



# 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 16 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 81% 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	<b>Georgia State University</b>	<b>Spring Hill College</b>
Agnes Scott College	<b>Georgia State University -</b>	St. Anselm College
Alma College	<b>Perimeter College</b>	St. Norbert College
Appalachian State University	<b>Hampton University</b>	Stetson University
<b>Athens Technical College</b>	<b>Harvard University</b>	Texas A&M University - Commerce
<b>Auburn University</b>	Hawaii Pacific University	The American Musical and
Augusta University	Indiana University	Dramatic Academy
<b>Austin Peay State University</b>	Jacksonville University	The King's College
Baylor University	<b>Johnson University</b>	Toccoa Falls College
Belmont University	<b>Kennesaw State University</b>	<b>Truett McConnell University</b>
Beloit College	<b>Kilgore College</b>	<b>United States Naval Academy</b>
Berklee College of Music	LaGrange College	<b>University of Alabama</b>
<b>Berry College</b>	<b>Lander University</b>	University of Arizona
Brigham Young University	<b>LIM College</b>	<b>University of Florida</b>
Butler University	Limestone College	<b>University of Georgia</b>
Carson-Newman University	<b>Lindsay-Wilson College</b>	<b>University of Kentucky</b>
<b>Clemson University</b>	Louisiana State University	<b>University of Mississippi</b>
Coastal Carolina University	Lynn University	University of Mt. Olive
<b>College of Charleston</b>	<b>Manhattanville College</b>	University of North Carolina -
<b>College of Coastal Georgia</b>	Mars Hill College	Chapel Hill
College of Wooster	<b>Maryville College</b>	<b>University of North Carolina -</b>
Columbus State University	<b>Mercer University</b>	<b>Greensboro</b>
Concordia University	<b>Middle Georgia State University</b>	<b>University of North Carolina -</b>
Culinary Institute of America	Mississippi State University	<b>Wilmington</b>
Culver-Stockton College	<b>Morehouse College</b>	<b>University of North Carolina -</b>
Denver University	<b>NASCAR Technical Institute</b>	<b>Asheville</b>
<b>East Georgia State College</b>	<b>Newberry College</b>	<b>University of North Georgia</b>
East Tennessee State University	North Carolina Central University	University of Rhode Island
<b>Elon University</b>	North Carolina State University	University of Richmond
<b>Embry-Riddle Aeronautical</b>	Oglethorpe University	University of South Carolina
<b>University</b>	Oxford College of Emory University	University of South Florida
<b>Emerson College</b>	Pace University	University of St. Thomas
<b>Emory &amp; Henry College</b>	<b>Piedmont College</b>	<b>University of Tennessee</b>
<b>Emory University</b>	Point Park University	University of Tennessee - Chattanooga
Fashion Institute of Technology	Presbyterian College	University of Texas at Dallas
Flagler College	<b>Reinhardt University</b>	<b>University of West Georgia</b>
<b>Florida College</b>	Rhodes College	<b>Valdosta State University</b>
<b>Florida State University</b>	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	<b>Wake Forest University</b>
<b>Fort Valley State University</b>	<b>Salve Regina University</b>	Western Carolina University
<b>Furman University</b>	<b>Samford University</b>	Willamette University
<b>Georgia College &amp; State University</b>	<b>Savannah College of Art</b>	Wingate University
<b>Georgia Gwinnett College</b>	<b>and Design</b>	Wofford College
<b>Georgia Highlands College</b>	Sewanee University	<b>Young Harris College</b>
<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>	<b>Shorter University</b>	
<b>Georgia Military College</b>	<b>Southern Virginia University</b>	
<b>Georgia Southern University</b>	<b>Southern Wesleyan University</b>	