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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 Pacific 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 2011-2012 school year is 692, kindergarten through grade twelve. The Upper School enrollment is 220 students, of whom 58 are seniors.

FACULTY

Forty-two faculty teach in the Upper School, with 60% holding academic degrees at the Masters 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. 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 2009	7/33 students
Class of 2010	6/47 students
Class of 2011	4/44 students
Class of 2012	13/57 students

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Students have the opportunity to enroll in Advanced Placement courses offered in Biology, Physics, Chemistry, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, U.S. History, European History, Calculus A/B and B/C, and Statistics. Other AP courses may be offered based on interest.

AP SUMMARY STATISTICS 2011

Students Tested	121
Exams Taken	184
% of Grades 10-12 testing	81%
% scoring "3" or higher	86%
% scoring "4" or higher	66%
% scoring "5"	42%

CLASS OF 2012 JUNIOR YEAR SAT DISTRIBUTION (AS OF 6/11)

Range	CR	M	W
750-800	14	8	8
700-740	4	9	11
650-690	12	11	7
600-640	7	10	11
550-590	7	9	9
500-540	3	4	5
450-490	8	2	4
440-below	0	2	0

STANDARDIZED TEST PERFORMANCE

Statistics represent the middle 50% range and mean SAT scores during the junior year for the Class of 2012 (as of last June).

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
Mean	642	641	640
Mid-50%	580-710	580-740	580-710

For the Class of 2011, the mid-50% ranged from 570-700 on Critical Reading, from 570-680 on Math, and from 560-670 on Writing.

For the Class of 2010, the mid-50% ranged from 550-680 on Critical Reading, from 520-670 on Math, and 550-650 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 2012 GPA Distribution

GPA	#Students
4.0	2
3.75-3.99	24
3.50-3.74	17
3.25-3.49	6
3.00-3.24	2
2.75-2.99	3
2.50-2.74	2
2.25-2.49	1
2.00-2.24	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

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.

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.

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.

Upper School classes are offered in Art History, Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Graphic Design and Photography.

ATHLETICS

Bear Creek Upper School athletic teams compete in SeaTac league at the 2B level. Six of fourteen Grizzly teams won league titles and twelve participated in post-season playoffs in the 2010-11 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
Design and hand-crafting of wood flute

Mechanical and cosmetic restoration of vintage automobile

3-D Modeling of The Bear Creek School

Climbing and study of Mt. Kilimanjaro

Peace Corps trip to El Salvador

Founding of a Math Tutoring Business

Performance of Japanese Tea Ceremony

Field Guide for Haystack Rock (OR)

Jewelry Design Business for Relief of Human Trafficking

COLLEGE ADMISSION AND PLACEMENT

**Matriculated, Classes of 2007-2011*

Baylor University*
Boston College
Brown University
California Institute of Technology*
California Polytechnic State University*
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles*
Carnegie Mellon University*
Chapman University*
College of William and Mary*
University of Chicago*
Columbia University*
Cornell University*
Dartmouth College
Duke University*
The University of Edinburgh*
Emory University*
Gonzaga University*
Harvey Mudd College*
University of Illinois*
Johns Hopkins University
London School of Economics
McGill University (CAN)
Middlebury College*
University of Michigan
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*
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*
University of Virginia*
Wake Forest University*
University of Washington*
Washington State University*
Washington University in St Louis
Western Washington University*
Westmont College*
Wheaton College*
Whitman College*
Whitworth University*
Williams College*