



2020-2021 COLLEGE PROFILE

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 14 counties and represents a wide range of economic, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. GWA's enrollment is 764 students Pre-K3 through 12th grade; the Upper School (grades 9-12) has 311 students, and the Class of 2021 totals 84 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 mission of the Global Studies program is to inspire and empower students to think and act with empathy, appreciate diverse landscapes, and engage as leaders in our local and international community. 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. Due to COVID-19, our students will not be crossing physical borders this year through travel, but will embark on virtual voyages designed to bring the world to their classrooms and accomplish our mission.

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 Hand Tools & Woodworking, the Science of Skydiving, Corner Pocket - The Geometry of Pool, and Conspiracy Debate. Students are required to participate and earn a half credit per Winter Term.

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UPPER SCHOOL ADVANCED CURRICULUM

GWA offers 15 AP and 27 honors courses. Students enrolled in an AP course must sit for the corresponding AP exam. In 2020, 97 GWA students took 225 AP exams with 68% of exams scoring a 3 or above.

ENGLISH:

World Literature
 Honors World Literature
 American Literature
 Honors American Literature
 British Literature
 DE Composition 101 and 102
 AP English Language
 AP English Literature
 Bible *
 The Literary South *
 Ancient Myths & Ethics *
 Art of Argument *
 Tutoring & Composition *
 Post Colonial World Literature *

SOCIAL STUDIES:

World History
 Honors World History
 U.S. History
 Honors U.S. History
 AP U.S. History
 Economics *
 AP Micro Economics *
 AP Macro Economics *
 U.S. Government *
 AP U.S. Government and Politics
 International Relations & Politics *
 World Geography *
 AP Psychology
 Geopolitics and Game Theory *

COMPUTER SCIENCE:

Programming, Games,
 Apps and Society
 AP Computer Science
 Principles
 Robotics *
 Web Development

MATHEMATICS:

Algebra I
 Honors Algebra I
 Geometry
 Honors Acc. Geometry
 Honors Geometry
 Algebra II
 Honors Algebra II
 Algebra III
 Pre-Calculus
 Honors Pre-Calculus
 Statistics *
 Calculus
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Statistics
 DE Statistics *
 DE College Algebra *

SCIENCE:

Biology
 Honors Biology
 AP Biology
 Chemistry
 Honors Chemistry
 AP Chemistry
 Physics
 Honors Physics
 AP Physics
 AP Environmental Science
 Forensic Science I *
 Forensic Science II *
 Honors Anatomy and Physiology *
 Honors Global Health *
 Honors Inquiry Program

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Personal Fitness *
 Weight Training *
 Health *

WORLD LANGUAGES:

Spanish I
 Honors Spanish I
 Spanish II
 Honors Spanish II
 Spanish III
 Honors Spanish III
 DE Spanish 101 and 102
 Latin I
 Latin II
 Honors Latin II
 Honors Latin III
 Honors Latin IV
 French I
 Honors French II
 Honors French III
 American Sign Language I
 Honors American Sign Language II

INTRASHIPS

FINE ARTS AND PERFORMING ARTS:

Art I *
 Art II *
 Art III
 Honors Art
 AP 2-D Art & Design
 Photography I *
 Photography II *
 Sustainable Living
 Sculpture
 Journalism
 Chorus *
 Musical Theater *
 GWA-TV *
 Dance I *
 Advanced Dance *
 Concert Ensemble
 Honors Symphonic Winds
 Honors Percussion Theatre
 Piano *
 Guitar *

CURRICULUM & SCHEDULE

- Two academic semesters and one three-week Dawg Days Winter Term.
- Students take six courses on a block schedule with a study hall each day.
- AP and Honors placement require teacher recommendations.

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

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.
- Only courses taken at GWA are factored into GPA calculation.
- 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.

Graduation Requirements

Discipline	Units	Required Courses
English	4.0	World Literature, American Literature
Mathematics	4.0	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, & at least one course beyond Algebra II
Science	4.0	Biology, Chemistry, Physics*
Social Science	3.0	World History, U.S. History
World Language	2.0	Two of the same language in consecutive years
Physical Education/Health	1	0.5 unit of PE, 0.5 unit of Health
Electives	6.0	At least 3 units must be in academic electives (non-academic electives include PE & intraships)
Winter Term	1.5	Selections vary each year - 0.5 unit per year required

* Eighth grade Physical Science may substitute for Physics, if taken at GWA.



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GEORGE WALTON ACADEMY'S CLASS OF 2020

\$3,959,766.00 in Scholarships Awarded

88% Prequalified for HOPE or Zell Miller

100% Accepted to Four-Year Colleges

58 Graduates

Advanced Placement Scholars

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Scholars	14	10	6	19
w/ Honors	9	6	9	4
w/ Distinction	13	3	9	11
National Scholars	2	2	2	2

Unweighted Grade Distribution (Class of 2020)

GPA	# of Students	% of Class
4.0	10	17%
3.99 - 3.5	29	50%
3.49 - 3.0	13	22%
2.99 - 2.5	5	9%
> 2.5	1	2%

44 Honor Grads -

90+ cumulative numerical average

23 Silver Cord Recipients -

Seniors who have been with George Walton Academy since K4, K5, or 1st grade.

Five College Athletic Scholarship Recipients -

Tennis, Golf, Wrestling, Cheerleading, and Baseball

Two College Music Scholarships

All-State Selections -

2 Athletic, 2 Literary, 1 Music

GPA and Test Score Statistics (Class of 2020)

	Range	Middle 50%	Mean	Students
ACT	15-31	19-24	22	50
SAT	910-1490	1040-1220	1143	46
SAT EBRW	430-700	520-630	578	46
SAT Math	430-760	510-600	565	46
GPA	2.11-4.0	3.42-3.91	3.62	58



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ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATIONS 2017-2020

MATRICULATIONS IN BOLD

Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College	Georgia State University	Spring Hill College
Agnes Scott College	Georgia State University -	St. Anselm College
Alma College	Perimeter College	St. Norbert College
Appalachian State University	Hampton University	Stetson University
Athens Technical College	Harvard University	Texas A&M University - Commerce
Auburn University	Hawaii Pacific University	The American Musical and
Augusta University	Indiana University	Dramatic Academy
Austin Peay State University	Jacksonville University	The King's College
Baylor University	Johnson University	Toccoa Falls College
Belmont University	Kennesaw State University	Truett McConnell University
Beloit College	Kilgore College	United States Naval Academy
Berklee College of Music	LaGrange College	University of Alabama
Berry College	Lander University	University of Arizona
Brigham Young University	LIM College	University of Florida
Butler University	Limestone College	University of Georgia
Carson-Newman University	Lindsay-Wilson College	University of Kentucky
Clemson University	Louisiana State University	University of Mississippi
Coastal Carolina University	Lynn University	University of Mt. Olive
College of Charleston	Manhattanville College	University of North Carolina -
College of Coastal Georgia	Mars Hill College	Chapel Hill
College of Wooster	Maryville College	University of North Carolina -
Columbus State University	Mercer University	Greensboro
Concordia University	Middle Georgia State University	University of North Carolina -
Culinary Institute of America	Mississippi State University	Wilmington
Culver-Stockton College	Morehouse College	University of North Carolina -
Denver University	NASCAR Technical Institute	Asheville
East Georgia State College	Newberry College	University of North Georgia
East Tennessee State University	North Carolina Central University	University of Rhode Island
Elon University	North Carolina State University	University of Richmond
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical	Oglethorpe University	University of South Carolina
University	Oxford College of Emory University	University of South Florida
Emerson College	Pace University	University of St. Thomas
Emory & Henry College	Piedmont College	University of Tennessee
Emory University	Point Park University	University of Tennessee - Chattanooga
Fashion Institute of Technology	Presbyterian College	University of Texas at Dallas
Flagler College	Reinhardt University	University of West Georgia
Florida College	Rhodes College	Valdosta State University
Florida State University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Wake Forest University
Fort Valley State University	Salve Regina University	Western Carolina University
Furman University	Samford University	Willamette University
Georgia College & State University	Savannah College of Art	Wingate University
Georgia Gwinnett College	and Design	Wofford College
Georgia Highlands College	Sewanee University	Young Harris College
Georgia Institute of Technology	Shorter University	
Georgia Military College	Southern Virginia University	
Georgia Southern University	Southern Wesleyan University	