

Battle Ground Academy™

UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

2020/2021

BY THE NUMBERS

365 Upper School Students	42 Upper School Faculty
91 Students in the Class of 2021	77% Faculty with Advanced Degrees
13% Domestic Students of Color	9:1 Upper School Student-to-Faculty Ratio
9% International Students	12 Average Class Size
27% Students Receiving Financial Aid	

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

ACT and SAT scores are from the BGA Class of 2020. ACT takers: 83; SAT takers: 13. All SATs taken after March 2016. Best test results used.

Test	Middle 50%	Mean
ACT Composite	23 - 30	27
ACT English	25 - 34	28
ACT Math	21 - 28	25
ACT Reading	24 - 34	29
ACT Science	23 - 30	26
SAT Total	1150 - 1420	1290
SAT EBRW	600 - 700	640
SAT Math	560 - 770	650

CLASS OF 2021 WEIGHTED GPA DISTRIBUTION

Cumulative through the 6th semester; 91 seniors; GPAs include coursework from BGA only.

GPA Range	# of Students
> 4.25	12
4.01 - 4.25	21
3.76 - 4.00	16
3.51 - 3.75	21
3.26 - 3.50	11
≤ 3.25	10

BATTLE GROUND ACADEMY is an independent, college preparatory, coeducational day school founded in 1889. We are dedicated to our mission of **igniting and nurturing student curiosity, intellect and character**. Our goal is to provide an inspiring environment to further the intellectual and character development of each student.

Located in historic Franklin, BGA is a suburban campus situated south of Nashville, Tennessee. While most students call Williamson County home, many of our scholars travel from the broader Nashville area and surrounding counties to join our community.

BGA is a charter member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

ACHIEVEMENT IN CONTEXT

CURRICULUM: BGA offers a rigorous academic program, and all courses are considered College Preparatory unless otherwise noted as Honors or Advanced Placement (AP). Students may begin taking AP classes during their junior year with faculty approval. Please note that Honors-level options are not available for all classes, and in some cases, students must choose between an AP or College Preparatory course.

GRADING SCALE: Semester and final grades are featured on the transcript; however, only final grades are utilized in determining GPA. Only coursework completed at BGA is included on the transcript, and grades earned in all subjects are used in the GPA calculation. The grade point average is cumulative, including all semesters at BGA in grades 9-12. Quality points for Honors and AP courses are weighted by 0.5 and 1.0 respectively. A more detailed account of the grading scale is found on the transcript.

CLASS RANK: BGA discontinued providing class rank in 1999. This policy reflects The Academy's belief that rank is an unreliable predictor of success in college and a potentially misleading indicator of achievement for students of similar abilities.

NATIONAL MERIT

Members of the Class of 2020 earning National Merit Recognition:
4 National Merit Commended Scholars

AP EXAM PERFORMANCE

Of the 242 AP exams taken in Spring 2020 by 99 Juniors and Seniors:
88% of scores were 3 or higher, 65% 4 or higher and 31% were 5s

BGA DISTINCTIVES

INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING: Our unique inquiry-based approach frames our curriculum in order to challenge and encourage students to explore concepts using data analysis, experimentation and modeling.

ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP (EL) PROGRAM: Students completing the EL Program develop actionable solutions to real world economic and social issues and earn a distinction upon completion of the required coursework.

COMMUNITY ACTION: We value community service as paramount for character development. Therefore, BGA requires students to complete 80 hours (20 each year) of community service to graduate.

HONOR SOCIETIES: BGA recognizes excellence across numerous disciplines and rewards students with admission to national and school organizations including the Artist Guild, BGA Digamma Society, Cum Laude Society, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society and the Tri-M Music Honor Society.



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UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS		COURSE OFFERINGS		
ENGLISH 4 credits required	Creative Writing+ English I English I Honors	English II English II Honors English III	English IV English Language AP English Literature AP	Film Studies+ Speech (EL)+ Advanced Speech (EL)+ Yearbook*
MATHEMATICS 4 credits required	Algebra I Algebra II Algebra II Honors Calculus	Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP College Algebra & Trig. Geometry	Geometry Honors Managerial Finance (EL)+ Pre-Calculus Pre-Calculus Honors	Statistics Statistics AP
SCIENCE 3 credits required (1.0 credit required in Conceptual Physics, Biology and Chemistry)	Anatomy and Physiology Astronomy+ Biology Biology AP Biology Honors	Chemistry Chemistry AP Chemistry Honors Conceptual Engineering+ Conceptual Physics	Conceptual Physics Honors Environmental Science Intro to Computer Science + Marine Biology+ Molecular Bio. of Disease I+	Molecular Bio. of Disease II+ Physics AP I Programming I+ Psychology AP
SOCIAL SCIENCES 3.5 credits required (0.5 credit in Ancient History and 1.0 credit in World History, U.S. History and either 20th Century History or AP Modern European History)	20th Century History Ancient History+ Applied Models of Economics (EL) Art History AP Business Communications (EL)+	Civics I (EL)+ Comp. Gov't & Politics AP+ Economics of Business (EL)+ Human Geography AP+ Macroeconomics (EL)+ Marketing (EL)+	Microeconomics (EL)+ Modern European History AP Modern Latin America+ Modern Middle East+ Social Psychology+ U.S. Government+	U.S. Gov't and Politics AP+ U.S. History U.S. History AP World History World History Honors World Religions+
FOREIGN LANGUAGE 2 credits required (Successive credit in one language)	French I French II French II Honors French III French III Honors French IV French IV Honors	French V Honors French AP Latin I Latin II Honors Latin III Honors Latin IV Honors	Latin AP Spanish I Spanish II Spanish II Honors Spanish III Spanish III Honors	Spanish IV Spanish IV Honors Spanish V Honors Spanish AP
FINE ARTS 1 credit required	MUSIC Chamber Choir* Concert Band* Concert Choir+* Contemporary Music Ensemble* Guitar Ensemble Music Theory History of Popular Music in America+ Intro to Recording Technology+	THEATRE ARTS Acting I+ Acting II+ Costume Design I+ Intro to Theatre & Acting Playwriting+ Theatre Arts+*	VISUAL ARTS Art I Art I Honors Art II Art II Honors Art History AP Creative 3D Exploration+ Drawing & Design I+ Drawing & Design II+ Foundations of Art I+	Foundations of Art II+ Painting Painting Honors Sculpture & Ceramics I+ Sculpture & Ceramics II+ Sculpture & Ceramics III+ Sculpture & Ceramics IV+ Studio Art AP Studio Art Honors
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 1 credit required	Wellness+*			
ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS	Electives are offered across disciplines, and students may take any course for elective credit. 2.0 elective credits are required for graduation, including 0.5 credits in Speech. An ESL course is offered for international students. To graduate with the Entrepreneurial Leadership Distinction, students must complete 2.0 EL credits and Applied Models of Economics.			
CHANGES FOR 2020-21	BGA recently began offering AP Art History. Given the rigor and emphasis on historical topics, this class will count as both a Fine Arts and Social Sciences credit in BGA's curriculum and count toward the fulfillment of graduation requirements. BGA revised its visual arts curriculum to give students more flexibility when selecting courses. Please note that students may now complete their 1.0 fine art credit through combining any number of semester-based courses.			

+ = semester course * = course may be repeated for credit (EL) = may be taken as part of EL curriculum



COLLEGES OFFERING ADMISSION TO THE CLASSES OF 2016 – 2020

A representative sample of colleges that have admitted BGA students in recent years.

American University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Boston Conservatory at Berklee
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bucknell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Centre College
Clemson University
College of Charleston
College of William and Mary
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emory University
Fisk University
Florida State University

Fordham University
Furman University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Tech
Harvard University
Howard University
Indiana University
Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Manhattan School of Music
Maryland Institute College of Art
Mercer University
Miami University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Penn State University
Pepperdine University
Princeton University

Purdue University
Reed College
Rhodes College
Rice University
Samford University
San Diego State University
Sewanee: U. of the South
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of CA, Berkeley
University of CA, Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of CO, Boulder
University of Florida
University of Georgia

University of Kentucky
University of MD, College Park
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of NC, Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of Southern California
University of TN, Chattanooga
University of TN, Knoxville
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington U. in St. Louis
Williams College
Yale University



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UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE ADDENDUM

COVID-19 Context for Colleges and Universities

As the world responded to COVID-19, BGA acted swiftly to safeguard our students and community while providing a robust and rigorous academic experience for our scholars. To help understand the educational and social environment of our students during the pandemic, please consider the following contextual information.

Spring 2020

- ▶ **Classes:** For the fourth quarter of the academic year, BGA transitioned all of its Upper School classes to a virtual learning environment conducted via Zoom. Working under an augmented schedule, all classes were held on a consistent basis, with students and teachers collaborating live.
- ▶ **Grading:** BGA's grading system remained intact, with students receiving grades and credit for their work with grading standards commensurate with our faculty's pre-pandemic expectations.
- ▶ **Extracurricular Activities & Community Service:** All extracurricular activities (including athletics, performing arts, and school clubs) were cancelled, and the 20-hour annual community service requirement was waived for students who had yet to complete it.

Fall 2020

- ▶ **Classes:** In-person classes have resumed with rigorous daily health screenings and other precautions to ensure the safety of our community. Synchronous virtual classroom environments are also in use (when needed) for students who may need to remain at home because of potential exposure.
 - ▶ To ensure proper social distancing, a rotating schedule of four 90-minute class blocks meets daily, with each class meeting once every other day. Our schedule remains flexible and will evolve, if necessary, with guidance from local authorities and the CDC given the shifting nature of the pandemic.
 - ▶ Each class is capped at fifteen students. As a result of increased section offerings, several students have encountered schedule conflicts and have not been able to take all of the classes in which they were interested, particularly the Class of 2021.
- ▶ **Grading:** BGA's grading system remains the same.
- ▶ **Admission Testing:** As of September 1, 31% of the senior class has not taken an ACT or SAT, and local test centers continue to close with limited notice. Students have been encouraged to seek testing opportunities when available with the prevailing advice being to act in the best interest of their health and safety.
- ▶ **Extracurricular Activities / Community Service:** Extracurricular activities and athletics have resumed with additional safety enhancements. Please note that students likely will not have the same level of extracurricular engagement as in typical years, and that some activities (e.g., choir) have been impacted more than others because of their high-risk nature.



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