



# 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 792 students Pre-K3 through 12th grade; the Upper School (grades 9-12) has 278 students, and the Class of 2024 totals 69 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 two-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 Introduction to Law Enforcement, Sports Psychology, & A Local Odyssey - History of Monroe. Students are required to participate and earn a half credit per Winter Term.

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## UPPER SCHOOL ADVANCED CURRICULUM

GWA offers 17 AP and 28 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  
AP English Literature & Composition  
Senior Writing & Composition  
Honors Senior Writing & Composition

### 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 \*  
AP Microeconomics \*  
AP Macroeconomics \*  
U.S. Government \*  
AP U.S. Government & Politics  
International Relations & Politics \*  
AP Psychology  
Geopolitics & Game Theory \*  
World Geography \*

### COMPUTER SCIENCE:

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  
AP Precalculus  
Honors Calculus  
AP Calculus AB  
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 \*  
Lifetime Wellness  
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  
AP French  
American Sign Language I  
American Sign Language II  
Honors American Sign Language II  
Honors American Sign Language III

### INTRASHIPS:

Event Coordinator Intern  
Marketing Intern  
Peer Tutoring  
Science Department Intern

### ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES:

Art I \*  
Art II \*  
Art III  
Honors Art  
AP 2-D Art & Design  
Art Independent Study  
Bible - Old Testament \*  
Bible - New Testament \*  
Business & Marketing  
Graphic Design  
Publication Arts  
Sculpture  
One Act Play \*  
Dramatic Performance \*  
GWA-TV \*  
Concert Ensemble  
Honors Symphonic Winds  
Honors Percussion Theatre  
Piano \*  
Video & Communication \*

## 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  
+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.

## 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.

+ = offered every other year  
\* = Semester Course  
DE = Dual Enrollment Course  
AP = Advanced

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)

## 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 2023

**\$4,425,114 Scholarship Offers**

**84%** Prequalified for HOPE or Zell Miller  
**100%** Accepted to Four-Year Colleges

### Test Score Statistics (Class of 2023)

	Range	Middle 50%	Mean	Students
ACT	16-35	19-24	22	51
SAT	850-1590	1030-1250	1159	72
SAT EBRW	380-800	540-640	596	72
SAT Math	400-790	510-610	566	72

### Unweighted Grade Distribution

GPA	# of Students	% of Class
4.0	7	10%
3.99 - 3.5	35	48%
3.49 - 3.0	18	24%
2.99 - 2.5	11	15%
< 2.5	2	3%

**73 Graduates**  
**90% of AP Exams scored a 3+**

**49 Honor Grads -**  
**90+** cumulative numerical average

**27 Silver Cord Recipients -**  
Seniors who have been with George Walton Academy since K4, K5, or 1st grade.

**Acceptances to 8 Different Honors or Pre-Professional Programs**

**8 College Athletic Scholarship Recipients -**  
Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, and Volleyball

**11 All-State Selections**

### Advanced Placement Scholars

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Scholars	19	16	16	23
w/ Honors	4	5	5	8
w/ Distinction	11	20	19	24



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## ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATIONS 2020-2023

Matriculations In Bold

\*Represents 2023 Matriculation

Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College

**Agnes Scott College\***

**Alfred University**

American Musical & Dramatic Academy

**Anderson University (IN)**

**Appalachian State University\***

**Athens Technical College**

**Auburn University\***

**Augusta University\***

**Baldwin Wallace University**

Belmont University

Berklee College of Music

**Berry College\***

Bethany College

**Brenau University**

Brevard College

Butler University

**California Institute of Technology**

Capital University

Carson-Newman University

Centenary University

Chattahoochee Valley Community College

**Citadel Military College of SC**

Clark Atlanta University

Clayton State University

Clemson University

**College of Charleston**

**College of Coastal Georgia\***

**Columbia University in the City of New York**

Columbus State University

Covenant College

The Culinary Institute of Virginia

DePaul University

Duquesne University

**Elon University**

Emerson College

**Emory University**

**Erasmus University-**

**Rotterdam, Netherlands**

Erskine College

Fisher College

Florida A&M University

Florida International University

**Florida State University\***

Full Sail University

**Furman University**

**Gardner-Webb University**

**Georgia College & State University\***

**Georgia Gwinnett College\***

**Georgia Institute of Technology\***

**Georgia Military College**

**Georgia Southern University\***

Georgia Southwestern State University

**Georgia State University\***

Gordon State College

**Gwinnett Tech College**

**High Point University**

Hampton University

Howard University

Huntingdon College

Indiana University

**Jacksonville State University**

Jacksonville University

James Madison University

**Kennesaw State University\***

**LaGrange College**

**Lander University**

Laramie County Community College

Lee University

Limestone College

**Louisiana State University**

Lynn University

**Madison Area Technical College\***

Manchester University

Manhattan School of Music

Marist College

Mars Hill College

Massachusetts College of Art & Design

Mercer University

Middle Tennessee State University

**Millsaps College**

Mississippi State University

Monash University (Australia)

**NASCAR Technical Institute**

The New School

**Newberry College\***

North Carolina State University

Northeastern University

**Oglethorpe University**

Ohio University

Ohio Wesleyan University

Pace University

Pennsylvania State 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\***

Savannah State University

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Sewanee: The University of the South

**Shorter University**

Spellman College

South Georgia State College

**Southern Wesleyan University\***

St. Andrews University

St. Leo University

St. Johns University

**Stephens College\***

**Stetson University**

Suffolk University (Madrid)

Tennessee Tech University

Temple University

Toccoa Falls College

Transylvania University

**Truett McConnell University**

**Tulane University\***

**University of Alabama\***

University of Alabama at Birmingham

**University of Alabama at Huntsville\***

**University of California - Los Angeles**

**University of Central Florida**

**University of Chicago**

University of Cincinnati

University of Florida

**University of Georgia\***

**University of Kentucky**

University of Michigan

University of Mary-Hardin Baylor

University of Minnesota Twin Cities

**University of Mississippi\***

University of Mt. Olive

**University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill**

University of North Carolina - Pembroke

**University of North Carolina - Wilmington\***

**University of North Georgia\***

University of Pennsylvania

University of South Carolina

**University of South Carolina - Aiken\***

University of Tampa

**University of Tennessee - Chattanooga**

**University of Tennessee - Knoxville**

University of Texas at Austin

University of the South

University of Virginia

University of West Georgia

University of Wyoming

**Valdosta State University**

Vanderbilt University

**Valparaiso University\***

**Wake Forest University**

Wesleyan University

**Western Carolina University**

Wingate University

**Wisconsin Lutheran College\***

Wofford College

Xavier University

**Young Harris College**