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## SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

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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

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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

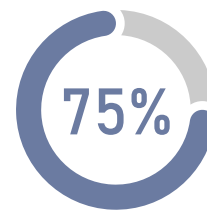
Outdoor Expedition Skills (Fall), Ornithology (Spring), Wilderness First Aid (Spring), Outdoor Appreciation (Fall), Appalachian Studies (Spring), Outdoor Leadership

### 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\*

University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California\*  
University of Southern Maine  
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  
Webber International University  
West Virginia University  
Western Carolina University  
Western Colorado University\*  
Western New England University\*  
Williams College  
Wingate University  
Wittenberg University  
Wofford College  
Xavier University  
Young Harris College

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