



THE
BEAR CREEK



2025 – 2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

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Enrollment 2025 – 2026
Preschool – Grade 12: 948
Upper School Enrollment: 251
Senior Class: 65
Student-to-teacher ratio: 8 to 1
Typical class size is 18

Faculty
Upper School Faculty: 32
Middle School and Upper School
Faculty with advanced degrees: 74%

Honors and Recognition
2014 National Blue Ribbon School of
Excellence

Best Private High School in the area by
425 Magazine in 2022, 2023, 2024, and
2025

#1 Best Christian Private High School in
Washington 2025 ranking by Niche

Founded in 1988 and graduating a senior class since 2000, The Bear Creek School has grown to include 915 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.

- **Classics:** educating students in logic, philosophy, ethics, rhetoric, and apologetics
- **STEM:** offering ability-based math beginning in elementary school, computer science, engineering, and AP sciences and math
- **Arts:** developing personal expression, creative thinking, imaginative communication, and intellectual curiosity
- **Literature:** focusing on the Great Books
- **Language:** teaching Latin, Spanish, and French beginning in elementary school
- **Athletics:** building character, commitment, teamwork, and good sportsmanship
- **Faith:** integrating a deep knowledge of Scripture and how to apply Biblical principles in their lives

Accreditations

- Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS)
- Cognia

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) or Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT), teacher recommendations, and a personal interview are required.

International Students

The Bear Creek School accepts international students to all grade levels; however, we are no longer issuing the Form I-20 to new non-immigrant F-1 visa students.

Ranking Policy

The Bear Creek School does not rank students but provides the following distribution from the class of 2025. Grades reflect courses taken through junior year.

GPA	#Students
4.00	6
3.99 – 3.75	39
3.74 – 3.5	6
3.49 – 3.25	4
3.24 – 3.00	6
2.99 – 2.75	1
2.74 – 2.5	1
2.49 – 2.25	2
2.24 – 2.00	0
1.99 and below	0

Graduation Requirements

English/Rhetoric	4.0
History	4.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
Christian Studies	3.0
World Language	2.0
Physical Education	1.5
Health	0.5
Washington State History	0.5
General Electives	2.0
Fine Arts Electives	1.0
Senior Capstone Project	0.5

Total 24.0 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

Academic Recognition

Annually, students are recognized for their academic achievements.

Headmaster's List: 3.75 – 4.0 GPA

Dean's List: 3.5 – 3.74 GPA

Advanced Placement Program

Admission to AP classes is not restricted. However, students must petition to take more than two AP courses per year. In 2025 – 2026, 13 AP classes are offered.

AP Students Tested in 2025	175	
AP Exams Taken	389	AP Scholar Report
% scoring 3 or higher	93%	AP Scholars with Distinction
% scoring 4 or higher	78%	AP Scholars with Honors
% scoring 5	41%	AP Scholars
		61
		14
		22

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.

Concurrent Credit

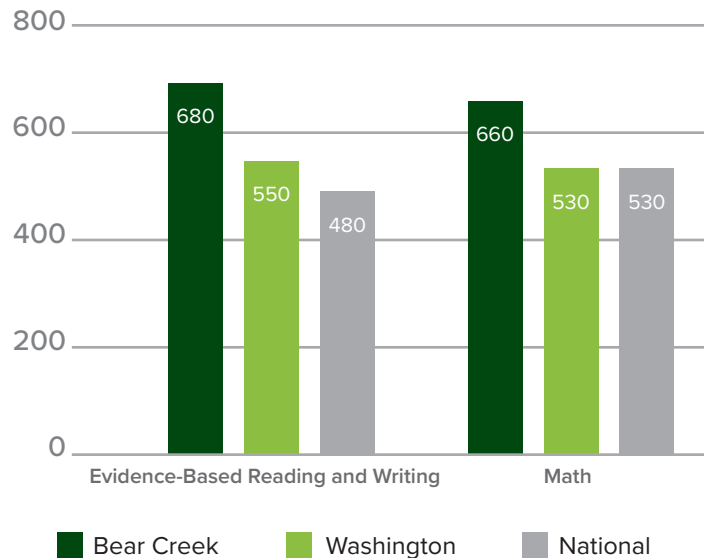
The Bear Creek School has partnered with Northwest University to offer 21 concurrent credit courses to high school students. Each course has been reviewed by the respective university and assigned a college equivalency course. Upon successful completion of concurrent credit courses, Bear Creek students will receive high school as well as college credits for the course.

National Merit Recognition

22%	22%	17%
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026

SAT Performance

Statistics represent the mean SAT scores achieved by the class of 2025.



Course Load

The standard course load is seven classes per semester. The average class size is 15.

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

Intermediate Algebra
Geometry
Algebra 2
Precalculus
Honors Precalculus
Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Multivariable Calculus

Science

Conceptual Physics
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry
Marine Biology
Biomedicine
Engineering
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1
AP Environmental Science

Christian Studies

Logic
Christianity and Contemporary Culture
Philosophical Theology
Systematic Theology
Historical Theology

Languages

French I, II, III, IV
Latin II, III, IV, V
Spanish I, II, III, IV

Fine Arts

Graphic Design 1, 2
Photography 1, 2
Advanced Digital Arts
Studio Art 1, 2, 3
Sculpture and Mixed Media
Advanced Studio Art 1, 2
Music Theory
Musical Theater
Pit Orchestra
Film and Animation
New Play Development
Technical Theater
Theater Production
Concert Choir
Mixed Ensemble
Concert Band
Jazz Band
AP Music Theory

Physical Education

Health
Strength Training
Multi-Sport Experience

Electives

Psychology
Introduction to Athletic Medicine
Yearbook Editor
AP Computer Science A

Athletics

Bear Creek has 22 varsity athletics teams which primarily compete in the Emerald Sound Conference.

- Approximately 75% of Upper School students play at least one sport
- 56 conference championships
- 115 team state appearances
- 11 team state championships
- 33 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:

- Reshaping Sign Language for Worship Music
- The Thrill of Storm Chasing
- Composing Music to Reflect a Personal Story
- Learning to Blacksmith and Forging a Family Heirloom
- The Spiritual Journey of Running a Marathon

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

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

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

Invested in students. Intentional in outcome.