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SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

Founded as the Blue Ridge Industrial School in 1909 by Reverend George Pickett Mayo, the school's early mission was to provide a vocational education for boys and girls who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to realize their rich potential. Today, Blue Ridge School is dedicated to providing a sound college-prep education for capable and willing young men. In our supportive, structured community, self-esteem is founded upon solid accomplishment in the classroom, on athletic fields, in the arts, and in a host of co-curricular activities. Typically, total enrollment is approximately 180 each year. Currently there are 182 boys enrolled representing 25 states and 29 foreign countries. Approximately 31 percent of the students come from traditionally under-represented ethnic groups. The student/faculty ratio is less than 6/1 with an average class size of twelve.

THE BLUE RIDGE EXPERIENCE

From our Head of School and Deans to our faculty and staff, we share a unified vision that forms the foundation of our approach and includes the following beliefs.

At the heart of the Blue Ridge School community is a deep commitment to compassion, connection, and authentic **relationships**. We believe that students thrive when they are truly known, understood, and supported by faculty who are dedicated to their academic growth and overall success.

A strong, caring, highly qualified and knowledgeable faculty and staff form the foundation of our **holistic learning** environment. An environment where students feel both challenged and connected. Our team works tirelessly to foster meaningful relationships that encourage students to reach beyond their perceived limits.

Through our unique all-boys boarding model, we create a **brotherhood** built on shared experiences, where strong friendships and leadership skills naturally develop. This focused environment minimizes distractions and provides the space for students to grow academically, socially, and personally.

A comprehensive **co-curricular program** is a vital part of the learning and growth experience at Blue Ridge School. Through sports, the arts, clubs, service learning, outdoor adventures, and social activities, students cultivate their unique talents and passions while developing self-esteem, resilience, leadership, and teamwork skills. Our intentionally designed program offers diverse, meaningful opportunities that spark curiosity and foster personal growth, including a nationally recognized outdoor program, a competitive athletics program, and student-centered academic experiences. Every student is supported through personalized, engaging, and appropriately challenging opportunities that empower them to reach their fullest potential.

Residence Life is a vital part of the Blue Ridge School experience. The quality of life and sense of belonging each boy feels within his living environment greatly influence his readiness to learn and deepen his connection to the school community. Life in a communal setting offers rich opportunities to develop essential life skills, including responsible decision-making, time management, empathy, acceptance of differences, and the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team.

Our **Code of Character Values** is the linchpin and ethical compass upon which Blue Ridge stands. The purpose of our Character Education program is to encourage boys to internalize the values expressed in the Code of Character Values. While we set aside specific times to focus on these values as a community, Character Education works best when it is an integral part of every aspect of a student's experience. Everything we do in the classroom, playing fields, dormitories, chapel, and advising should emphasize the concepts of the Golden Rule, integrity, respect, responsibility, moral courage, work ethic, healthy lifestyles, and Brother's Keeper. Our policies and systems are designed with these ends in mind.

QUICK FACTS

- Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes are 50 minutes in length and Tuesday/Friday classes are 1 hour 20 minutes in length.
- All classes are on a semester schedule.
- 182 students
- 6:1 student to faculty ratio
- Average class size: 12
- 100% of the Class of 2024 admitted to at least one College/University

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English: 4 credits

Social Studies: 4 credits

Mathematics: 4 credits, Algebra I and II , Geometry are required

Science: 4 credits, including Biology and Chemistry

Foreign Language: 3 credits in the same language

Electives: 3 or more credits, must include experiences in the Arts and Outdoors

CURRICULUM OFFERINGS

English

English 9 (Composition and Literature Survey I)

English 10 (Honors) (Composition and Literature Survey II)

English 11 (Honors) (Composition and Literature Survey III)

English 12 (Honors) (Composition and Literature Survey IV)

AP English Language & Composition

Mathematics

Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus (Honors), Statistics, Calculus, AP Calculus AB

Social Sciences

Human Geography & World Cultures, Modern World History, United States History & Government, Government and Contemporary Studies, AP US History
AP Comparative Government & Politics , AP Microeconomics, AP Macroeconomics, Money, Banking & Investments (Fall), Entrepreneurship (Spring)

Science

STEM 9, Biology, Chemistry (Honors), Physics, AP Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, Astronomy, Environmental Studies

Foreign Language

Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III (Honors)

English Language Learning

ELL Level 1, ELL Level 2, ELL Lab

Fishburne Learning Center

FLC Tier 1

FLC Tier 2

Performing Arts

Music Fundamentals, Advanced Music

Visual Arts

Studio Art, Independent Portfolio Development, Ceramics, Computer Art

Outdoors

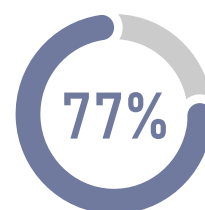
Outdoor Expedition Skills (Fall), Ornithology (Spring), Wilderness First Aid (Spring), Outdoor Appreciation (Fall), Appalachian Studies (Spring), Outdoor Leadership

Other Electives

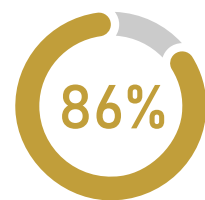
Health & Wellness (Fall), Sports Psychology (Spring), Pathway Seminar: College & Career Planning, Advanced, Research Topics (Fall), Research 101 (Spring), Comparative Religion: Introduction to Judaism (Fall), Comparative Religion: Introduction to Christianity (Spring), Shamanism I (Fall), Shamanism II (Spring)



ACCEPTANCE TO A 4-YEAR
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY



FACULTY HOLD
ADVANCED DEGREES



RECEIVE FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE



IDENTIFY AS STUDENTS
OF COLOR

GRADING SYSTEM

Grading Scale and Grade Point Average Grade Point Averages are based on cumulative grades and are weighted as follows: AP Classes +.5, Honors Classes +.25

A(-/+)	90-100	3.7-4.3
B(-/+)	80-89	2.7-3.3
C(-/+)	70-79	1.7-2.3
D(-/+)	60-69	0.7-1.3

HEADMASTER'S LIST

No grade lower than 90% and a GPA of 3.7 or higher.

DEAN'S LIST

No grade lower than 83% and a GPA of 3.0 or above.

AVERAGE REPORTED TEST SCORES

SAT - 1200

ACT - 25

Additional information regarding academics at Blue Ridge School can be located at <https://www.blueridgeschool.com/academics/>



FISHBURNE LEARNING CENTER

The **Fishburne Learning Center** (FLC) provides personalized learning strategies and tailored programs for students who learn differently.

FLC offers two tiers of academic support to meet a range of learning needs. Tier 1 features a maximum of three students per class, while Tier 2 accommodates up to five students. In the Learning Support elective, students receive daily academic support and targeted instruction designed to strengthen executive functioning skills which include time management, organization, and independent work habits.

Each student works closely with a Learning Specialist who customizes a program based on their unique learning profile– helping them build transferable skills necessary for academic success at BRS and beyond.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

The goal is for the Blue Ridge School boy to move into the world as a “man of character.” We define “character” as how a boy conducts himself when no one is there to judge him – how he holds himself accountable for his own decisions and actions.

We have incorporated character development programs for boys into the school’s curriculum and activities, which we believe will promote growth toward these goals.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Blue Ridge School offers international students the opportunity to strengthen their English skills through the **English Language Learners** (ELL) curriculum. Here, international students have the opportunity to enjoy a challenging college-preparatory program with English as the primary language and also to embrace American culture, celebrations, festivals, and way of life.

Our English Language Learners program is meant to challenge and guide our international students successfully from Blue Ridge to the university level. Students enjoy films, music, sports, outdoor programs, and a project-based learning educational program all while immersed in the English language.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Blue Ridge School’s Outdoor Education Program encourages students to engage with nature every day.

The Program includes outdoor electives, afternoon activities - such as mountain biking, fishing, and rock climbing - and destination trips on the weekends.

We believe that exposing our students to the outdoors and teaching respect for the natural world not only benefits the planet but also makes our students better people. The outdoor elective curriculum is interdisciplinary and provides unique opportunities for students throughout an entire trimester.

A SELECTION OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FROM 2018-2025

Typically, 100 percent of Blue Ridge School students are accepted to four year colleges and universities.

*Denotes matriculation of one or more students.

Adelphi University
American University*
Appalachian State University*
Arizona State University
Asbury University
Assumption University
Auburn University
Averett University
Belmont Abbey College*
Beloit College
Bethany College
Bethune-Cookman University
Binghamton University
Boise State University*
Boston College*
Boston University*
Brandeis University
Brevard College*
Bridgewater College*
Brown University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Butler University
California College of the Arts
California State University (Long Beach)
Campbell University
Capital University
Carleton University
Case Western Reserve University*
Centenary University
Centre College
Charleston Southern University
Chatham University
Chowan University
Christopher Newport University*
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Cleveland State University
Coastal Carolina University*
Coe College
Colgate University
College of Charleston*
College of William and Mary
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines
Concordia College at Moorhead
Cornell College
Dartmouth College
Denison University*
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
East Carolina University
Eastern Michigan University
Eckerd College
Elizabeth City State University
Elon University*
Emerson College
Emory University*
Emory & Henry College*
Fairleigh Dickinson University (Florham)
Fashion Institute of Technology
Ferris State University
Ferrum College
Florida Atlantic University*
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College*
Furman University*
George Mason University*

George Washington University*
Georgia Southern University*
Georgia State University
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Grand Valley State University
Hampden-Sydney College*
Hampton University*
Harvard University*
Haverford College*
High Point University*
Hobart and William Smith Colleges*
Hood College*
Hope College
Howard University
I.E University Madrid*
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Jackson State University
Jacobs University Bremen*
James Madison University*
Johns Hopkins University*
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
Keiser University
Kent State University*
Lake Forest College
La Roche University
Lehigh University*
Liberty University*
Longwood University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Maryland*
Lynn University*
Marshall University
McDaniel College
Mercer University
Merrimack College*
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University*
Middlebury College*
Mississippi State University
Montana State University
Morehead State University
Morehouse College*
Mount St. Mary's University - Maryland*
New York University*
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina Wesleyan University
Northeastern University
Northern Michigan University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Occidental College
Ohio State University-Main Campus
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University*
Old Dominion University
Pennsylvania State University
Penn State University (University Park)
Pepperdine University
Purdue University*
Queens University of Charlotte*
Quinnipiac University
Radford University*
Randolph College*
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Roanoke College
Robert Morris University
Rochester Institute of Technology*
Roger Williams University
Rollins College

Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Saint Louis University
Saint Michael's College
Savannah College of Art and Design*
Seton Hill University
Sewanee: The University of the South*
Siena Heights University
Skidmore College*
Southern Methodist University
St. John's University
St. Lawrence University
St. Thomas Aquinas College
Stevenson University
SUNY Maritime College
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A & M University*
Texas Tech
The Catholic University of America
The College of Wooster
The University of Alabama
The University of Iowa
The University of New South Wales-Sydney*
The University of South Carolina
The University of Tampa*
The University of Tennessee at Knoxville
The University of Texas at San Antonio
The University of Vermont
Towson University*
Trinity University
Tulane University
Union College (New York)*
University of Arkansas*
University of California (Merced)
University of California Los Angeles*
University of California-Berkeley*
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine*
University of California-Riverside*
University of California-Santa Barbara*
University of California, San Diego
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Connecticut*
University of Denver*
University of Detroit Mercy*
University of Hartford*
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
University of Iowa*
University of Kentucky*
University of Lynchburg
University of Mary Washington
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Miami
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Mississippi*
University of Missouri-Columbia*
University of New Hampshire (Main Campus)
University of New Orleans*
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
University of North at Charlotte
University of North at Greensboro
University of North Carolina at Wilmington*
University of North Dakota*
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus
University of Oklahoma
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rochester*

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University of Southern California*
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University of Tampa
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga*
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Toledo
University of Toronto*
University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Virginia*
University of Virginia's College at Wise
University of Washington*
University of Washington (Tacoma Campus)
University of West Florida*
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Ursinus College
Utah State University*
Vermont State University
Virginia Commonwealth University*
Virginia Military Institute*
Virginia Tech
Virginia Wesleyan University
Washington College
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington University in St. Louis
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