



2019-2020 COLLEGE PROFILE

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ABOUT GEORGE WALTON ACADEMY

Founded in 1969, GWA was established as an independent college-preparatory coeducational day school and it is located on 60 wooded acres within Walton County. George Walton serves students from twelve counties and represents a wide range of economic, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. GWA's enrollment is 772 students Pre-K3 through 12th grade; the Upper School (grades 9-12) has 293 students, and the Class of 2020 totals 60 students.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

George Walton Academy is a member of the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) and Georgia High School Association (GHSA) Region 8A. GWA is accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission (GAC), Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). GWA holds a membership with the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and Southern Association for College Admission Counseling (SACAC).

MISSION

George Walton Academy provides challenging instruction, engaging experiences and global perspectives designed to inspire lives of intellectual curiosity, integrity, and purpose

WE BELIEVE

- In Judeo-Christian values, while respecting the heritage and beliefs of others.
- In fostering a welcoming and inclusive community where students feel safe to discover and explore their interests and talents.
- Each student is an individual with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual gifts and abilities.
- Education should be relevant, engaging, and designed to equip each student to excel in college and beyond.
- In fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills, imagination, and creativity.
- That promoting positive relationships and mutual respect is a responsibility of every individual.
- Students should be accountable, learn to self-advocate, and take personal responsibility for their work, actions, and educational development.

GLOBAL STUDIES

The Global Studies Program allows our students to develop more self-awareness and empathy through international and domestic travel, as well as classroom curriculum. We want to curate experiences that foster curiosity and compassion, leading to an understanding of the world around them based on experiences rather than assumptions. GWA's program is implemented through three avenues: Cultural Exchange, Service Trips, and Study Tours. We partner with the St. Paul's School in Barcelona, Spain, Dainfern College in Johannesburg, South Africa, and Lycée Georges de la Tour in Metz, France. Through the exchange program, GWA students are partnered with a student from one of our partner schools and participate in a dual exchange – paired students host each other in their homes and attend classes together at the host school at different times of the school year. As a part of the Service Trips, students travel to developing nations to work with local and international organizations to help people in need. One such program is offered as a co-op through Johns Hopkins University and Duke University and allows students to work alongside medical fellows in third world countries to gain career clarity and foster greater personal and global awareness. Through study tours, GWA students travel with GWA faculty to destinations that will enhance curriculum taught in the classroom and allow for hands on learning. Students have traveled to Belize, Spain, Italy, the Galapagos Islands, Washington, DC, Jekyll Island, the United Kingdom, and Virginia.

WINTER TERM

GWA upper school students have opportunities each academic year to gain real-world experience or study non-traditional topics during a three-week intensive winter term titled "Dawg Days." During this time, students take a departure from their regular courses and curriculum and have the choice to participate in internships, travel, or on-campus creative courses that cover a wide range of interests and fields such as Intro to Aviation, Etiquette for Young Adults, Building a Ukulele, and Introduction to Yoga. Students are required to participate and earn a half credit per Winter Term.



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UPPER SCHOOL ADVANCED CURRICULUM

GWA offers 14 AP and 20 honors courses. Students enrolled in an AP course must sit for the corresponding AP exam. In 2019, 84 GWA students took 175 AP exams with 63% of exams scoring a 3 or above.

ENGLISH:

World Literature
World Literature Honors
American Literature
American Literature Honors
British Literature
DE Composition 101 and 102
AP English Language
British Literature
AP English Literature

SOCIAL STUDIES:

World History
World History Honors
U.S. History
U.S. History Honors
AP U.S. History
Economics *
AP Micro/Macro Economics
U.S. Government *
AP U.S. Government and Politics
International Relations & Politics *
World Geography *
Bible *
Ethics *
Psychology *

COMPUTER SCIENCE:

Intro to Programming *
Advanced Programming *
AP Computer Science
Principles
Robotics *

MATHEMATICS:

Algebra I
Algebra I Honors
Geometry
Geometry Honors
Algebra II
Algebra II Honors
Pre-Calculus
Pre-Calculus Honors
Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics
DE Statistics
DE College Algebra

SCIENCE:

Biology
Biology Honors
AP Biology
Chemistry
Chemistry Honors
AP Chemistry
Physics
Physics Honors
AP Environmental Science
Astronomy *
Forensic Science *
Honors Global Health *
Marine Biology *
Global Environmental Issues *
Rivers and Rainforests *

WORLD LANGUAGES:

Spanish I
Spanish I Honors
Spanish II
Spanish II Honors
Spanish III
Spanish III Honors
DE Spanish 101 and 102
Latin I
Latin II
Latin II Honors
Latin III Honors
French I
French II Honors
French III Honors

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Personal Fitness *
Weight Training *
Health *

FINE ARTS AND PERFORMING ARTS:

Art I *
Art II *
Art III
Honors Art
Photography I *
Photography II *
Sustainable Living
Journalism
AP Studio Art – Photography
AP Studio Art – 2D Design or Drawing and Painting
Chorus *
Musical Theater *
GWA-TV / Broadcast Journalism *
Dance *
Concert Ensemble
Symphonic Band Honors
Piano *

CURRICULUM & SCHEDULE

- Two academic semesters and one three-week Dawg Days Winter Term
- Students take six courses and one study hall each semester
- AP and Honors placement require teacher recommendation

* = Semester Course
DE = Dual Enrollment Course
AP = Advanced Placement Course

Graduation Requirements

Discipline	Units	Required Courses
English	4.0	
Mathematics	4.0	
Science	4.0	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Social Science	3.0	World History, U.S. History, Government, Economics
World Language	2.0	Two of the same language
Computer Tech, Fine Arts	1.0	May be a combination
Physical Education	0.5	May opt out if involved in band or athletics
Health	0.5	
Electives	4.0	
Winter Term	1.0	

GRADING

**A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79,
F = 69 and below**

- 4.0 GPA Scale
- GPA calculation is based on grades in courses in English, mathematics, science, social studies, and world languages.
- Courses are weighted for class rank and awards:
+5 points for each Honors course
+10 points for each AP course
- **Course grades on transcript are NOT weighted.**
- A weighted cumulative numeric average and unweighted cumulative GPA are provided.

CLASS RANK

George Walton does not publish rank. Given the size and makeup of our student body, slight variations in GPA can make a significant difference in class rank. Additional information on grade distribution, correlations of SAT and GPA and complete course of studies offered are provided to assist in determining the quality of the student's work.

DISCLOSURE OF CONDUCT RECORDS

As a NACAC member, George Walton Academy will, when requested on the institution's application, report student conduct records of serious disciplinary violations, suspension, and dismissal.



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THE CLASS OF 2019 ACHIEVEMENTS

The class of 2019 submitted 185 applications to 77 different institutions. 100% of the Class of 2019 was accepted into a four-year college or university. Members of this class received academic, athletic and special achievement scholarships in excess of \$4.6 million. 88% of graduates qualified for HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarships.

- 12 collegiate athletic signings for baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, soccer, track, and volleyball
- 2 college music scholarships
- 1 Appointment to the United States Naval Academy
- 2 Eagle Scout graduates
- All-State Selections: 3 athletic, 1 literary, 1 music

Advanced Placement

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Scholars	14	14	10	6
w/ Honors	5	9	6	9
w/ Distinction	15	13	3	9
National Scholars		2	2	2

Unweighted Grade Distribution (Class of 2019)

GPA	# of Students	% of Class
4.0	7	9%
3.99 - 3.5	40	52%
3.49 - 3.0	19	25%
2.99 - 2.5	10	13%
> 2.5	1	1%

National Merit

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Commended Students	1	1	2	1
Semifinalists				1
Finalists				1

GPA and Test Score Statistics (Class of 2019)

	Range	Middle 50%	Mean	Students
ACT	15-34	19-26	23	64
SAT	850-1510	1050-1270	1160	74
SAT EBRW	380-740	550-640	590	74
SAT Math	450-780	510-620	570	74
GPA	2.18-4.0	3.2-3.83	3.47	77



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ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATIONS 2016-2019

MATRICULATIONS IN BOLD

Agnes Scott College
Albany State University
Alma College
American University
Anderson University
Andrew College
Appalachian State University
Armstrong State University
Athens Technical College
Auburn University
Augusta University
Austin Peay State University
Baylor University
Belhaven University
Belmont Abbey College
Beloit College
Berry College
Bethany College
Blinn College
Brenau University
Brigham Young University
Carroll College
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
College of Coastal Georgia
College of Wooster
Colorado School of Mines
Columbus State University
Concordia University
Culver-Stockton College
Denver University
East Georgia State College
East Mississippi Community College
East Tennessee State University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Emory & Henry College
Emory University
Erskine College
Fashion Institute of Technology
Flagler College
Florida A & M University
Florida College
Florida State University
Fort Valley State University
Furman University
George Washington University
Georgia College & State University
Georgia Gwinnett College
Georgia Highlands College

Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Military College
Georgia Southern University
Georgia Southwestern State University
Georgia State University
Georgia State University - Perimeter College
Greensboro College
Grinnell College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Hawaii Pacific University
Indiana University
Iona College
Jacksonville State University
Jacksonville University
Johnson & Wales University
Johnson University
Kennesaw State University
Kilgore College
King's College
LaGrange College
Lee University
LIM College
Lindsay-Wilson College
Louisiana State University
Manhattanville College
Marshall University
Mary Baldwin University
Marymount Manhattan College
Maryville College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mercer University
Middle Georgia State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
Mississippi State University
Montana State University
Morehouse College
New College of Florida
New York University
Newberry College
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
Oglethorpe University
Oxford College of Emory University
Piedmont College
Presbyterian College
Regis College
Reinhardt University
Salve Regina University
Samford University
Santa Fe College
Savannah College of Art and Design

Shorter University
Southern Virginia University
Southern Wesleyan University
Spring Hill College
St. Anselm College
St. Norbert College
Stetson University
Tallahassee Community College
Texas A&M University - Commerce
The American Musical and Dramatic Academy
The Citadel
The King's College
Toccoa Falls College
Trevecca Nazarene University
Truett McConnell University
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Kentucky
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of Montana
University of Nevada
University of North Carolina - Greensboro
University of North Carolina - Wilmington
University of North Carolina - Asheville
University of North Georgia
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of St. Thomas
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas at Dallas
University of West Georgia
Valdosta State University
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University
Washtenaw Community College
West Virginia University
Western Carolina University
Wilkes University
Willamette University
Wingate University
Wofford College
Young Harris College