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## 2013-2014 SCHOOL PROFILE

### OVERVIEW

Founded in 1988, the mission of The Bear Creek School is to provide a classical Christian education in a nurturing environment that will enable each student to become the individual God intends. The Bear Creek School is accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission and the Northwest Association of Independent Schools. A member of the Pacific Northwest Association of College Admission Counseling, Bear Creek complies with the NACAC Statement of Principles and Good Practice.

### 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), teacher recommendations, and a personal interview are required.

### ENROLLMENT

The total enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year is 673, kindergarten through grade twelve. The Upper School enrollment is 229 students, of whom 57 are seniors.

### FACULTY

Thirty-six faculty teach in the Upper School, with 60% holding academic degrees at the master's level or above.

### COURSE LOAD

The standard course load is seven classes per semester. The average class size is 12.

### CURRICULUM

The Bear Creek School's curriculum is a rigorous, college preparatory program. All students take a balanced and comprehensive core of classes. In addition to the core classes, students must complete a fourth credit in at least one of the following: world language, math, or science.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English/Rhetoric	4.5
History	4.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
Christian Studies/Philosophy	3.0
World Language	3.0
Physical Education	1.5
Health	0.5
Washington State History	0.5
General Electives	2.0
Fine Arts Electives	0.5
Senior Capstone Project	0.5

Total 27.0 credits minimum

### NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

	Recognized/Class Size		
Class of 2009	7/33 students		21%
Class of 2010	6/47 students		13%
Class of 2011	4/44 students		9%
Class of 2012	13/57 students		23%
Class of 2013	9/45 students		20%
Class of 2014	12/57 students		21%

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Students have the opportunity to enroll in the following Advanced Placement courses: Biology, Physics B, Chemistry, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, U.S. History, European History, Music Theory, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics.

### AP SUMMARY STATISTICS

For all AP exams taken in 2013:

Students tested	107
Exams taken	188
% of grades 10-12 testing	67%
% scoring "3" or higher	89%
% scoring "4" or higher	68%
% scoring "5"	42%

### STANDARDIZED TEST PERFORMANCE

Class of 2014 junior year SAT distribution (as of June 2013):

Range	CR	M	W
800-750	3	11	5
740-700	12	7	8
690-650	13	9	10
640-600	6	9	13
590-550	9	9	7
540-500	6	6	4
490-450	2	0	3
440-below	1	1	2

Statistics represent the middle 50% range and mean SAT scores during the junior year for the Class of 2014 (as of June 2013).

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
Mean	635	650	628
Mid-50%	570-710	570-720	570-720

For the Class of 2013, the mid-50% ranged from 540-670 on Critical Reading, from 580-700 on Math, and from 600-670 on Writing.

For the Class of 2012, the mid-50% ranged from 580-710 on Critical Reading, from 580-740 on Math, and from 580-710 on Writing.

## GRADING SCALE

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

## CALCULATION OF GPA

All Upper School grades are based on an A to F, 4.0 scale. Course grades are not weighted. Only grades earned at The Bear Creek School are included in the GPA calculation.

## RANKING POLICY

The Bear Creek School does not rank students but provides the following distribution to highlight the academic strength of the senior class.

## CLASS OF 2014 GPA DISTRIBUTION

GPA	Students
4.0	2
3.99-3.75	26
3.74-3.50	5
3.49-3.25	4
3.24-3.00	9
2.99-2.75	5
2.74-2.50	3
2.49-2.25	2
2.24-2.00	0

(Represents all Bear Creek courses through the end of the junior year)

## ACADEMIC HONORS

Head's List	3.50-4.00
Dean's List	3.00-3.49

## DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

The Bear Creek School reports all serious breaches of our community's honor code and will report potentially harmful patterns of behavior resulting in suspension or expulsion from the school.

## UNIVERSITY BOUND

As a college preparatory environment, typically 100% of our graduates enroll in domestic or international 4-year colleges or universities within one calendar year of graduation.

## FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Bear Creek Upper School students may participate in four separate year-round vocal and instrumental performance groups, as well as two theater performances each year.

Classes are offered in studio art, painting, sculpture and mixed media, film and digital photography, and graphic design.

## ATHLETICS

Upper School athletics teams compete in the Sea-Tac 2B League. Seven of the 14 Bear Creek varsity teams won league titles, five teams won district titles, and two teams won State Championships (girls soccer and girls golf) during the 2012-2013 school year.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service is an integral part of our school community and an important opportunity to serve others and follow Christ's example of servant leadership. All Upper School students complete a minimum of 100 hours of community service by the end of their senior year, spreading their service throughout the school, community, and world.

## SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECT

All seniors are required to develop and present a senior project prior to graduation. Projects are approved by a faculty advisor. Presentations are evaluated by a panel of faculty and administrators.

## SAMPLE OF RECENT SENIOR PROJECTS

Climbing and Study of Mt. Kilimanjaro  
Discovering da Vinci: Revolutions in Surgical Technology  
Photojournalism in Cameroon  
Ancient Egyptian Novel  
The Poetry of Service  
Architecture Across the Ages  
Mechanical and Cosmetic Restoration of a Vintage Automobile

## COLLEGE ADMISSION AND PLACEMENT

\*Matriculated

Baylor University\*  
Boston College  
Brown University  
Bryan Mawr College  
California College of the Arts\*  
California Institute of Technology\*  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo\*  
University of California, Berkeley\*  
University of California, Los Angeles\*  
Calvin College\*  
Carnegie Mellon University\*  
Claremont McKenna\*  
College of William and Mary\*  
University of Chicago\*  
Columbia University\*  
Cornell University\*  
Dartmouth College\*  
Duke University\*  
The University of Edinburgh\*  
Emory University\*  
Fordham University\*  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gonzaga University\*  
Harvey Mudd College\*  
University of Illinois\*  
Johns Hopkins University\*  
London School of Economics  
Macalister College\*  
McGill University (CAN)  
Middlebury College\*  
University of Michigan\*  
Mount Holyoke College  
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology\*  
New York University\*  
The University of North Carolina  
Northwestern University\*  
University of Notre Dame\*  
University of the Pacific\*  
University of Pennsylvania\*  
Pepperdine University\*  
University of Pittsburgh\*  
Purdue University\*  
Rice University\*  
University of St. Andrews\*  
St. Olaf College\*  
University of San Diego\*  
Santa Clara University\*  
Smith College  
University of Southern California\*  
Stanford University\*  
Trinity College Dublin\*  
Tulane University\*  
Vanderbilt University\*  
University of Virginia\*  
Wake Forest University\*  
University of Washington\*  
Washington State University\*  
Washington University in St Louis\*  
Wesleyan College\*  
Western Washington University\*  
Westmont College\*  
Wheaton College\*  
Whitman College\*  
Whitworth University\*  
Williams College\*