

BRVGS Program Profile, 2023-2024

The Blue Ridge Virginia Governor's School (BRVGS) is a Virginia Academic-Year Governor's School, consisting of a connected community of over 600 high school students from the counties of Fluvanna, Goochland, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson and Orange in central Virginia. The primary purpose of the BRVGS is to teach critical skills for success to a highly able and motivated cohort of students through shared academic experiences. More information on Virginia's Academic Year Governor's Schools can be found by going to Virginia's Department of Education website at: www.doe.virginia.gov.

Students usually apply as 8th grade students in order to gain admission to this highly competitive program, although they can apply for open slots in later grades. The application process involves student interviews, teacher recommendations, GPA, standardized testing of achievement and ability, and a performance writing task.

Students of BRVGS are held to exemplary standards, both intellectually and ethically. Every student enrolled in the Blue Ridge Virginia Governor's School is required to enroll in the most rigorous courses offered at their home school. Moreover, they also must take BRVGS core courses in which they are required to collaborate with peers in other member schools on challenging projects on a regular basis. In addition, BRVGS students can also take elective courses in partnership with the University of Virginia and other colleges, as available. BRVGS core courses include:

9th Grade: World History/Technology Through The Ages

This course incorporates the Standards of Learning for World History I and II, and focuses on the development and use of technology throughout history. Field trips include two trips to Washington, DC. Students also collaborate to research, develop, and present semester-long projects. Students receive two credits for this course.

10th Grade: Advanced Placement Biology

This course incorporates Advanced Placement Biology and the study of modern biotechnology. Students participate in college level laboratory projects and develop, research and present group "grant-writing" projects on bioethical issues. Students participate in a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip. Students receive two credits for this course.

11th and 12th Grade: Online Courses

Juniors and Seniors typically take one or more of several online courses available through BRVGS. In most of these courses, students collaborate on solutions to problems that they identify and research, and then present their results to their peers. For more information regarding BRVGS online courses, please visit the BRVG Program of Studies at: sites.google.com/brvgs.k12.va.us/brvgs-program-of-studies/home

12th Grade: Senior Capstone Project

Seniors identify specific subjects of interest for research, internship and community service projects. Students present the results of their research and experiences to panels of evaluators at the end of their senior year. Students receive one credit for this course. Seniors also typically take at least one of the online courses offered by BRVGS.

BRVGS Graduate Information, Class of 2023

In order to graduate with a BRVGS diploma seal, students must:

- Take and pass 4 Advanced Placement or Dual Enrollment courses (including BRVGS Advanced Placement Biology)
- Pass a total of 5 Math courses
- Pass a total of 5 Science courses
- Complete 3 approved online courses through BRVGS
- Meet the graduation requirements for the Virginia Advanced Studies Diploma.

Student Profile - BRVGS Class of 2023

Class size - 146

Average SAT Score

BRVGS: 1243.6

Virginia: 1124

National: 1050

Post-Graduate Plans

VA Public College	98	VA Private College	9	Out of State/Other	21
Christopher Newport University	4	Bridgewater College	4	Clemson University	1
George Mason University	3	Randolph Macon College	1	Coastal Carolina University	1
Germanna Comm College	1	Roanoke College	1	Denison University	1
James Madison University	16	University of Lynchburg	1	Embry-Riddle University	1
Longwood University	1	Washington and Lee	1	Georgetown University	1
Piedmont Comm College	10	Hollins University	1	George Washington University	1
Reynolds Comm College	1			Harvard University	1
University Mary Washington	2			Johns Hopkins University	1
University of Virginia	20			Middle Tenn State University	1
University of VA College of Wise	1			Morgan State University	1
VA Commonwealth University	7			Pennsylvania State University	1
Virginia Tech	25			Stanford University	1
Virginia Military Institute	2			The University of the South	1
William and Mary	6			University of Alabama	1
				University of Central Florida	1
				University of Colorado Boulder	1
				University of Florida	1
				University of Leeds (UK)	1
				University of NC School of Arts	1
				University of NC Wilmington	1
				University of Oregon	1