



2022-2023 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 10 counties and represents a wide range of economic, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. GWA's enrollment is 745 students Pre-K3 through 12th grade; the Upper School (grades 9-12) has 271 students, and the Class of 2023 totals 74 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 Independent Athletic Association (GIAA) 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.

DIPLOMA DISTINCTION PROGRAMS

Students have the opportunity to opt in to a diploma distinction program in either Global Studies or Fine Arts. In addition to their traditional graduation requirements, students must complete specific coursework, outside readings and lectures and travel or service components. Both programs culminate in a senior capstone project that is presented to a committee of faculty members, community experts and interested students about a passion topic of their choice. Each student meets with a faculty advisor throughout the program and is held to standards beyond the traditional curriculum. The distinction programs were created to provide an opportunity for students to explore a topic beyond their classroom studies that mimics a collegiate research experience and connects them with experts beyond our campus.

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 Baseball as American History, Sur La Table, Shark Tank, and Cyber Security & Ethical Hacking. 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 27 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 English 101 & 102
 AP English Language & Composition
 AP English Literature & Composition
 Senior Writing & Composition
 Bible - Old Testament *
 Bible - New Testament *

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
 Geopolitics & Game Theory *
 World Geography *

COMPUTER SCIENCE:

Programming, Games, Apps & Society
 AP Computer Science Principles

MATHEMATICS:

Algebra I
 Honors Algebra I
 Geometry
 Honors Geometry
 Algebra II
 Honors Algebra II
 Algebra III
 Advanced Mathematical Decision Making
 Precalculus
 Honors Precalculus
 Calculus
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 AP Statistics +

SCIENCE:

Biology
 Honors Biology
 AP Biology +
 Chemistry
 Honors Chemistry
 AP Chemistry
 Physics
 Honors Physics
 AP Physics
 AP Environmental Science
 Forensic Science
 Honors Anatomy & Physiology +

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Health *
 Life Sports *
 Competitive Athletic Performance *
 Body Sculpting *

WORLD LANGUAGES:

Spanish I
 Spanish II
 Honors Spanish I
 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
 American Sign Language II
 Honors American Sign Language II
 Honors American Sign Language III

INTRASHIPS:

Community Liason
 Marketing
 Peer Tutoring
 Science Department Intern

ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES:

Art I *
 Art II *
 Art III
 Honors Art
 AP 2-D Art & Design
 AP 3-D Art & Design
 Art Independent Study
 Graphic Design
 Publication Arts
 Sustainable Living
 Sculpture
 One Act Play *
 Improv Comedy *
 Dramatic Performance *
 GWA-TV *
 Concert Ensemble
 Honors Symphonic Winds
 Honors Percussion Theatre
 Piano *
 Video & Communication *

CURRICULUM & SCHEDULE

- Two academic semesters and one two-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
 + = Available every other year

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	
Winter Term	2.0	Selections vary each year - 0.5 unit per year required (**2022 WT was optional because of Covid)

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.
- Courses are weighted for class rank and awards: +5 points for each Honors course +5 points for each Dual Enrollment course +10 points for each AP course
- Course grades on transcripts are NOT weighted.
- A weighted cumulative and 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 2022

\$4,528,959 including \$41,650 in community organization scholarships

90% Prequalified for HOPE or Zell Miller

100% Accepted to Four-Year Colleges

79 Graduates

55 Honor Grads -

90+ cumulative numerical average

40 Silver Cord Recipients -

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

Acceptances to 5 Different Honors Programs

8 College Athletic Scholarship Recipients -

Basketball, Cheer, Lacrosse, Softball, Swim, and Volleyball

5 Marching Band & Twirl Scholarships

11 All-State Selections -

6 Athletic, 4 Literary, 1 Music

Test Score Statistics (Class of 2022)

	Range	Middle 50%	Mean	Students
ACT	13-34	19-26	23	67
SAT	810-1560	1030-1240	1147	75
SAT EBRW	450-760	520-630	585	75
SAT Math	390-800	510-610	562	75

Unweighted Grade Distribution (Class of 2022)

GPA	# of Students	% of Class
4.0	8	10%
3.99 - 3.5	36	46%
3.49 - 3.0	26	33%
2.99 - 2.5	8	10%
< 2.5	1	1%

Advanced Placement Scholars

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Scholars	6	19	16	16
w/ Honors	9	4	5	5
w/ Distinction	9	11	20	19



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ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATIONS 2019-2022

Matriculations In Bold

*Represents 2022 Matriculation

Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College
 Agnes Scott College
Alfred University*
 Alma College
 American Musical & Dramatic Academy
Anderson University (IN)*
 Appalachian State University
Athens Technical College
Auburn University*
 Augusta University
Austin Peay State University
Baldwin Wallace University*
 Baylor University
 Belmont University
 Beloit College
 Berklee College of Music
Berry College*
 Bethany College
Brenau University*
 Brevard College
Brigham Young University
 Butler University
California Institute of Technology*
 Carson-Newman University
 Chattahoochee Valley Community College
Citadel Military College of SC
 Clark Atlanta University
 Clayton State University
 Clemson University
 Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston*
College of Coastal Georgia*
 College of Wooster
Columbia University in the City of New York*
 Columbus State University
 Concordia University
 The Culinary Institute of America
 Culver-Stockton College
 DePaul University
 Duquesne University
East Georgia State College
 Eastern Tennessee State University

Elon University
 Emerson College
Emory University
Erasmus University-Rotterdam, Netherlands
 Erskine College
 Fashion Institute of Technology
Flagler College
 Florida State University
Fort Valley State University
 Full Sail University
Furman University
Gardner-Webb 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*
 Gordon State College
Gwinnett Tech College*
 Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University*
 Huntingdon College
 Indiana University
Jacksonville State University*
 Jacksonville University
 James Madison University
Johnson University
Kennesaw State University*
LaGrange College
Lander University
 Laramie County Community College
 Lee University
 LIM College
 Limestone College
Louisiana State University*
 Lynn University
 Manhattan School of Music
 Marist College
 Mars Hill College
Maryville College

Massachusetts College of Art & Design
 Mercer University
 Middle Tennessee State University
Millsaps College
 Mississippi State University
 Monash University (Australia)
NASCAR Technical Institute
 North Carolina Central University
 New College of Florida
Newberry College
 North Carolina State University
 Northeastern University
Oglethorpe University*
 Ohio Wesleyan University
 Pace University
 Pepperdine University
Piedmont University*
 Point Park University
 Presbyterian College
 Purdue University
 Reinhardt University
 Rhodes College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
 Salve Regina University
Samford University*
Savannah College of Art and Design
 Sewanee: The University of the South
Shorter University
 South Georgia State College
 Southern Wesleyan University
 St. Andrews University
 St. Anselm College
 St. Leo University
 St. Norbert College
Stetson University
 Suffolk University (Madrid)
 Tennessee Tech University
 Texas A&M University
 The King's College
 Toccoa Falls College
Truett McConnell University
United States Naval Academy

University of Alabama*
 University of Alabama at Birmingham
 University of Alabama at Huntsville
 University of Arizona
University of California - Los Angeles*
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Denver
 University of Florida
University of Georgia*
University of Kentucky
 University of Michigan
University of Mississippi*
 University of Mt. Olive
University of North Carolina - Asheville
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill*
University of North Georgia*
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Rhode Island
 University of Richmond
 University of South Carolina
 University of St. Thomas
University of Tennessee - Knoxville*
 University of Texas at Dallas
 University of Texas at Austin
 University of the South
 University of Virginia
 University of West Georgia
 University of Wyoming
Valdosta State University*
 Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University
Western Carolina University*
 Wilkes University
 Willamette University
 Wingate University
 Wofford College
 Xavier University
Young Harris College