

BLACKSTONE VALLEY PREP HIGH SCHOOL

This is where it all comes together...

Our mission at Blackstone Valley Prep (BVP) Mayoral Academy is to prepare all scholars for success in college and the world beyond. With high expectations for every scholar and a college prep culture, BVP sets the foundation for academic success as early as kindergarten. At BVP High School, we take that foundation to the next level by providing an innovative, *personalized* approach focused on both academic knowledge as well as the individual habits and skills every scholar will need to be prepared for the world beyond BVP High School.



WHAT IS PERSONALIZED LEARNING?



- Personalized learning is a model for learning created to provide an individualized environment designed to provide scholars the time they need to be academically successful while providing the support they need to get there.
- At BVP, we implement personalized learning with the use of one-to-one ChromeBooks assigned to every scholar, a self-paced *personalized learning platform*, and a team of dedicated teachers and staff who provide the content expertise and supportive environment necessary for success in this rigorous program.

WHAT IS THE PERSONALIZED LEARNING PLATFORM?

At California's Summit Public Schools, the Personalized Learning Platform (PLP) was created with the help of developers from Facebook allowing students to visibly see the progress they make on their required coursework. Through a partnership with Summit, BVP scholars use an online system which tracks individual progress through lessons, core content areas, and electives (such as coding and foreign language). This tool is also a great resource for families and teachers to see how a scholar is doing, where they are getting stuck, and where they are having success.

Why is this important?

- Data from scholar progress is used to determine what scholars have mastered as well as what habits and skills they are developing that will help prepare them to be independent learners and ultimately skilled professionals.
- Providing our scholars with a visual tool like the PLP, empowers them to take initiative and seek available resources as they need.
- Personalized Learning suits project-based learning very well. It allows for opportunities to dig deep into meaningful projects with real world applications, peer collaboration, and hands on learning.

"ALLOWING STUDENTS TO WORK AT THEIR OWN PACE, ENSURES THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF DIFFERENTIATION, AND COUPLING PERSONALIZED PLAYLISTS WITH DEEP, ENGAGING, AND MEANINGFUL PROJECTS, ENSURES THAT SCHOLARS ARE DEVELOPING THE COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION, AND ORGANIZATION SKILLS NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS."

—DAVID JOSE, COLLEGE AND CAREER ADVISOR AT BVP HIGH SCHOOL



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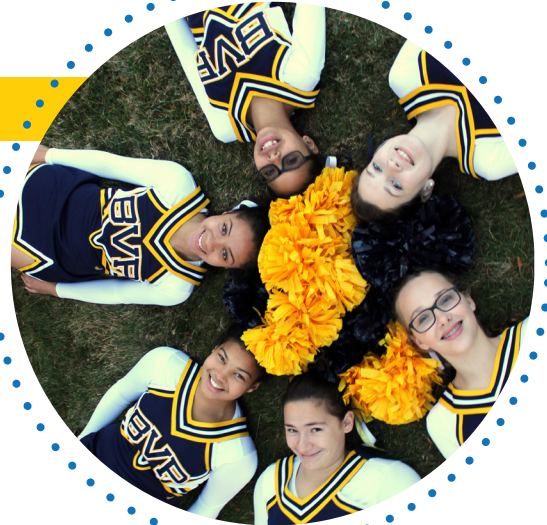
While our model is non-traditional, we still prepare our scholars for many of the traditional experiences that you would expect in a high-performing traditional high school. At BVP High School:

- Every 10th grader took the PSAT this year.
- Many of our 10th grade scholars will take the SATII Chemistry Content Test by the end of the school year.
- All 11th graders will not only take the PSAT, but will also sit for the SAT.
- Most 11th graders will take AP US History, AP Literature, and/or AP Computer Science.
- Seniors will be expected to take AP Statistics or AP Calculus, along with other content courses of their choosing.

A LONGER DAY FOR A WELL ROUNDED EXPERIENCE

As in our elementary and middle schools, our high school scholars experience a longer school day. The longer day gives our scholars time for “Block o” - a timeslot dedicated to a wide and growing variety of extra-curricular and athletic clubs including:

- Cheerleading
- Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Robotics
- Student Council
- Drama
- Mock Trial
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Yearbook
- Graphic Design
- and much more!



TODAY WE LEARN. TOMORROW WE LEAD.

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THE RI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NAMED BVP HIGH SCHOOL “COMMENDED” FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE DURING THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR. OURS WAS THE ONLY HIGH SCHOOL HONORED, AND ALONG WITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2 WHO ALSO RECEIVED THE DESIGNATION, REPRESENTED THE ONLY TWO OUT OF 17 SCHOOLS AWARDED TO SERVE A MAJORITY OF LOW-INCOME CHILDREN.



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