



Juniors Prepare for Success on Georgia Graduation Tests

Editor's Note: Following is a letter to parents and guardians of juniors from Northgate's Graduation Specialist.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's that time of the year when the High School Graduation Test is upon us. As juniors, this is one of the most vital evaluations that your students will take. At Northgate, we take pride in our students and we plan to collaborate to provide the best opportunities for your student to reach his or her fullest potential. We have implemented some strategies to help our students prepare for the GHS GT. We would like for you as parents to be aware of these resources.

We are utilizing *My Skills Tutor* and *Links to Learning*. *My Skills Tutor* is an excellent site for repetition, and it has review areas in math, science, and English. *Links to Learning* is a tool that provides quizzes which are graded and explained through web resources. It provides practice in math, science, English, and social studies. The students were issued

pink cards with sign-on information printed on them. Yet another site that provides practice tests is

www.usatestprep.com. The username is northgate and the password is newton83.

Tutoring is also available every Monday night. During this time, both student and adult tutors are available. Students may come anytime between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Review from electives is yet another strategy that we are utilizing. Academic teachers work in their subject areas to assist students in preparation for the test. The dates for these sessions are March 2 –March 13.

During the *after 3:30 sessions*, the students are allowed to stay after school to review for the GHS GT with academic teachers. The sessions are held from 3:45-4:45 p.m. The students take a break and resume their sessions from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The dates for these sessions are March 2 –March 13.

Another resource that our students can take advantage of is the *Teacher Workday Reviews*. Academic teachers will be available for small group review sessions. This will be

conducted on March 20. Lunch will be provided for the students.

Tuesdays Second Period is a strategy in which every second block class has two to four questions that are similar to the questions on the GHS GT. The review questions are asked and answers are explained every Tuesday at the beginning of second block.

As stated in the Viking Code, "We believe that the responsibility of ensuring student success is a collaboration among Northgate's students, parents, faculty and staff." Let's all work together to ensure the success of our students and make certain that they are taking advantage of these resources. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 770-463-5585 ext 205 or email me at lisa.allen@cowetaschools.org.

Sincerely,

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Northgate is committed to student success.

ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

Here is your chance to become a part of the "Legacy of the Viking" by ordering a brick laser-etched with your name and graduation year. These bricks will become a permanent part of the landscape at Northgate. Order forms are available at the Front Office or on the band website northgateband.org (Click on "resources").

Orders must be received by April 1 to ensure the brick will be in place by graduation.

If you have been accepted to school for next year, we want to know about it. There is a form in the Career Center for you to fill out. Also, if you have earned scholarships, we want to know about those as well so we can recognize you during our Honors Program on April 27. Please bring the information to Mrs. Kari Lumme in the Career Center.

