

# Battle Ground Academy™

## UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

2022/2023

### BY THE NUMBERS

<b>376</b> Upper School Students	<b>46</b> Upper School Faculty
<b>88</b> Students in the Class of 2023	<b>80%</b> Faculty with Advanced Degrees
<b>19%</b> Domestic Students of Color	<b>8:1</b> Upper School Student-to-Faculty Ratio
<b>2%</b> International Students	<b>12</b> Average Class Size
<b>25%</b> Students Receiving Need-Based Financial Aid	<b>11%</b> First-Generation College Students

### STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

ACT scores are from the BGA Class of 2022.  
Number of test takers = 89.

Test	Middle 50%	Mean
ACT Composite	20 - 29	25
ACT English	21 - 33	26
ACT Math	19 - 27	23
ACT Reading	23 - 33	28
ACT Science	21 - 28	25

### CLASS OF 2023

#### WEIGHTED GPA DISTRIBUTION

Cumulative through the 6th semester; 86 seniors (excludes two new BGA students); GPAs include coursework from BGA only.

GPA Range	# of Students
> 4.25	23
4.01 – 4.25	14
3.76 – 4.00	12
3.51 – 3.75	14
3.26 – 3.50	7
≤ 3.25	16

**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). BGA recommends that students enroll in no more than four AP courses (particularly in senior year) to promote academic and social-emotional balance. Students must petition to enroll in more than four AP courses in a given year. While this policy also applies to all grade levels, it is rare for students to have more than two AP courses in 11th grade or any AP classes in 9th and 10th grades. No official limitation exists for Honors courses. Additionally, 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 does not rank students.

#### NATIONAL MERIT

Members of the Class of 2022 earning National Merit Recognition:  
**3 National Merit Commended Scholars**

#### AP EXAM PERFORMANCE

Of AP exams taken in Spring 2022:  
**84% of scores were 3 or higher,**  
**54% 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	Film Studies+ 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 Problem Solving+	Statistics Statistics AP	
<b>SCIENCE</b> 3 credits required (1.0 credit required in Conceptual Physics, Biology and Chemistry)	Astronomy+ Anatomy & Physiology I+ Anatomy & Physiology II+ Biology Biology AP Biology Honors Chemistry Chemistry AP	Chemistry Honors Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles AP Conceptual Engineering+ Conceptual Physics Conceptual Physics Honors Earth Science+ Environmental Science+	Fabrication & Design+ Forensic Science+ Intro to Computer Science + Marine Biology+ Molecular Bio. of Disease I+ Molecular Bio. of Disease II+ Physics Physics I AP	Physics Honors Programming I+ Psychology AP Robotics+ Scientific Data+ STEM Capstone+	
<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)+ Latin American Studies+ Leadership for Entrepreneurs (EL)+	Macroeconomics (EL)+ Marketing for Entrepreneurs (EL)+ Microeconomics (EL)+ Modern European History AP Social Psychology+ Sociology+	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 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* Commercial Music Ensemble* Concert Band* Concert Choir* Guitar Ensemble History of Popular Music in America+ Music Production+ Music Theory	<b>THEATRE ARTS</b> Acting I+* Acting II+* Costume Design+* Intro to Theatre & Acting Playwriting+ Theatre Arts+* Theatre Ensemble	<b>VISUAL ARTS</b> Art & Design AP Art & Design Honors Art History AP Drawing & Design I+ Drawing & Design II+ Foundations of Art I+ Foundations of Art II+	Painting Sculpture & Ceramics I+ Sculpture & Ceramics II+ Sculpture & Ceramics III+ Sculpture & Ceramics IV+	
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b> 1 credit required	Fundamental Fitness+* Martial Arts+*	Strength & Conditioning+* 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. 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 either a Fine Arts or 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 2018 – 2022

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

American University	Eckerd College	Ohio State University	University of Georgia
Arizona State University	Elon University	Penn State University	University of Kentucky
Auburn University	Emory University	Pepperdine University	University of MD, College Park
Baylor University	Fisk University	Pratt Institute	University of Miami
Belmont University	Florida State University	Purdue University	University of Michigan
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	Fordham University	Rhodes College	University of Mississippi
Boston University	Furman University	Rice University	University of NC, Chapel Hill
Brandeis University	George Mason University	Samford University	University of Oregon
Brigham Young University	George Washington University	San Diego State University	University of Pennsylvania
Bucknell University	Georgetown University	Sewanee: U. of the South	University of Richmond
Case Western Reserve University	Georgia Tech	Southern Methodist University	University of Southern California
Centre College	Haverford College	Spelman College	University of TN, Chattanooga
Clark Atlanta University	Howard University	Syracuse University	University of TN, Knoxville
Clemson University	Indiana University	Texas Christian University	University of Texas, Austin
College of Charleston	Johns Hopkins University	Tufts University	University of Virginia
College of William and Mary	Lafayette College	Tulane University	University of Washington
Colorado School of Mines	Lehigh University	United States Military Academy	University of Wisconsin
Columbia University	Mercer University	United States Naval Academy	Vanderbilt University
Cornell University	Miami University	University of Alabama	Villanova University
Dartmouth College	Middlebury College	University of CA, Berkeley	Virginia Tech
DePaul University	New York University	University of CA, Los Angeles	Wake Forest University
Dickinson College	Northeastern University	University of CO, Boulder	Washington and Lee University
Drexel University	Northwestern University	University of Florida	Washington U. in St. Louis
			Yale University



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