



Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Why another school in Gainesville?** GPS isn't just another school. Our goal is to educate the whole person for the whole world, educating and discipling students for their God-given calling. Our students will receive a holistic education, aiming to grow their head, hands, and heart, equipping them to help restore the world around them to God's intended purposes.
- 2. Are you accredited?** Our elementary, middle, and high school programs are officially accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission after multiple site visits and extensive accountability measures.
- 3. Are your teachers certified?** All of our teachers are either certified with the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, the Association of Christian Schools International, or meet the standards for professional educators with the Georgia Accrediting Commission. Most of our teachers meet the requirements for a combination of the above standards. This means that their credentials have been verified by an outside source and they have been found qualified to teach their subject area(s). Further, every teacher at GPS is involved in a Professional Development Plan that helps them further increase their skills and aptitude for teaching.
- 4. Do you have extra-curricular activities?** Absolutely! We are offering Lego Robotics, Quiz/Bible Bowl, jiu-jitsu, and through a partnership with another local private school most major middle and high school sports! Further, we are open to starting new clubs and sports as student interest dictates: we truly are here to help further the passions of our students. For more information about sports, please email randy@gainesvilleprep.com
- 5. What type of curriculum do you follow?** Our curriculum is largely based on the Georgia Standards of Excellence which has been developed based on national standards

to ensure that there are common benchmarks for students. There are some deviations as we do not teach Common Core for math and require bible classes for graduation.

Most importantly, our entire curriculum is taught from a biblical worldview, helping students to understand how all truth is God's truth and making explicit the interrelations of every subject with their faith.

We currently offer a **general High School diploma**, a **College Prep diploma** and an **Impact Scholars Advanced College Prep diploma** beginning in 2023-2024 that requires a combination of honors, Advanced Placement, and dual-enrollment classes. Current high school students will be eligible to enter the Impact Advanced College Prep track with slight modifications to accommodate for their 2023-2024 classes.

6. **What is your average class size?** All of our classes are kept under 12 students and this is a non-negotiable requirement for us. We have learned through extensive educational experience and research that students learn best when instruction can be individualized to suit their needs and learning styles. Further, learning at GPS is more than just about information transfer; we want students to have relationships with Christian mentors who will pour into their lives and help them develop not only mentally, but spiritually, emotionally, relationally, and physically as well.
7. **Are you inclusive of those with learning challenges?** Yes. In fact, GPS derived from 3CTutoring families that wanted to provide a place where students could receive more individualized attention and grew during the covid-19 pandemic. Seeing the success of our students and watching them flourish in this personalized educational environment was a large part of how God birthed the dream for GPS in the hearts of its founders.

What differentiates GPS from other schools is that we offer a college preparatory program for students that may have 504s or IEPs, individualizing the instruction and offering accommodations as needed. Accommodations still allow students to access the full curriculum but with the appropriate aids such as extra time, smaller settings for tests, alternative forms of assessment and the use of assistive technology. This combined with small class sizes and a daily study hall for additional individual attention, sets up students for success.

Remediation is offered as needed, but is not the primary focus of our program. We aim to allow students to realize their dreams of attending college, technical school, or entering the workforce with a high school diploma.

- 8. Is your tuition affordable?** We offer variable tuition rates depending on a number of factors that are evaluated by a third-party service provider. They give us a determination of how much aid should be offered to a family which allows us to make equitable and unbiased decisions.

- 9. How do you handle lunch?** Students may either bring their lunch (we offer refrigeration and microwaves) and/or order hot options on the days those are offered.