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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

CURRICULAR 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	George Washington University*	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of San Francisco
American University*	Georgia Southern University*	Saint Louis University	University of Southern California*
Appalachian State University*	Georgia State University	Saint Michael's College	University of Southern Maine
Arizona State University	Gonzaga University	Savannah College of Art and Design*	University of Tampa
Asbury University	Goucher College	Seton Hill University	University of Tennessee, Chattanooga*
Assumption University	Grand Valley State University	Sewanee: The University of the South*	University of Texas at Dallas
Auburn University	Hampden-Sydney College*	Siena Heights University	University of Toledo
Averett University	Hampton University*	Skidmore College*	University of Toronto*
Belmont Abbey College*	Harvard University*	Southern Methodist University	University of Tulsa
Beloit College	Haverford College*	St. John's University	University of Utah
Bethany College	High Point University*	St. Lawrence University	University of Virginia*
Bethune-Cookman University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges*	St. Thomas Aquinas College	University of Virginia's College at Wise
Binghamton University	Hood College*	Stevenson University	University of Washington*
Boise State University*	Hope College	SUNY Maritime College	University of Washington (Tacoma Campus)
Boston College*	Howard University	Susquehanna University	University of West Florida*
Boston University*	I.E University Madrid*	Syracuse University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Brandeis University	Indiana University (Bloomington)	Temple University	Ursinus College
Brevard College*	Jackson State University	Texas A & M University*	Utah State University*
Bridgewater College*	Jacobs University Bremen*	Texas Tech	Vermont State University
Brown University	James Madison University*	The Catholic University of America	Virginia Commonwealth University*
Bryant University	Johns Hopkins University*	The College of Wooster	Virginia Military Institute*
Bucknell University	Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	The University of Alabama	Virginia Tech
Butler University	Keiser University	The University of Iowa	Virginia Wesleyan University
California College of the Arts	Kent State University*	The University of New South Wales-Sydney*	Washington College
California State University (Long Beach)	Lake Forest College	The University of South Carolina	Washington & Jefferson College
Campbell University	La Roche University	The University of Tampa*	Washington University in St. Louis
Capital University	Lehigh University*	The University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Webber International University
Carleton University	Liberty University*	The University of Texas at San Antonio	West Virginia University
Case Western Reserve University*	Longwood University	The University of Vermont	Western Carolina University
Centenary University	Louisiana State University	Towson University*	Western Colorado University*
Centre College	Loyola University Maryland*	Trinity University	Western New England University*
Charleston Southern University	Lynn University*	Tulane University	Williams College
Chatham University	Marshall University	Union College (New York)*	Wingate University
Chowan University	McDaniel College	University of Arkansas*	Wittenberg University
Christopher Newport University*	Mercer University	University of California (Merced)	Wofford College
Clarkson University	Merrimack College*	University of California Los Angeles*	Xavier University
Clemson University	Miami University-Oxford	University of California-Berkeley*	Young Harris College
Cleveland State University	Michigan State University*	University of California-Davis	
Coastal Carolina University*	Middlebury College*	University of California-Irvine*	
Coe College	Mississippi State University	University of California-Riverside*	
Colgate University	Montana State University	University of California-Santa Barbara*	
College of Charleston*	Morehead State University	University of California, San Diego	
College of William and Mary	Morehouse College*	University of Central Florida	
Colorado Mesa University	Mount St. Mary's University - Maryland*	University of Colorado at Boulder	
Colorado School of Mines	New York University*	University of Connecticut*	
Concordia College at Moorhead	North Carolina A&T State University	University of Denver*	
Cornell College	North Carolina Central University	University of Detroit Mercy*	
Dartmouth College	North Carolina Wesleyan University	University of Hartford*	
Denison University*	Northeastern University	University of Illinois at Chicago	
DePauw University	Northern Michigan University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*	
Dickinson College	Northwestern University	University of Iowa*	
Drexel University	Nova Southeastern University	University of Kentucky*	
East Carolina University	Occidental College	University of Lynchburg	
Eastern Michigan University	Ohio State University-Main Campus	University of Mary Washington	
Eckerd College	Ohio University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	
Elizabeth City State University	Ohio Wesleyan University*	University of Miami	
Elon University*	Old Dominion University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	
Emerson College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Mississippi*	
Emory University*	Penn State University (University Park)	University of Missouri-Columbia*	
Emory & Henry College*	Pepperdine University	University of New Hampshire (Main Campus)	
Fairleigh Dickinson University (Florham)	Purdue University*	University of New Orleans*	
Fashion Institute of Technology	Queens University of Charlotte*	University of North Carolina at Asheville	
Ferris State University	Quinnipiac University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*	
Ferrum College	Radford University*	University of North at Charlotte	
Florida Atlantic University*	Randolph College*	University of North at Greensboro	
Florida Institute of Technology	Randolph-Macon College	University of North Carolina at Wilmington*	
Florida International University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of North Dakota*	
Florida State University	Roanoke College	University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus	
Fordham University	Robert Morris University	University of Oklahoma	
Franklin & Marshall College*	Rochester Institute of Technology*	University of Pennsylvania	
Furman University*	Roger Williams University	University of Rochester*	
George Mason University*	Rollins College		

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