

# BLACKSTONE VALLEY PREP HIGH SCHOOL

## 2023-2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

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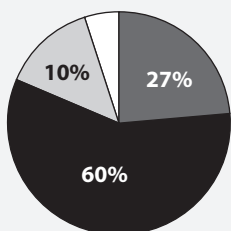
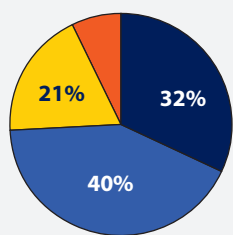
### OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

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.

In 2023, BVPHS was named #8 High School and #1 Public Charter High School in R.I. by *U.S. News & World Report*. Of the top schools with open enrollment, BVP serves the highest number of students who qualify for free/reduced-priced lunch and serves the largest number of minority students.

#### BVPHS DEMOGRAPHICS



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

**69%**  
Scholars eligible for free/reduced lunch

**79%**  
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 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 two math courses, two English courses, and a minimum of four 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 (or Running Start)
<b>ENGLISH</b>	English 9	English 10	English 11 AP English Lang.	English 12 AP English Lit.
<b>MATH</b>	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	Statistics
	Geometry	Algebra 2	Pre-Calculus AP Calculus AB	Pre-Calculus AP Statistics AP Calculus AB/BC
<b>SCIENCE</b>	Biology	Chemistry	Environmental Science	Environmental Science
		Physics	Physics	AP Enviro. Science
			AP Biology AP Chemistry	AP Biology AP Chemistry
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	Pre-AP Modern World	Pre-AP U.S. History	Ancient Civ.	Ancient Civ.
		AP U.S. History	AP U.S. History	Civics/Economics
		AP Seminar	AP Seminar AP Research	AP Seminar AP Research
<b>SPANISH</b>	Spanish 1	Spanish 2	Spanish 3	AP Spanish Lang.
<b>ELECTIVES</b>	Scholar Council, Research Internships, 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 to achieve their goals for college and the world beyond.*

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

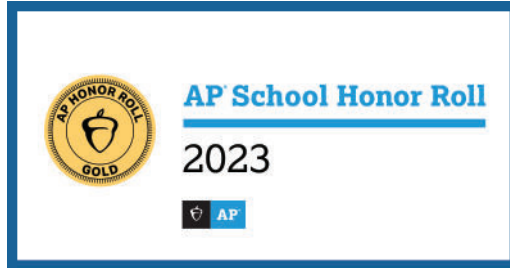
BVP believes in expanding access to college-level courses to *all students*. Our open enrollment policy allows students to enroll in AP courses regardless of prior test scores or grades. Over the past five years, scholars in the class of 2024 have had the opportunity to take the following AP Courses: 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, and AP Biology.

Any scholar choosing to take more than two 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.

In 2022-2023, 73% of the class of 2024 took at least 1 AP course and exam. Of scholars who took AP courses in 2022-2023, 66% took more than one.

In October 2023, it was announced that BVPHS secured a place on the AP School Honor Roll for the 2022-2023 school year, earning Gold distinction. The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools that have done outstanding work to welcome more students into AP courses and support them on the path to college success.



## 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 2023, the average weighted GPA for the class of 2024 was 2.87.

## 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 are yearlong courses, and 2 credit courses are semester courses.
- 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%.

## 2022-2023 AP SCORES DISTRIBUTION (ALL TESTS)

1	2	3	4	5
13.23%	27.37%	35.58%	16.42%	7.41%

## 2022-2023 GRADE DISTRIBUTION

A	B	C	D	I
37.46%	28.38%	28.67%	1.86%	3.64%

## GRADE CALCULATION & UNIQUE GRADES

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

## VARSITY ATHLETICS

Boys Soccer  
 Girls Soccer  
 Boys Basketball  
 Girls Basketball  
 Baseball  
 Girls Volleyball  
 Cross Country  
 Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field  
 Co-op Wrestling & Football

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Black Student Union  
 Chess Club  
 Dungeons and Dragons  
 Female Empowerment Club  
 Gender Sexuality Alliance  
 Historical Fencing  
 Kindness Krew  
 Newspaper  
 Peer Tutoring  
 Photography Club  
 Robotics  
 Scholar Council  
 STEM Club  
 Yearbook

# COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: 2018-2023

**Bold indicates a BVP alumni enrolled in the college/university**

Alaska Pacific University  
**American University**  
**Amherst College**  
Anna Maria College  
Assumption University  
**Barnard College**  
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**  
**Columbia 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  
**Simmons University**  
Skidmore College  
Spelman College  
**Springfield 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 College**  
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 (Mass.)**  
William and Mary  
**Williams College**  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
**Xavier University**  
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