

BLACKSTONE VALLEY PREP HIGH SCHOOL

2022-2023 SCHOOL PROFILE

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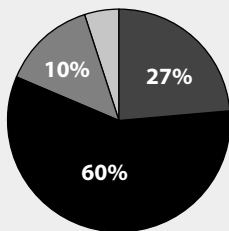
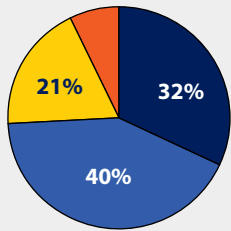


OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy (BVP) is a network of tuition-free public schools chartered by the Rhode Island Department of Education. Blackstone Valley Prep High School (BVPHS) opened in fall 2014 and serves over 400 scholars in grades 9–12.

Intentional diversity is a central pillar of BVP’s mission and vision. Through a randomized lottery, we enroll scholars from four different cities in Rhode Island, each with its own cultural, economic, and social identity. By creating a scholar body that is diverse, we hope to break down the traditional racial and socio-economic barriers that persist in our educational system. Scholars form authentic and lasting relationships with individuals from different communities, furthering their own individual development and strengthening the larger Rhode Island community.

BVPHS DEMOGRAPHICS



- Pawtucket
- Central Falls
- Cumberland
- Lincoln
- Hispanic
- White
- Black
- Other

69%
Scholars eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch

75%
First generation college students

29%
Families’ primary language not English

OUR LEARNING MODEL

We continue to offer and support our scholars through our rigorous academic course load with opportunities for both personalization and acceleration.

Our scholars have a 20% longer school day, on average, than peers in their districts and in non-pandemic years, a longer school year as well. Our academic expectations are aligned to Common Core, Next Generation Science, Pre-AP, and Advanced Placement standards.

We implement a 1 to 1 mentoring program that allows every BVP scholar to receive coaching, support, and guidance in their academic journey. Our mentors help our scholars pave the way for their own learning, setting and accomplishing ambitious, personalized goals.

Our courses run for a full year or semester. Each scholar is enrolled in eight classes.

RUNNING START

Select BVP scholars enroll as full-time dual enrollment students at the Community College of Rhode Island as part of the Running Start program. Exemplary BVP seniors are invited to apply based on academic performance (GPA and PSAT scores). Scholars are required to take a rigorous academic course load, including 2 math courses, 2 English courses, and a minimum of 4 BVP approved academic electives, including Psychology, Economics, and Biology. In addition to Running Start, several of our highest achieving seniors enroll in courses of interest at either CCRI or RIC to supplement their rigorous BVP schedule. These scholars take up to two courses per semester outside of BVP.

GRADING PHILOSOPHY

All course grades are calculated with the following percentages: 20% formative tasks, 60% summative assessments, 10% midterm, and 10% final.

COURSE SEQUENCE

In general, BVP scholars are placed into set course sequences for 9th & 10th grade. In 11th & 12th grade, scholars can choose from a variety of classes. With the help of their mentors, scholars create a challenging course sequence tailored to their individual needs.

SUBJECT	9TH	10TH	11TH	12TH
ENGLISH	English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
			AP English Lang.	AP English Lit.
MATH	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	Statistics
			Pre-Calculus	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra 2	AP Calculus AB	AP Statistics
SCIENCE	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Environmental Science
			AP Biology	AP Biology
			AP Chemistry	AP Chemistry
			AP Chemistry	AP Physics
SOCIAL STUDIES	Pre-AP Modern World	Pre-AP U.S. History	Ancient Civ.	Ancient Civ.
		AP U.S. History	AP U.S. History	Economics/Civics
		AP U.S. History	AP Seminar	AP Research
SPANISH	Spanish 1	Spanish 2	Spanish 3	AP Spanish Lang.
ELECTIVES	Intro to Music, Keyboard 1, Chorus, Fiction Writing, Banned Books Club, Media and Literacy, Material Science, Forensic Science, Renaissance Art, Ancient World Art History, Mixed Media Art, Drawing and Painting, Art and Activism, Physical Education and Health			

OUR MISSION

The mission of Blackstone Valley Prep is to prepare every scholar for success in college and the world beyond.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

In the past 4 years, scholars in the class of 2023 have had the opportunity to take the following AP Courses: AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP English Language & Composition, AP English Literature & Composition, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP United States History, AP United States Government and Politics, AP Seminar, AP Spanish Language & Composition, AP Biology

Any scholar choosing to take more than 2 AP courses meets with the Director of College and Careers to discuss their readiness for the coursework demands prior to schedule approval.

Scholars are required to take the AP exam in order to receive the AP designation on their transcript.

Participation: In 2021-2022, 70% of the class of 2023 took at least 1 AP course and exam

Rigor: Of scholars who took AP courses in 2021-2022, 65% took more than one.

GPA

Scholars' GPAs are calculated twice a year: at the end of the first semester in January to account for semester courses, and again at the end of the year in June.

In June of 2022, the average weighted GPA for the class of 2021 was 2.82.

EXAMS

In an effort to best prepare our scholars for college, scholars take 2 hour final exams in each of their courses. Final exams appear on transcripts. Because of COVID-19, there were no final exams for the 2019-2020 school year.

On final exams, scholars can receive: **HH: High Honors, H: Honors, PR: Proficient, P: Passing, NP: Not Passing.**

DECILE RANK

At Blackstone Valley Prep High School, we do not rank scholars. Instead, scholars are given a decile rank similar to a percentile rank on a standardized test. For example, scholars whose rank is 90% perform higher than 90% of their peers, and therefore are in the top 10% of their class. A scholar's decile rank does not appear on their transcript if they are in the bottom 50% of the class.

CREDITS & GRADES

CREDITS

◇ Scholars are enrolled in a minimum of 24 credits per year. Credits are awarded upon successful completion of course requirements. Most courses are 2 or 4 credits. In our current schedule, 4 credit courses meet every day for a semester and 2 credit courses meet alternating days in a semester.

◇ At a minimum for graduation, a scholar must earn 80 credits (16 ELA, 16 Math, 12 Science, 12 History and 24 Elective).

◇ A scholar in great academic standing will have at least 96 credits.

INCOMPLETES

◇ At BVP, scholars are only awarded credit upon successful completion of the course.

◇ Incompletes (I) on a scholar's transcript indicate that a scholar did not successfully complete a course.

◇ Incompletes (I) on a report card or progress report indicate that, at the end of that specific grading period, the scholars had less than a 70% in that course. These specific incompletes are not used in a calculation for a scholar's final grade.

SAT

BVP is proud to have consistently outperformed the state average and the weighted average of our sending districts on the SAT as well as performing significantly better when compared to schools with similar percentages of economically disadvantaged students.

Our participation rate in the SAT is consistently over 95%. The move to distance learning, however, canceled our SAT School Day administration. Still, over 71% of our scholars choose to take the SAT this year on their own.



GRADE CALCULATION & UNIQUE GRADES

	AP COURSE GPA	COLLEGE PREP GPA
A+ 97-100	4.67	4.33
A 93-96%	4.33	4
A- 90-92%	4	3.67
B+ 87-89%	3.67	3.33
B 83-86%	3.33	3
B- 80-82%	3	2.67
C+ 77-79%	2.67	2.33
C 73-76%	2.33	2
C- 70-72%	2	1.67
I 0-69%	0	0

S: Satisfactory

- ◇ Given in special case courses
- ◇ Factors into credits earned, but not into GPA

W-P: Withdrawal-Passing

- ◇ Scholar was passing and course was withdrawn after add/drop period
- ◇ Does not factor into GPA or Credits

W-I: Withdrawal-Incomplete

- ◇ Scholar had an incomplete and course was withdrawn after add/drop period
- ◇ Effectively an Incomplete for GPA

P: Pass

- ◇ Scholar passed their course at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- ◇ Does not factor into GPA

NRC: No Record COVID

- ◇ Scholar did not pass their course at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- ◇ Does not factor into GPA

VARSITY ATHLETICS

Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer
Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Baseball
Coed Volleyball
Cross Country
Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Scholar Council
Yearbook
Peer Tutoring
Debate Club
Gay/StraightAlliance
Kindness Krew
Black Student Union
Dungeons and Dragons

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: 2018-2022

Bold indicates a BVP alumni enrolled in the college/university

Blue indicates Ivy League

Alaska Pacific University

American University

Amherst College

Anna Maria College

Assumption University

Becker College

Bentley University

Bloomfield College

Boston College

Boston University

Bowdoin College

Brandeis University

Bridgewater State University

Brown University

Bryant University

Capital Community College

Case Western Reserve University

Catholic University of America

Champlain College

Clark Atlanta University

Clark University

Clarkson University

Colgate University

College of the Holy Cross

Colombia University

Columbia College (Chicago)

Community College of Rhode Island

Connecticut College

Cornell University

Curry College

Dartmouth College

Dean College

Drexel University

Duquesne University

East Carolina University

Eckerd College

Emerson College

Emmanuel College

Fairfield University

Fisher College

Florida State University

Fordham University

Framingham State University

Franklin Pierce University

George Mason University

George Washington University

Georgia State University

Hampton University

Harvard University

Hawaii Pacific University

Hofstra University

Holy Cross College

Howard University

Iona College

Ithaca College

James Madison University

Johnson & Wales University (North Miami)

**Johnson & Wales University
(Providence)**

Keystone College

Lasell University

Lehigh University

Lesley University

Louisiana State University

Loyola University Maryland

Marist College

Mary Baldwin University

Marymount Manhattan College

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health
Sciences

Merrimack College

Middlebury College

New England College

New England Institute of Technology

New Jersey City University

New York University

Nichols College

North Carolina State University

Northeastern University

Nova Southeastern University

Pace University (New York City)

Parsons School of Design at The New School

Pennsylvania State University (Main Campus)

Plymouth State University

Pomona College

Providence College

Purdue University (Main Campus)

Quinnipiac University

Regis College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhode Island College

Rivier University

Robert Morris University

Rochester Institute of Technology

Roger Williams University

Rollins College

Rutgers University (New Brunswick)

Rutgers University (Newark)

Sacred Heart University

Saint Anselm College

Saint Louis University

Saint Michael's College

Salisbury University

Salve Regina University

Savannah College of Art and Design

School of Visual Arts

Seton Hall University

Siena College

Skidmore College

Spelman College

St John's University (New York)

Stevens Institute of Technology

Stonehill College

Suffolk University

SUNY at Albany

SUNY Buffalo State College

Swarthmore College

Syracuse University

Temple University

Texas Christian University

The University of Alabama

The University of Findlay

The University of Tampa

Trinity Western University

Tufts University

United States Naval Academy

University of Connecticut

University of Hartford

University of Hawaii at Manoa

University of Maine

University of Massachusetts (Amherst)

University of Massachusetts (Boston)

University of Massachusetts (Dartmouth)

University of Massachusetts (Lowell)

University of Miami

University of Michigan

University of New England

**University of New Hampshire (Main
Campus)**

University of New Haven

University of Rhode Island

University of Vermont

University of Virginia (Main Campus)

Upper Iowa University

Villanova University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State
University

Wellesley College

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Wesleyan University

Western New England University

Wheaton College

William and Mary

Williams College

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Xavier University

Yale University

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