



BUILT FOR LEARNING

The Fishburne Learning Center at Blue Ridge School has been serving students with learning differences since 1994.

Since that time, the model for this program has been presented at a national conference for small boarding schools, published in *Classroom Leadership*, and shared with other independent schools in the United States and in Canada.

The Learning Center sets Blue Ridge School apart from other boarding schools for boys who may learn differently. We work with boys who have mild learning disabilities and/or ADD/ADHD, particularly when the differences are linked to memory, executive function, reading comprehension, and processing speed.

Our students learn ways they may be a non-traditional learners and how they can benefit from non-traditional methods. At BRS, they achieve academic success by using strategies specifically tailored to their needs. These strategies might include organization, time management, preparation, and perseverance. Students learn to take initiative by communicating their individual learning needs to their teachers and arranging for approved accommodations if applicable.

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AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE **3**

Approximately 30% of the School's student body attends the FLC as a part of their school schedule. The Center employs four Learning Specialists, who each teach five classes a day, and a full-time director, who also teaches three classes a day.

SINCE
1994

FLC students demonstrate a good deal of success both at Blue Ridge and later in college. Many of the Center's students have earned academic honors at Blue Ridge or have been elected to student leadership positions—including student body president, prefects, proctors, members of the Disciplinary Committee, and the Honor Council.

3:1 RATIO
STUDENT/FACULTY

The emphasis on metacognition, learning strategies, and self-advocacy, as well as the extraordinary degree of cooperation and communication between Learning Specialists and content teachers sets us apart from programs at other schools. Blue Ridge's small community and student body, along with our mission allows us to excel and proudly serve our students in the capacity.