

# Battle Ground Academy™

## UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

2021/2022

### BY THE NUMBERS

<b>372</b> Upper School Students	<b>47</b> Upper School Faculty
<b>92</b> Students in the Class of 2022	<b>79%</b> Faculty with Advanced Degrees
<b>23%</b> Domestic Students of Color	<b>8:1</b> Upper School Student-to-Faculty Ratio
<b>3%</b> International Students	<b>13</b> Average Class Size
<b>30%</b> Students Receiving Financial Aid	

### STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

ACT scores are from the BGA Class of 2021.  
Number of test takers = 79.

Test	Middle 50%	Mean
ACT Composite	22 - 30	26
ACT English	23 - 33	27
ACT Math	21 - 28	25
ACT Reading	23 - 34	28
ACT Science	23 - 29	26

### CLASS OF 2022

#### WEIGHTED GPA DISTRIBUTION

Cumulative through the 6th semester; 92 seniors;  
GPAs include coursework from BGA only.

GPA Range	# of Students
> 4.25	22
4.01 – 4.25	19
3.76 – 4.00	16
3.51 – 3.75	14
3.26 – 3.50	8
≤ 3.25	13

**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 2021 earning National Merit Recognition:  
**2 National Merit Commended Scholars**

#### AP EXAM PERFORMANCE

Of AP exams taken in Spring 2021:

**83% of scores were 3 or higher, 55% 4 or higher and 22% 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		
<b>ENGLISH</b> 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	Speech (EL)+ Yearbook*
<b>MATHEMATICS</b> 4 credits required	Algebra I Algebra II Algebra II Honors Calculus	Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Geometry	Geometry Honors Managerial Finance (EL)+ Pre-Calculus	Pre-Calculus Honors Statistics Statistics AP
<b>SCIENCE</b> 3 credits required (1.0 credit required in Conceptual Physics, Biology and Chemistry)	Anatomy & Physiology+ Astronomy+ Biology Biology AP Biology Honors Chemistry	Chemistry AP Chemistry Honors Computer Science Principles AP Conceptual Engineering+ Conceptual Physics Conceptual Physics Honors	Environmental Science Forensic Science+ Intro to Computer Science + Marine Biology+ Molecular Bio. of Disease I+ Molecular Bio. of Disease II+	Organic Chemistry Honors+ Physics AP I Programming I+ Psychology AP
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES</b> 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, AP Modern European History or AP Art History)	20th Century History African American History+ Ancient History+ Applied Models of Economics Honors (EL) Art History AP	Business Communications (EL)+ Comp. Gov't & Politics AP+ Economics of Business (EL)+ Human Geography AP+ Latin American Studies+ Leadership for Entrepreneurs (EL)+	Macroeconomics (EL)+ Makerspace (EL)+ Marketing for Entrepreneurs (EL)+ Microeconomics (EL)+ Modern European History AP Social Psychology+	U.S. Government+ U.S. Gov't and Politics AP+ U.S. History U.S. History AP World History World History Honors
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE</b> 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 19 <sup>th</sup> Century French Literature Latin I Latin II Honors	Latin III 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
<b>FINE ARTS</b> 1 credit required	<b>MUSIC</b> Chamber Choir* Concert Band* Concert Choir+* Contemporary Music Ensemble* Guitar Ensemble History of Popular Music in America+ Intro to Recording Technology+ Music Production+ Music Theory	<b>THEATRE ARTS</b> Acting I+ Acting II+ Costume Design I+ Intro to Theatre & Acting Playwriting+ Theatre Arts+*	<b>VISUAL ARTS</b> Art I Art I Honors Art II Art History AP 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
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b> 1 credit required	Fundamental Fitness+ Wellness+*			
<b>ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS &amp; SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>	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 credit 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 Honors.			
<b>RECENT UPDATES</b>	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 arts 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 2017 – 2021

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  
Clark Atlanta University  
Clemson University  
College of Charleston  
College of William and Mary  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
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  
Haverford College  
Howard University  
Indiana University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Mercer University  
Miami University  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Ohio State University  
Penn State University  
Pepperdine University

Pratt Institute  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
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 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 Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Richmond  
University of Southern California  
University of TN, Chattanooga  
University of TN, Knoxville  
University of Texas, Austin  
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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