

# Battle Ground Academy™

## UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

2023/2024

### BY THE NUMBERS

**367**

Upper School Students

**40**

Upper School Faculty

**93**

Students in the Class of 2023

**83%**

Faculty with Advanced Degrees

**19%**

Students of Color in the Class of 2023

**9:1**

Upper School Student-to-Faculty Ratio

**11%**

First-Generation College Students

**12**

Average Class Size

**25%**

Students Receiving Need-Based Financial Aid

### STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

ACT scores are from the BGA Class of 2023.  
Number of test takers = 89.

Test	Middle 50%	Mean
ACT Composite	20 - 29	24
ACT English	20 - 32	25
ACT Math	17 - 27	22
ACT Reading	21 - 32	26
ACT Science	21 - 28	24

### CLASS OF 2024

#### WEIGHTED GPA DISTRIBUTION

Cumulative through the 6th semester; 91 seniors (excludes two new BGA students); GPAs include coursework from BGA only.

Quintile	GPA Range
First	≥ 4.30
Second	4.09 – 4.29
Third	4.00 – 4.08
Fourth	3.66 – 3.99
Fifth	≤ 3.65

**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. BGA only reports a weighted BGA; unweighted GPAs are not calculated. A more detailed account of the grading scale is found on the transcript.

**CLASS RANK:** BGA does not rank students.

#### AP EXAM PERFORMANCE

Of AP exams taken in Spring 2023: **86% of scores were 3 or higher, 58% 4 or higher, and 27% 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.

**ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS:** Concentrations allow students to immerse themselves in the breadth and depth of an academic area while providing real-world engagement opportunities and a Senior Capstone experience. Concentrations include: Entrepreneurial Leadership, Global Studies, and STEM.

**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 honors 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	English I English I Honors English II	English II Honors English III English IV	English Language AP English Literature AP Film Studies+	Intro to Creative Writing+ Speech+ 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+ Pre-Calculus Pre-Calculus Honors Problem Solving+	Statistics Statistics AP	
<b>SCIENCE</b> 3 credits required (1 credit in Biology, 1 credit in Chemistry, and 1 additional science credit)	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+ Earth Science+	Environmental Science+ Fabrication & Design+ Forensic Science+ Intro to Computer Science+ Marine Biology+ Physics	Physics I AP Physics Honors Programming I+ Psychology AP Robotics+ STEM Capstone+	
<b>HISTORY</b> 3.5 credits required (0.5 credit in Ancient History; 1 credit in World History; 1 credit in U.S. History; and 1 credit in Contemporary Global History, U.S. Government & Economics, AP Modern European History, or AP Art History)	African American History+ Ancient History+ Applied Models of Economics Honors Art History AP Business Communications+ Comp. Gov't & Politics AP+	Contemporary Global History Economics of Business+ Human Geography AP+ Latin American Studies+ Leadership for Entrepreneurs+ Marketing for Entrepreneurs+ Microeconomics+	Modern European History AP Perspectives in Global Thinking+ Social Entrepreneurship+ Social Psychology+ Sociology+ U.S. Government+ U.S. Government & Economics	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 French Culture & Film	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 Guitar & Ukulele I+ Guitar & Ukulele II+ History of Popular Music in America+ Music Production+ Music Theory	<b>THEATRE ARTS</b> Acting I+* Acting II+* Costume Design+* Intro to Theatre Arts+ Playwriting+ Theatre Arts+* Theatre Ensemble	<b>VISUAL ARTS</b> Art & Design AP Art & Design Honors Art & Design Portfolio Art History AP Drawing & Design I+ Drawing & Design II+ Foundations of Art I+ Foundations of Art II+	Painting I+ Painting II+ Sculpture & Ceramics I+ Sculpture & Ceramics II+ Sculpture & Ceramics III+ Sculpture & Ceramics IV+	
<b>WELLNESS</b> 1 credit required	Fundamental Fitness+* Martial Arts+*	Strength & Conditioning+* Wellness+*			
<b>ELECTIVES</b> 2 credits required	Electives are offered across disciplines, and students may take any course for elective credit.				

+ = semester course \* = course may be repeated for credit

## COLLEGES OFFERING ADMISSION TO THE CLASSES OF 2019 – 2023

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

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

