute of 30-35 minutes. Students come from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds and there are a number of first generation college students in each class. The hallmarks of a Gray Stone graduate are integrity, responsibility, and service. As a public school, Gray Stone offers a high quality education in a private university setting.

SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

- ◆ Admission is based solely on space availability. No academic criteria can be used to determine acceptance.
- ◆ For the 2014-2015 school year, 407 students are enrolled in grades 9-12.
- ◆ The Class of 2015 is expected to graduate 90 students.
- ◆ The staff is comprised of 29 instructors, 3 administrators, 2 guidance counselors, and 3 support staff.
- ◆ Students at Gray Stone enjoy an average class size of 20.5 students.
- ◆ GSDS expects students to complete a rigorous graduation plan which requires students to take 5 classes per trimester for a total of 15 classes per year. During each 12 week trimester students will take a comprehensive exam and receive grade reports every 6 weeks.

STUDENT LIFE

- ◆ More than 95% of the graduating students enroll in a four-year college or university.
- ◆ Approximately 65% of the students participate in a comprehensive athletic program including running programs, soccer, tennis, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, swimming, golf and cheer-leading.
- ◆ Students have additional opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities through clubs and organizations such as Student Council, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Student Optimist Club, Outdoor Club, DREAM Team, and more.
- ◆ Academic competition programs are available in Quiz Bowl, Mock Trial, and more.
- ◆ Student leadership is cultivated, mentored, and expected.



According to the September 2014 issue of Newsweek, Gray Stone Day School ranks first in North Carolina among America's Top High Schools.

Nationally, the school ranked 203 out of 494 schools that made the list. It was reported that the school had a college readiness score of 87% and a college bound and graduation rate of 93%. Gray Stone also received a gold star for economically disadvantaged students performing at or above grade level on state assessments. According to the Federal Department of Education, the US is home to over 30,000 secondary (high) schools.

ACADEMIC PROFILE

CONVERSION TO TRIMESTERS

Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, Gray Stone has made the transition to a trimester schedule. Each course under this system is 12 weeks long and is worth 0.5 credits. Our teachers have worked to redesign curricula to this new format through regrouping. Many courses are broken into two or three segment courses and names of courses are adjusted to better reflect the content. Under our new trimester system, the school offers 137 seated courses for students. We offer honors courses in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and upper level Foreign Languages. These courses are designated as such on the transcript. When a course is offered at the honors level, a standard level equivalent is not offered. Gray Stone also offers Advanced Placement courses in nine areas for 2014-2015. Every student is encouraged, but not required, to take at least one AP Course before graduation.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, Gray Stone follows a calendar with trimester courses. Each class meets four times per week for a total of 305 minutes per week. Our schedule enables teachers to offer extended labs, tests, or writing assignments without the time constraints of a traditional six period day. For more information about the school's daily schedule, please visit our website. www.graystoneday.org

GRADING SCALE

Grade Point Averages (GPAs) are calculated based on a quality point conversion. The basic accepted 4.0 scale is used with some exceptions. Gray Stone courses with an "Honors" notation carry one extra quality point. Students enrolled in college courses that are eligible for transfer to a state university class carry one extra quality point. Courses with an "Advanced Placement" (AP) notation carry two extra quality points. All courses are graded on a seven-point scale.

CLASS RANK

Gray Stone Day School does not rank students based on GPA. As a college preparatory school with many gifted students, it is very difficult to measure student success by comparing performance. Those students who have a GPA near the median are not necessarily performing at an average level. Many years, the median GPA at Gray Stone would be in the top 20% at other traditional schools. In lieu of releasing ranking, our Guidance Office provides an in-depth profile of the school with every issued transcript so that colleges and scholarship committees can better understand the caliber of the school as it relates to the student's performance.

GRADING SCALE

A+	98-100	4.000
A	95-97	4.000
A-	93-94	3.667
B+	91-92	3.333
B	87-90	3.000
B-	85-86	2.667
C+	83-84	2.333
C	79-82	2.000
C-	77-78	1.667
D+	75-76	1.333
D	72-74	1.000
D-	70-71	0.667
F	0-69	0.000

GPA RANGE

1st Quartile	4.3819 - 5.0556
2nd Quartile	3.8056 - 4.3403
3rd Quartile	3.3889 - 3.7917
4th Quartile	1.7969 - 3.3819

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION



Gray Stone provides a comprehensive program of college counseling beginning in the ninth grade. We employ Naviance Software as a tool for our students and families during the college search process. Students are encouraged to approach high school as an opportunity to develop their talents through schoolwork, service, and extracurricular activities, and to examine their own values, personalities, and natural strengths.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English 4 credits, 8 courses
Mathematics 4 credits, 8 courses
Science 3.5 credits, 7 courses
Social Studies 3.5 credits, 7 courses
Foreign Language 2.5 credits, 5 courses
Life Skills 1 credit, 2 courses
Health and PE 1 credit, 2 courses
Technology 1 credit, 2 courses
Academic Electives 4.5 credits, 9 courses
General Electives 3 credits, 6 courses



TEST RESULTS

Gray Stone students took 227 AP Exams in 2014. Taking the exam is optional at this school. 76% of the scores were a 3 or better. 43% were a 4 or 5.

SAT	M+CR	TOT	M	CR	WR
1st Quartile	1240-1460	1830 - 2130	654	675	607
2nd Quartile	1110-1210	1660 - 1770	563	596	553
3rd Quartile	1010-1110	1460 - 1680	541	519	503
4th Quartile	790 - 1000	1250 - 1460	472	451	451

	ACT RANGE	ACT PCT
1st Quartile	25-33	29.2
2nd Quartile	23-25	24.2
3rd Quartile	20-23	21.7
4th Quartile	14-20	18.2

Course	% of enrolled students taking exam	%3 +
Biology	79%	82%
Calculus AB	66%	67%
Chemistry	65%	62%
English Language	71%	82%
English Literature	51%	95%
Environmental Science	69%	74%
European History	96%	88%
Statistics	64%	87%
US Government & Politics	25%	75%
US History	81%	63%
Online AP Courses	50%	75%

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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES



Agnes Scott College
American University
Anderson University
Appalachian State University
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
Art Institute of Chicago
Asbury University
Auburn University
Averett University
Ball State University
Barton College
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Berkeley College
Berry College
Boston University
Brenau University
Brevard College
Bridgewater College
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences
Campbell University
Carson Newman College
Catawba College
Centre College
Chestnut Hill College
Chowan University
Christopher Newport University
The Citadel
Clemson University
Charleston Southern University
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Colorado School of Mines
Converse College
Cottey College
Covenant College
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Drexel University
Duke University
East Carolina University
East Tennessee State University
Eastern Washington University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Ferrum College
Flagler College
Florida State University
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
Greensboro College
Guilford College
Hampden-Sydney College
High Point University
Greensboro College
Guilford College
Hampden-Sydney College
High Point University
Indiana University South Bend
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University
The King's College
Lees-McRae College
Lenoir-Rhyne College
Liberty University
Mars Hill University
Maryville College
Meredith College
Messiah College
Methodist University
Miami University
Mid-Atlantic Christian University
Mississippi State University
Moravian College
Morehouse College
New College of Florida
New York University
NC A&T University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
Northwestern University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Oglethorpe University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Oxford College at Emory University
Pace University
Patrick Henry College
Pfeiffer University
Piedmont College
Penn State University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Point Park University
Pratt University
Presbyterian College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Queens College (NY)
Queens University
Radford University
Regent University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rhodes College
Roanoke College
Salem College
Sewanee, University of the South
Shepherd University
Southeastern University
Southwestern University
Southern Adventist University
Southern Wesleyan University
Stanford University
St. Andrews College
St. Johns University (NY)
St. John Fisher College
St. Mary's College of California
State University of New York (SUNY)
Syracuse University
Temple University
Tennessee Temple University
Texas State University
Trine University
Troy University
Tulane University
Tusculum College
United States Military Academy at West Point
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Denver
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Louisville
University of Maine
University of Mary Washington
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of Montana
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Pittsburgh
University of San Francisco
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Virginia
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wagner College
Wake Forest University
Warren Wilson College
Washington & Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Western Carolina University
William Peace University
Wingate University
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute