



THE
BEAR CREEK
SCHOOL



2019 – 2020 SCHOOL PROFILE

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Enrollment 2019 – 2020
Preschool – Grade 12: 840
Upper School Enrollment: 241
Senior Class: 35
Student-to-teacher ratio: 8 to 1.
Typical class size is 18.

Faculty
Upper School Faculty: 29
Middle School and Upper School
Faculty with advanced degrees: 68%

Honors and Recognition
Bear Creek is a 2014 National Blue
Ribbon School of Excellence



Founded in 1988 and graduating a senior class since 2000, The Bear Creek School has grown to include 840 students in preschool through grade 12. In the fall of 2015, we opened our new 50,000 square-foot Upper School building and Performing Arts Center. The new building has a distinctive collegiate style designed to shape the way students collaborate, build community, and fully invest in the high school experience.

Mission and Values

The mission of The Bear Creek School is to provide a high quality, Christian liberal arts education in a nurturing environment that will enable each student to become the individual God intends.

Curriculum

The Bear Creek School's curriculum is a rigorous, college preparatory program.

- **In Literature:** focusing on the great books—books read by the intellectual giants of our culture, books that are great teachers
- **In History:** teaching the significance of history as part of the flow of the Western civilization continuum
- **In Language:** teaching Latin in Lower School, Early Middle School, and Middle School, and as an option in Upper School
- **In the Classics:** educating Upper School students in logic, philosophy, ethics, rhetoric, and apologetics
- **In STEM:** offering computer science, engineering, and AP sciences and calculus

Accreditations

- Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS)
- AdvancED/Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC)

Admission Guidelines

A successful academic record with demonstrated diligence, evidence of the potential to make a positive contribution to the school community, and a desire to live by Christian standards are important admission considerations. Results from the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE), teacher recommendations, and a personal interview are required.

International Students

The Bear Creek School accepts international students to all grades, however, we only issue Form I-20 to non-immigrant students on F-1 visas who have been accepted and are enrolled in grades 9, 10, and 11.

Ranking Policy

The Bear Creek School does not rank students but provides the following distribution from the class of 2019.

Grades reflect courses taken through junior year.

GPA	#Students
4.00	2
3.99 – 3.75	16
3.74 – 3.5	6
3.49 – 3.25	3
3.24 – 3.00	6
2.99 – 2.75	2
2.74 – 2.5	0
2.49 – 2.25	0
2.24 – 2.00	0
1.99 and below	0

Graduation Requirements

English/Rhetoric	4.5
History	4.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
Christian Studies	3.0
World Language	3.0
Physical Education	1.5
Health	0.5
Washington State History	0.5
General Electives	1.5
Fine Arts Electives	1.0
Senior Capstone Project	0.5

Total 27.0 credits minimum

For graduation, students must have 4.0 credits in one of the following subjects: math, science, or languages.

Grading Scale

Course grades are not weighted. Only grades earned at The Bear Creek School are included in the GPA calculation.

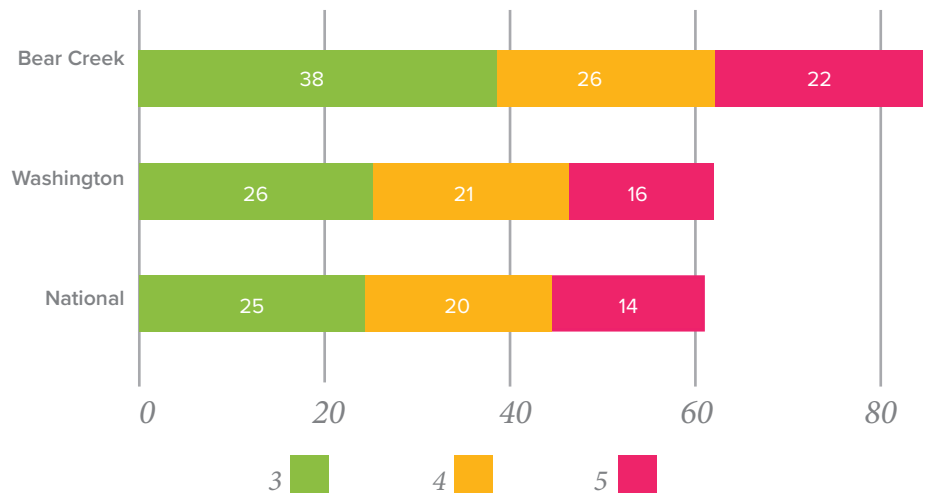
GPA	Percent	Grade
4.0	100 – 94	A
3.7	93 – 90	A-
3.3	89 – 87	B+
3.0	86 – 83	B
2.7	82 – 80	B-
2.3	79 – 77	C+
2.0	76 – 73	C
1.7	72 – 70	C-
1.3	69 – 67	D+
1.0	66 – 60	D

Advanced Placement Program

Admission to AP classes is not restricted. However, students must petition to take more than 2 AP courses per year. In 2019 – 2020, 12 AP classes are offered.

AP Students Tested in 2019	117	AP Scholar Report	
AP Exams Taken	230	National AP Scholars	7
% scoring 3 or higher	84%	AP Scholars with Distinction	21
% scoring 4 or higher	54%	AP Scholars with Honors	8
% scoring 5	24%	AP Scholars	18

Percentage of Bear Creek exams scoring 3, 4, and 5 on AP Exams in 2018



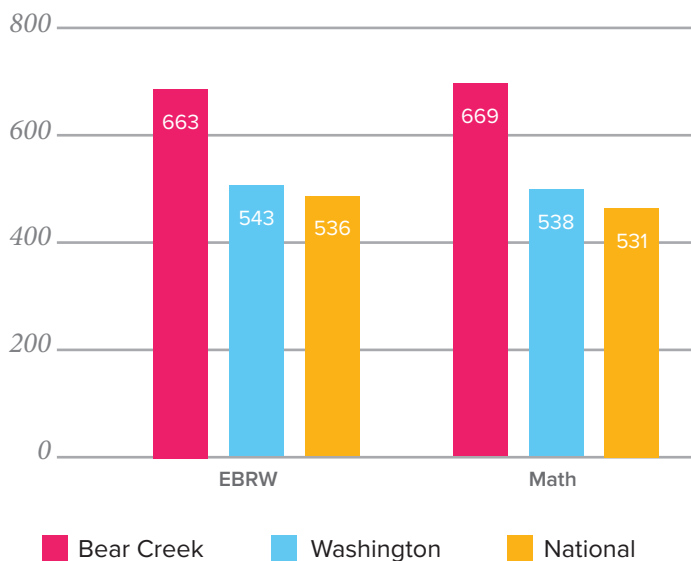
A student who completes an AP course and scores a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP exam will receive a one letter step bump (e.g., B to B+ or A- to A) on both Semester 1 and Semester 2 transcript grades for the particular AP class taken.

National Merit Recognition

10%	14%	14%
Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020

SAT Performance

Statistics represent the mean SAT scores achieved by the class of 2019.



Course Load

The standard course load is seven classes per semester. The average class size is 14.

Classes Offered

English and Rhetoric

Honors Ancient Literature
Honors Medieval and Renaissance Literature
Honors Enlightenment and American Literature
Honors Senior English Rhetoric
AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition

History

Honors Ancient and World History
Honors European History
Honors United States History
Art History, Culture, and Appreciation
United States Government and Politics
AP European History
AP United States History

Mathematics

Geometry
Algebra 2
Precalculus
Honors Precalculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Multivariable Calculus
(not offered 2019 – 2020)

Science

Conceptual Physics
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry
Honors Biology (offered through 2017 – 2018)
Marine Biology
Biomedicine
Engineering, Technology, and Design
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1

Christian Studies

Early Christian Thought and Practice
Medieval Christian Thought and Practice
Modern Christian Thought and Practice
Worldview Capstone
Logic

Languages

English Language Learning (ELL)
French I, II, III, IV
Latin I, II, III, IV, V
Spanish I, II, III, IV

Fine Arts

Graphic Design 1, 2
Photography 1, 2
Advanced Graphics and Photography Studio Art 1, 2, 3
Sculpture and Mixed Media
Advanced Studio Art 1, 2
Drama
Musical Theater
Technical Theater
Concert Choir
Concert Band
Jazz Band
AP Music Theory
(not offered 2019 – 2020)

Physical Education

Health
Strength Training

Electives

AP Computer Science A
Sports Anatomy

Athletics

Bear Creek has 15 varsity athletics teams which primarily compete in the Emerald City 1A league.

- Approximately 70% of Upper School students play at least 1 sport
- 54 League Championships
- 85 team state appearances
- 7 team state championships
- 17 individual state championships

House System

In 2017, Bear Creek launched a House System. Students and faculty are divided amongst five Houses. Throughout the year, these five Houses compete against each other for points which have the potential to earn their House various rewards. The goal of the House System is to provide an opportunity for students and faculty to interact across grade levels to exemplify virtue, build a sense of Christian community, and serve each other and the world through their unique gifts.

JanTerm

JanTerm is a two week mini-semester during which all Upper School students enroll in four topical seminars. Approximately 75 classes are offered annually. Some courses offered have been:

- Me Like Fire! The Art and Science of Grilling
- Experiencing Opera: Cosi Fan Tutte by Mozart
- Chocolate: The Golden Ticket
- Custom Boardgaming Design
- Information Technology in the Modern World
- Reading Blind: Beginning Braille
- The Craftsmanship of Hand Lettering
- Video Game Design
- Urban Sketching

Community Service

Community service is an integral part of our school values. All Upper School students complete a minimum of 100 hours of community service by the end of their senior year.

Disciplinary Consequences

Bear Creek will provide information on student disciplinary action involving suspension and expulsion to those colleges that request disclosure.

Senior Capstone Project

All seniors are required to develop and present a senior project prior to graduation. Projects are approved by a faculty advisor and evaluated by a panel of faculty and administrators. Recent senior projects include:

- God's Music in All Our Lives
- Darwin's Legacy
- Search and Rescue Drone
- Gravity: Limitations and Possibilities
- Where Animals and Government Meet
- Food: Authenticity, Industry, and Theology
- Art Therapy for Assault Victims

Invested in students. Intentional in outcome.

COLLEGE CHOICES

Our graduates have been accepted to the following colleges: (Not a complete list)

American University	DePauw University	Occidental College	University of California, Berkeley
Amherst College	DigiPen Institute of Technology	Pacific Lutheran University	University of California, Davis
Arizona State University	Dordt College	Parsons School of Design	University of California, Los Angeles
Auburn University	Drexel University	Pepperdine University	University of California, San Diego
Babson College	Duke University	Pitzer College	University of Cambridge
Barnard College	Durham University	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of Chicago
Bates College	Eastern Washington University	Pratt Institute	University of Colorado at Boulder
Baylor University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Princeton University	University of Connecticut
Belmont University	Emerson College	Providence College	University of Denver
Biola University	Emory University	Purdue University	University of Florida
Boston College	Fordham University	Quest University Canada	University of Hawaii
Boston University	Furman University	Reed College	University of Idaho
Bowdoin College	Furman University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Illinois
Brown University	George Fox University	Rhodes College	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Bucknell University	Georgetown University	Rice University	University of Michigan
Butler University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Notre Dame
Byrn Mawr College	Gettysburg College	Santa Clara University	University of Oxford
California Baptist University	Gonzaga University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Pennsylvania
California Lutheran University	Grand Canyon University	Scripps College	University of Puget Sound
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Grinnell College	Skidmore College	University of Rochester
Calvin College	Hamilton College	Stanford University	University of Southern California
Carleton College	Harvard University	Swarthmore College	University of St Andrews
Carnegie Mellon University	Harvey Mudd College	Syracuse University	University of the Pacific
Chapman University	Haverford College	Texas A&M University	University of Virginia
Claremont McKenna College	Hawaii Pacific University	The Juilliard School	University of Washington
Clark University	Johns Hopkins University	The Master's University	University of Waterloo
Clemson University	Kenyon College	The University of Alabama	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Colgate University	King's College London	The University of Montana	Vanderbilt University
College of the Holy Cross	Knox College	The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	Villanova University
College of William and Mary	Lafayette College	Trinity College	Wake Forest University
Colorado College	Lehigh University	Tufts University	Washington State University
Colorado School of Mines	Liberty University	Tulane University	Wesleyan University
Colorado State University	Linfield College	United States Coast Guard Academy	Wheaton College
Columbia University	Loyola Marymount University	United States Military Academy Westpoint	Whitman College
Connecticut College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States Naval Academy	Willamette University
Corban University	Middlebury College	University of Alabama	Williams College
Cornell University	Mills College	University of Arizona	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Covenant College	Montana State University	University of British Columbia	Yale University
Creighton University	New York University		
Dartmouth College	Northeastern University		
Davidson College	Northwestern University		