



THE  
BEAR CREEK  
SCHOOL



## 2017 – 2018 SCHOOL PROFILE

### CEEB/ACT Code: 481592

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### Enrollment 2017-2018

Preschool - Grade 12: 793  
Upper School Enrollment: 223  
Senior Class: 51

### Faculty

Upper School Faculty - 29  
Middle School and Upper School  
Faculty with advanced degrees - 69%

### Honors and Recognition

Bear Creek is a 2014 National Blue  
Ribbon School of Excellence



Founded in 1988 and graduating a senior class since 2000, The Bear Creek School has grown to include 793 students in preschool through grade 12. In the fall of 2015, we opened our new 50,000 square-foot Upper School building and Performing Arts Center. The new building has a distinctive collegiate style designed to shape the way students collaborate, build community, and fully invest in the high school experience.

### Mission and Values

*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.*

### Curriculum

The Bear Creek School's curriculum is a rigorous, college preparatory program.

- **In Literature:** focusing on the great books—books read by the intellectual giants of our culture, books that are great teachers
- **In History:** teaching the significance of history as part of the flow of the Western civilization continuum
- **In Language:** teaching Latin in Lower School, Early Middle School, and Middle School, and as an option in Upper School
- **In the Classics:** educating Upper School students in logic, philosophy, ethics, rhetoric, and apologetics

### Accreditations

- Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS)
- AdvancED/Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC)

### 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.

### International Students

The Bear Creek School accepts international students in grades 9-11. During the 2016-2017 academic year, the school had 25 international students from several countries.

## Ranking Policy

The Bear Creek School does not rank students but provides the following distribution from the Class of 2018.

Grades reflect courses taken through junior year.

GPA	#Students
4.0	3
3.99-3.75	16
3.74-3.50	12
3.49-3.25	11
3.24-3.00	3
2.99-2.75	4
2.74-2.50	1
2.49-2.25	1
2.24-2.00	0

## 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

For graduation, students must have 4.0 credits in one of the following subjects: math, science, or languages.

## Grading Scale

Course grades are not weighted. Only grades earned at The Bear Creek School are included in the GPA calculation.

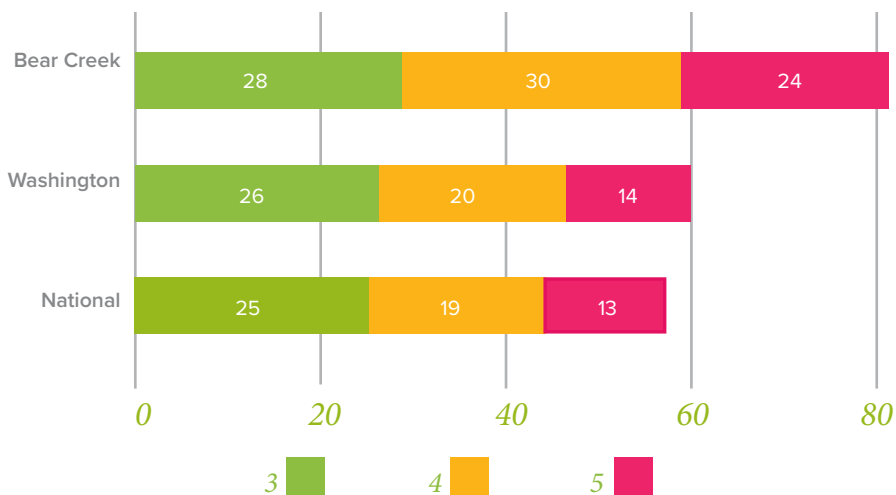
GPA	Percent	Grade
4.0	100-94	A
3.7	93-90	A-
3.3	89-87	B+
3.0	86-83	B
2.7	82-80	B-
2.3	79-77	C+
2.0	76-73	C
1.7	72-70	C-
1.3	69-67	D+
1.0	66-60	D

## Advanced Placement Program

Admission to AP classes is not restricted. However, students must apply to take more than 2 AP courses per year. In 2017-2018, 13 AP classes will be offered.

AP Students Tested in 2017	AP Exams Taken	AP Scholar Report
137	254	AP Scholars 17
% scoring 3 or higher 82%		AP Scholars with Honors 18
% scoring 4 or higher 58%		AP Scholars with Distinction 22
% scoring 5 24%		National AP Scholars 5

Percentage of students scoring 3, 4, and 5 on AP Exams in 2017

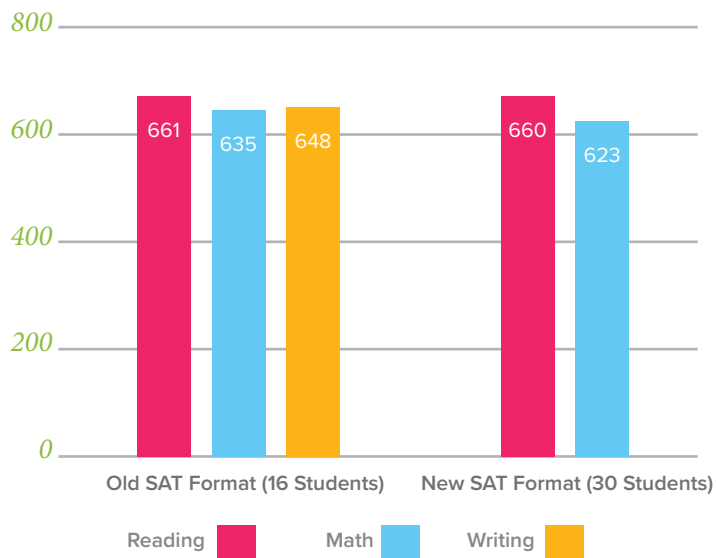


## National Merit Recognition

15% Class of 2015      11% Class of 2016      14% Class of 2017

## SAT Performance

Statistics represent the mean SAT scores achieved by the Class of 2017.



## Course Load

The standard course load is seven classes per semester. The average class size is 14.

## Classes Offered

### English and Rhetoric

Honors Ancient Literature  
Honors Medieval and Renaissance Literature  
Honors Enlightenment and American Literature  
Honors Senior English Rhetoric  
AP English Language and Composition  
AP English Literature and Composition

### History

Honors Ancient and World History  
Honors European History  
Honors United States History  
Art History, Culture, and Appreciation  
United States Government and Politics  
AP European History  
AP United States History

### Math and Computer Science

Algebra 1  
Geometry  
Algebra 2  
Advanced Mathematics  
Precalculus  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics  
Multivariable Calculus

### Science

Conceptual Physics  
Chemistry  
Honors Chemistry  
Honors Biology  
Advanced Topics: Engineering, Technology, and Design  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics 1

### Christian Studies

Early Christian Thought and Practice  
Medieval Christian Thought and Practice  
Modern Christian Thought and Practice  
Worldview Capstone  
Logic

### Languages

English Language Learning (ELL)  
French I, II, III, IV  
Latin I, II, III, IV, V  
Spanish I, II, III, IV  
AP Latin

### Fine and Performing Arts

Graphic Design 1, 2  
Photography 1, 2  
Advanced Graphics and Photography  
Studio Art 1, 2, 3  
Sculpture and Mixed Media  
Advanced Studio Art 1, 2  
Drama  
Musical Theater  
Choir  
Jazz Band  
Sinfonia  
Vocal Ensemble  
AP Music Theory

### Physical Education

Health  
Strength Training

### Electives

AP Computer Science A  
Forensics  
Yearbook

### Athletics

Bear Creek has 16 varsity athletics teams which primarily compete in the Emerald City 1A league.

- Approximately 70% of Upper School students play at least 1 sport
- 53 League Championships
- 83 team state appearances
- 6 team state championships
- 15 individual state championships

### 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. Some courses offered have been:

- Experiencing Opera: La Traviata by Verdi
- It's Only Natural – An Introduction to Scientific Illustration
- Lord of the Drones: One Drone to Rule Them All

- Programming in C – What You Won't Learn in Java or C#
- Society, Surveillance and a World Without Work
- Bear Creek Kierkegaard Society presents Works of Love
- Border Conflicts: Israel and Palestine/North Korea and South Korea/India and Pakistan
- Me Like Fire! The Art and Science of Grilling
- Custom Boardgaming Design
- The Write Stuff
- Urban Sketching

## 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 2017 averaged over 150 hours.

## Disciplinary Consequences

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

## 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:

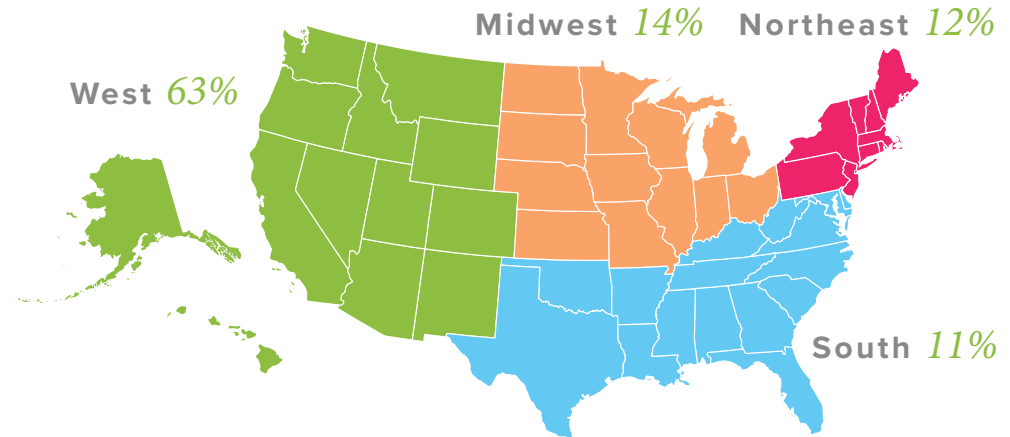
- From Sheep to Sweater
- Creating a Language
- Interviewing Politicians
- Jazz Composition and Recording
- Art Therapy for Assault Victims
- Words: How They Hurt and How They Heal
- Vintage Fashion Show
- Sculptures that Interact with the Wind
- Working with Refugees
- Love and Art
- Creating a Synth Sound Wave

*Invested in students. Intentional in outcome.*

# COLLEGE CHOICES

## Matriculation for the classes of 2013-2017 (248 students over 5 years)

In-State	38%
Out-of-State	62%
Private	60%
Public	40%
Christian	38%
Secular	62%



## Acceptance for the classes of 2013-2017 (Matriculation bold)

Abilene Christian University	Connecticut College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Miami
American University	Corban University	The Master's University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	<b>University of Michigan</b>
Amherst College	<b>Cornell College</b>	Messiah College	<b>Scripps College</b>	University of Minnesota
Arizona State University	Cornell University	Michigan State University	<b>Seattle Pacific University</b>	University of Missouri Columbia
Assumption College	<b>Cornish College of the Arts</b>	Michigan Technological University	<b>Seattle University</b>	The University of Montana
Auburn University	Covenant College	Middlebury College	<b>Shoreline Community College</b>	University of New Mexico
Australian National University	<b>Dartmouth College</b>	Mills College	Simmons College	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<b>Azusa Pacific University</b>	Davidson College	<b>Montana State University</b>	Skidmore College	<b>University of North Dakota</b>
Babson College	Dickinson College	Mount Holyoke College	Smith College	<b>University of Notre Dame</b>
Barnard College	<b>DigiPen Institute of Technology</b>	Neumont University	Southern Methodist University	The University of Oklahoma
Bates College	<b>Dominican University of California</b>	The New School, Parsons School of Design	St. John's University	University of Oregon
<b>Baylor University</b>	<b>Dordt College</b>	<b>New York University</b>	St. Mary's University	University of Oxford
<b>Bellevue College</b>	Drake University	North Carolina State University	St. Olaf College	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>
Belmont University	Drexel University	<b>Northeastern University</b>	<b>Stanford University</b>	University of Pittsburgh
Bentley University	Duke University	Northern Arizona University	Stony Brook University	University of Portland
<b>Bethel University-MN</b>	<b>Durham University</b>	<b>Northern Michigan University</b>	Swarthmore College	<b>University of Puget Sound</b>
<b>Biola University</b>	<b>Eastern Washington University</b>	Northwest University	Syracuse University	University of Richmond
Boise State University	Emerson College	Northwestern University	Temple University	<b>University of San Diego</b>
Boston College	Emory University	Norwich University	<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b>	University of San Francisco
<b>Boston University</b>	<b>Fashion Institute of Technology</b>	Notre Dame De Namur University	<b>Texas Christian University</b>	<b>University of Southern California</b>
Bowdoin College	Florida Gulf Coast University	<b>Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences</b>	Trinity College	University of St Andrews
<b>Brandeis University</b>	Florida Southern University	Occidental College	<b>Trinity Western University</b>	University of Tampa
<b>Brown University</b>	Florida State University	The Ohio State University	Tufts University	University of Tennessee
Bryn Mawr College	Florida State University	<b>Oregon State University</b>	<b>Tulane University</b>	United States Coast Guard Academy
Bucknell University	Fordham University	<b>Pacific Lutheran University</b>	United States Military Academy - Westpoint	United States Naval Academy
Butler University	Furman University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University College London	University of Virginia
California College of the Arts	<b>George Fox University</b>	Parsons School of Design	The University of Alabama	<b>University of Washington</b>
<b>California Institute of Technology</b>	George Mason University	<b>Pennsylvania State University</b>	<b>The University of Arizona</b>	<b>University of Washington, Bothell</b>
<b>California Lutheran University</b>	The George Washington University	<b>Pepperdine University</b>	The University of British Columbia	University of Waterloo
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Georgetown University	Pitzer College	<b>University of California, Berkeley</b>	<b>University of Wisconsin, Madison</b>
<b>California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo</b>	<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of California, Davis	<b>University of York</b>
California State University, Fullerton	Gonzaga University	Pomona College	University of California, Irvine	Vanderbilt University
California State University, Long Beach	Gordon College	Portland State University	<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>	<b>Vanguard University of Southern California</b>
<b>Calvin College</b>	<b>Grand Canyon University</b>	Pratt Institute	University of California, Riverside	Vassar College
Carleton College	Grinnell College	Princeton University	<b>University of California, Santa Barbara</b>	<b>Villanova University</b>
<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	Guilford College	Providence College	University of California, Santa Cruz	Virginia Tech
Carroll College	Hamilton College	Purdue University	<b>University of Cambridge</b>	Wake Forest University
<b>Case Western Reserve University</b>	Hamline University	Queen's University	University of Central Florida	Walla Walla University
Central Washington University	Harvard University	<b>Reed College</b>	The University of Chicago	Washington and Lee University
<b>Chapman University</b>	Harvey Mudd College	Regis University	<b>University of Cincinnati</b>	<b>Washington State University</b>
Claremont McKenna College	Haverford College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	<b>University of Colorado, Boulder</b>	Washington University in St. Louis
<b>Clark University</b>	<b>Hawaii Pacific University</b>	<b>Ringling College of Art and Design</b>	University of Connecticut	<b>Wellesley College</b>
Clemson University	High Point University	Rhode Island College	University of Dayton	<b>Wesleyan University</b>
<b>Colgate University</b>	<b>Hillsdale College</b>	Rhodes College	University of Denver	<b>Western Washington University</b>
College for Creative Studies	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	<b>Rice University</b>	The University of Georgia	<b>Westmont College</b>
College of Charleston	James Madison University	Rochester Institute of Technology	<b>University of Hawaii</b>	<b>Wheaton College-IL</b>
The College of Idaho	The Johns Hopkins University	Rollins College	<b>University of Idaho</b>	<b>Whittier College</b>
College of the Holy Cross	Kenyon College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign</b>	Whitman College
The College of William and Mary	The King's College	Rutgers University	University of Iowa	<b>Whitworth University</b>
Colorado College	<b>Knox College</b>	Saint Martin's University	<b>University of Kansas</b>	<b>Willamette University</b>
<b>Colorado Mountain College</b>	Lafayette College	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Massachusetts	Williams College
<b>Colorado School of Mines</b>	Lehigh University	<b>San Diego State University</b>		Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Colorado State University	Lewis & Clark College	San Francisco Art Institute		Yale University
Columbia University	Liberty University	San Francisco State University		York University
Columbia College Chicago	<b>Lindenwood University</b>	San Jose State University		
Concordia University	Linfield College	<b>Santa Clara University</b>		
	Lipscomb University			
	Loyola Marymount University			
	<b>Loyola University Chicago</b>			
	<b>Macalester College</b>			
	<b>Marquette University</b>			