



2021-2022 COLLEGE PROFILE

ABOUT GEORGE WALTON ACADEMY

Founded in 1969, GWA was established as an independent college-preparatory coeducational day school and 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 740 students Pre-K3 through 12th grade; the Upper School (grades 9-12) has 284 students, and the Class of 2022 totals 79 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 Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools (AAAIS), 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.

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 Merchandise Designs for Bands, Trebuchet 101, Cybersecurity & Ethical Hacking, Scratchboard Illustration, and A Little "Bitte" German. Students are required to participate and earn a half credit per Winter Term.

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UPPER SCHOOL ADVANCED CURRICULUM

GWA offers 18 AP and 30 honors courses. Students enrolled in an AP course must sit for the corresponding AP exam.

ENGLISH:

World Literature
 Honors World Literature
 American Literature
 Honors American Literature
 British Literature
 Honors British Literature
 DE Composition 101 & 102
 AP English Language & Composition
 AP English Literature & Composition
 Bible - Old Testament *
 Bible - New Testament *
 Diverse Voices of the Literary South *
 Tutoring & Composition *
 Post Colonial World Literature *
 Coding & Storytelling *

SOCIAL STUDIES:

World History
 Honors World History
 AP World History
 U.S. History
 Honors U.S. History
 AP U.S. History
 Economics *
 Financial Literacy *
 Freedom & Law *
 Business & Marketing
 AP Microeconomics *
 AP Macroeconomics *
 U.S. Government *
 AP U.S. Government & Politics
 International Relations & Politics *
 AP Psychology

COMPUTER SCIENCE:

Programming, Games, Apps & Society
 AP Computer Science Principles
 Robotics *
 Web Design *
 Web Development
 Sports Broadcasting *

MATHEMATICS:

Algebra I
 Honors Algebra I
 Geometry
 Honors Geometry
 Honors Acc. Geometry
 Algebra II
 Honors Algebra II
 Algebra III
 Precalculus
 Honors Precalculus
 Statistics *
 Calculus
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 AP Statistics

SCIENCE:

Biology
 Honors Biology
 Chemistry
 Honors Chemistry
 AP Chemistry
 Physics
 Honors Physics
 AP Physics
 AP Environmental Science

Forensic Science I *
 Forensic Science II *
 Honors Anatomy & Physiology
 Honors Global Health *
 Honors Inquiry Program

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Speed & Agility
 Advanced Weight Training *
 Science of Happiness *
 Health *

WORLD LANGUAGES:

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

INTRASHIPS

Community Liason
 Marketing
 Peer Tutoring
 Writing Center

ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES:

Art I *
 Art II *
 Art III
 Honors Art
 AP 2-D Art & Design
 AP 3-D Art & Design
 AP Drawing
 Art Independent Study
 Continued Investigative Photography
 Film Production
 Graphic Design Fundamentals
 Drafting & Design
 Publication Arts
 Sustainable Living I
 Sustainable Living II
 Sculpture
 Drama *
 One Act Play *
 Improv Comedy *
 Dramatic Performance *
 Musical Theater *
 GWA-TV *
 Dance I *
 Concert Ensemble
 Honors Symphonic Winds
 Honors Percussion Theatre
 Beginner Piano *
 Piano Songs
 Advanced Piano

CURRICULUM & SCHEDULE

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

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

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

Graduation Requirements

Discipline	Units	Required Courses
English	4.0	World Literature, American Literature, British 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	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	2.0	Selections vary each year - 0.5 unit per year required

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, world languages, and AP courses.
- 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 transcripts 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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GEORGE WALTON ACADEMY'S CLASS OF 2021

\$5,417,657.00 in Scholarships Awarded

90% Prequalified for HOPE or Zell Miller

100% Accepted to Four-Year Colleges

GPA and Test Score Statistics (Class of 2021)

	Range	Middle 50%	Mean	Students
ACT	13-36	19-27	23	75
SAT	810-1560	1050-1270	1143	74
SAT EBRW	420-800	530-670	578	74
SAT Math	390-760	500-600	565	74
GPA	2.41-4.0	3.31-3.85	3.53	83

Unweighted Grade Distribution (Class of 2021)

GPA	# of Students	% of Class
4.0	6	7%
3.99 - 3.5	42	51%
3.49 - 3.0	26	31%
2.99 - 2.5	7	9%
< 2.5	2	2%

83 Graduates

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.

Acceptances to 9 Different Honors Programs

7 College Athletic Scholarship Recipients -

Basketball, Football, Soccer, Softball

2 College Music Scholarships

10 All-State Selections -

3 Athletic, 3 Literary, 4 Music

Advanced Placement Scholars

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Scholars	10	6	19	16
w/ Honors	6	9	4	5
w/ Distinction	3	9	11	20



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ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATIONS 2018-2021

MATRICULATIONS IN BOLD

Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College	Flagler College	Mississippi State University	United States Naval Academy
Agnes Scott College	Florida College	Morehouse College	University of Alabama
Alma College	Florida State University	NASCAR Technical Institute	University of Alabama at Birmingham
American Musical & Dramatic Academy	Fort Valley State University	New College of Florida	University of Alabama at Huntsville
American University	Full Sail University	Newberry College	University of Arizona
Appalachian State University	Furman University	North Carolina Central University	University of Central Florida
Athens Technical College	Gardner-Webb University	North Carolina State University	University of Chicago
Auburn University	Georgia College & State University	Oglethorpe University	University of Cincinnati
Augusta University	Georgia Gwinnett College	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Denver
Austin Peay State University	Georgia Highlands College	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Florida
Baylor University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Pace University	University of Georgia
Belmont Abbey College	Georgia Military College	Piedmont University	University of Kentucky
Belmont University	Georgia Southern University	Point Park University	University of Miami
Beloit College	Georgia Southwestern State University	Presbyterian College	University of Michigan
Berklee College of Music	Georgia State University	Purdue University	University of Mississippi
Berry College	Hampton University	Regis College	University of Mt. Olive
Bethany College	Huntingdon College	Reinhardt University	University of North Carolina - Asheville
Brenau University	Indiana University	Rhodes College	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Brevard College	Iona College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina - Wilmington
Brigham Young University	Jacksonville State University	Samford University	University of North Georgia
Butler University	Jacksonville University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Pennsylvania
Carson-Newman University	Johnson and Wales University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Rhode Island
Chattahoochee Valley Community College	Johnson University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Richmond
Citadel Military College of SC	Kennesaw State University	Shorter University	University of South Carolina
Clemson University	Kilgore College	South Georgia State College	University of St. Thomas
Coastal Carolina University	LaGrange College	Southern Virginia University	University of Tennessee
College of Charleston	Lander University	Southern Wesleyan University	University of Tennessee - Chattanooga
College of Coastal Georgia	LIM College	St. Andrews University	University of Texas at Austin
Colorado School of Mines	Limestone College	St. Leo University	University of Texas at Dallas
Columbus State University	Louisiana State University	St. Norbert College	University of Virginia
Concordia University	Louisiana State University - Shreveport	Stetson University	University of West Georgia
Covenant College	Lynn University	Tennessee Technological University	Valdosta State University
The Culinary Institute of America	Manhattan School of Music	Texas A&M University - Commerce	Vanderbilt University
Culver-Stockton College	Mars Hill College	The American Musical and Dramatic Academy	Wake Forest University
CUNY Hunter College	Mary Baldwin University	The King's College	West Virginia University
Davidson College	Marymount Manhattan College	Toccoa Falls College	Western Carolina University
DePaul University	Maryville College	Truett McConnell University	Wilkes University
East Georgia State College	Massachusetts College of Art & Design		Willamette University
Elon University	Mercer University		Wingate University
Emerson College	Middle Tennessee State University		Wofford College
Emory & Henry College	Millsaps College		Young Harris College
Emory University			
Erasmus University- Rotterdam, Netherlands			
Erskine College			
Fashion Institute of Technology			