



Blue Ridge Christian School Profile

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Blue Ridge Christian School is a private, Christian school located in Bridgewater, Virginia. Blue Ridge serves approximately 275 students in preschool-12th grade from counties in the Shenandoah Valley.

MISSION

To assist parents and evangelical churches by providing a biblically-based educational program that instills a whole-hearted love of the Lord Jesus Christ, develops godly character, and emphasizes academic excellence.

ACCREDITATION

Blue Ridge Christian School is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) through AdvancED. Through the accreditation process, Blue Ridge is held accountable for strong standards in academics, character development, student activities, and school administration and board governance.

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Blue Ridge offers a variety of science, mathematics, English, foreign language, and history courses including Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and dual enrollment courses. Christian education courses strengthen students' knowledge and understanding of the Scripture and the Christian faith. Blue Ridge offers twenty-two elective courses including fine arts, technology, logic, creative writing, and mock trial. There are forty-eight distinct academic classes taught in a traditional classroom setting featuring a 10:1 teacher to student ratio. Small class sizes encourage classroom participation, provide creative project opportunities, and enhance instructional effectiveness.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES OFFERED

- AP Literature and Composition
- Dual Enrollment United States History I, United States History II, Calculus with Analytic Geometry

GRADING SCALE AND GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Grades and Grade Point Averages are calculated according to the scale shown below. Weighted and unweighted GPAs are shown on student transcripts.

Letter Grade Awarded	Grade Description	Percentage	Standard GPA	Weighted GPA for Honors	Weighted GPA for AP / Dual Enrollment
A	Excellent	90-100%	4.0	4.5	5.0
B	Above Average	80-89%	3.0	3.5	4.0
C	Average	70-79%	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	Below Average	60-69%	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	Failing	Below 60%	0.0	0.0	0.0

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Blue Ridge Christian School offers two diploma options. The Standard Diploma prepares students for entry into the workforce, technical schools, and less competitive colleges. The Advanced Diploma prepares students for entry into competitive four year colleges and universities. Diploma requirements are aligned with graduation requirements established by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

- Bible --4 Credits
- English -- 4 Credits
- Math -- 3 Credits Standard; 4 Credits Advanced
- Science -- 3 Credits Standard; 4 Credits Advanced
- Social Studies -- 4 Credits
- Economics/ Personal Finance – 1 Credit
- Physical Education -- 1.5 Credits
- Health / Driver Education -- .5 Credit
- Foreign Language – 3 Credits of one language OR 2 Credits each of 2 different languages - Advanced
- Electives -- 2 Credits Standard and Advanced, 3 Credits for Standard Diploma Class of 2021 and beyond

Total Credits Required for a Standard Diploma= 23 Credits, 24 Credits for Class of 2021 and beyond

Total Credits Required for an Advanced Diploma= 28 Credits, 29 Credits for Class of 2021 and beyond

TRANSFERRED GRADES

Transcripts reflect all coursework completed at the high school level. Credit is provided for transferred coursework, but only grades achieved at Blue Ridge are reflected in students' GPA.