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2015-2016 SCHOOL PROFILE

OVERVIEW

Founded in 1988, the mission of The Bear Creek School is to provide a high quality, Christian liberal arts education in a nurturing environment that will enable each student to become the individual God intends. The Bear Creek School is accredited by the AdvancED/Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) and the Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS). 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 2015-2016 school year is 697, kindergarten through grade twelve. The Upper School enrollment is 233 students, of whom 61 are seniors. This year, the school awarded \$1.6 million in need-based aid to 20% of our students.

FACULTY

Twenty-eight faculty teach in the Upper School, with 61% 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 14.

CURRICULUM

The Bear Creek School's curriculum is a rigorous, college preparatory program. All students take a balanced and comprehensive core of classes. Students must complete four credits 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 2015	7/48 students	15%
Class of 2014	12/57 students	21%
Class of 2013	9/45 students	20%
Class of 2012	13/57 students	23%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Students have the opportunity to enroll in the following Advanced Placement courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, European History, Music Theory, Physics 1, Statistics, and U.S. History.

AP SUMMARY STATISTICS, 2015

Students Tested	120
Exams Taken	206
% of Grades 10-12 testing	71%
% scoring "3" or higher	86%
% scoring "4" or higher	63%
% scoring "5"	33%

CLASS OF 2016 JUNIOR YEAR

SAT DISTRIBUTION

As of June 2015				
Range	CR	M	W	
800-750	4	4	7	
740-700	11	7	6	
690-650	7	14	10	
640-600	8	10	12	
590-550	13	12	8	
540-500	3	4	5	
490-450	2	2	2	
440-below	5	0	3	

STANDARDIZED TEST PERFORMANCE

Statistics represent the middle 50% range and mean SAT scores achieved by the end of the junior year for the Class of 2016.

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
Mean	615	634	629
Mid-50%	560-700	570-680	560-690

For the Class of 2015, the mid-50% ranged from 540-720 on Critical Reading, from 520-700 on Math, and from 560-730 on Writing.

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GRADING SCALE

Course grades are not weighted. Only grades earned at The Bear Creek School are included in the GPA calculation. Upper School courses taken in Middle School count towards graduation credits. They are identified in the Notes section of the transcript and are included in the GPA.

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

RANKING POLICY

The Bear Creek School does not rank students but provides the following distribution from the Class of 2016 to highlight the academic strength of the senior class. Grades reflect courses taken through junior year.

GPA	#Students
4.0	4
3.99-3.75	23
3.74-3.50	12
3.49-3.25	13
3.24-3.00	5
2.99-2.75	2
2.74-2.50	4
2.49-2.25	3
2.24-2.00	0

ACADEMIC HONORS

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

DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

Bear Creek will provide information on student disciplinary action involving suspension and expulsion to those colleges that request disclosure.

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 theatre performances each year.

JANTERM

JanTerm is a two week mini-semester

during which all Upper School students enroll in four topical seminars taught by Bear Creek faculty. Approximately 75 classes are offered annually. Course titles are listed on the transcript.

ATHLETICS

All 16 of the Upper School athletics teams compete in the Emerald City 1A League. Approximately 75% of Upper School students participate in at least one sport during the academic year. Last year, one track student earned a state championship while two of the 15 Bear Creek varsity teams won league titles. The Grizzlies have earned eight WIAA Scholastic Cups.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service is an integral part of our school values. All Upper School students complete a minimum of 100 hours of community service by the end of their senior year. The class of 2016 averaged over 200 hours.

SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECT

All seniors are required to develop and present a senior project prior to graduation. Projects are approved by a faculty advisor and evaluated by a panel of faculty and administrators. Recent senior projects include: Discovering da Vinci: Revolutions in Surgical Technology, Photojournalism in Cameroon, Ancient Egyptian Novel, The Poetry of Service, Impact of Human Trafficking, Architecture Across the Ages, and Eastern and Western Approaches to Oncology.

COLLEGE ADMISSION AND PLACEMENT

As a college preparatory environment, typically 100% of our graduates matriculate at 4-year colleges or universities. Because of the number and diversity of colleges that have accepted our students, this is only a partial list.

**Matriculated*

Baylor University*
Boston College
Brown University*
University of California, Berkeley*
University of California, Los Angeles*
California Institute of Technology*
California Polytechnic State University*
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*
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College*
University of Illinois*
Johns Hopkins University*
London School of Economics
Macalister College*
McGill University (Canada)
Middlebury College*
University of Michigan*
Mount Holyoke College
New York University*
The University of North Carolina
Northwestern University*
University of Notre Dame*
University of Pennsylvania*
Pomona College
Princeton University
Purdue University*
Rice University*
Skidmore College
Scripps College*
University of St. Andrews*
St. Olaf College*
University of San Diego*
Santa Clara University*
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
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*
Wellesley College*
Wesleyan College*
Western Washington University*
Westmont College*
Wheaton College*
Whitman College*
Whitworth University*
Williams College*