

## History

Burlington Christian Academy (BCA) was established in 1978, and is conveniently located in central North Carolina, between Greensboro and Durham. BCA is the largest non-public school in Alamance County. Academy enrollment is composed of 879 students from Alamance County and four surrounding counties in grades PK-12. Diversity is important as we serve students from every socio-economic background, in addition to international students from an average of five countries each year. The class of 2010 was the first graduating class from Burlington Christian Academy's newly established high school, which is now in its eighteenth year, with an enrollment of 155 students. The academy is accredited by both AdvancED /Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Association of Christian Schools International.

## Academic Excellence

BCA has a long-standing reputation of providing students with an excellent, rigorous, college preparatory education within the context of a Christian worldview. BCA students traditionally score significantly above district and state levels on annual Advanced Placement Tests and have exhibited strong performances on the PSAT, as well as the SAT and ACT for college admissions. The average class size in the BCA High School is fifteen students per class. There are twenty-five high school faculty and staff members, and approximately fifty percent hold or are working toward advanced degrees.

## Curriculum

The BCA curriculum includes twenty-four honors courses and fourteen Advanced Placement courses, some of which are offered on a rotating schedule, i.e. not every year. Courses are provided on a traditional year-long schedule (seven 50 minute periods per day). The Academy's required courses dictate that a student will be limited to one or two AP courses in the 9th-10th grade years, and typically hit a maximum of nine - ten AP courses over four years. The requirement of a Christian Foundations course each year also limits a student's options for electives, additional foreign language classes, or additional core classes.

Students have the opportunity to complete third and fourth levels of Spanish through Alamance Community College, and may also enroll in additional college courses through the dual enrollment programs at Alamance Community College, Elon University, and The College at Southeastern, when scheduling allows.

BCA Grading Scale - Using a 4.0 Grade Scale

| Range | Grade | CP | Honors | AP | College |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $90-100$ | A | 4 | 4.5 | 5 | 5 |
| $80-89$ | B | 3 | 3.5 | 4 | 4 |
| $70-79$ | C | 2 | 2.5 | 3 | 3 |
| $60-69$ | D | 1 | 1.5 | 2 | 2 |
| Below 60 | F | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## Covid Statement March 2020 - Current

Burlington Christian Academy maintained a full academic schedule throughout the pandemic. From March - May 2020 students completed a full schedule of classes online - with consistent numerical grading. For the 2020-2021 school year, BCA operated on an in-person seven period day schedule, with an online option. Ninety percent of high school students attended in person. In the 2021-current school years, BCA has operated in-person full-time.

## Disciplinary Reporting Policy

Burlington Christian Academy will report major disciplinary actions related to student safety and academic integrity when requested at the time of application. Major disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, suspensions and expulsions occurring while the student is enrolled in grades 9-12.

| Courses Offered | Advanced Placement Courses | Additional Required Courses |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English 9-12* | AP Language and Composition \# | Christian Foundations I* |
|  | AP Literature and Composition \# | Christian Foundations II* |
| Biology* | AP Biology \# | Christian Foundations III* |
| Chemistry* | AP Chemistry \# | Christian Foundations IV* |
| Environmental Science* | AP Environmental Science |  |
| Honors Anatomy and Physiology | AP Physics 1 \# | Health and Physical Education 9 |
| World History* | AP World History | Spanish I |
| European History* | AP European History | Spanish II |
| US History* | AP US History | (Additional Spanish classes offered through Dual Enrollment) |
| US Government* | AP US Government | Elective Options |
|  |  | Art I, II, III*, IV* |
| Algebra 1 | AP Calculus AB - Some students study independently as well for BC | Honors Intro to Computer Science |
| Geometry* | AP PreCalculus -New in 2023-24 | Weight Training |
| Algebra II* | AP Computer Science (via an Online Provider) | Interior Design / Landscaping |
| Honors PreCalculus | AP Art - 2D - New in 2023-24 | Yearbook |
| Honors College Algebra | \# Taught in Alternating Years | Family and Consumer Science |
| Honors Discrete Math | *Honors Course Available | Internships |

## Graduation Requirements

| English | 4 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Math | 4 |
| Science | $3-4$ |
| History | $3-4$ |
| Christian Foundations | 4 |
| Foreign Language (optional) | 2 |
| Phsical Ed. \& Health | 1 |
| Electives |  |
|  | $5-7$ |
| Total Credits |  |
|  |  |
| *BCA students are required to serve 30 |  |
| hours per year of community service. |  |



## Academic Honors

Burlington Christian Academy does not rank students; instead, BCA honors students using a Latin Honors System upon graduation.
In 2023 Burlington Christian Academy had 22 students awarded varying levels of AP Scholar Awards.

From the first fourteen classes of graduates BCA has celebrated two National Merit Scholars, One National Merit Semifinalist, and fourteen National Merit Commended students. (Three of these students are in the class of 2024)
*College Acceptance: Each year approximately $95 \%$ of BCA graduates go on to pursue a college education. The top ten colleges and universities where BCA students have been accepted in the last five years include:

| Appalachian State (50) | High Point University (30) |
| :--- | :--- |
| UNC-Wilmington (49) | Western Carolina University (29) |
| NC State University (40) | East Carolina University (26) |
| UNC-Charlotte (35) | Liberty University (25) |
| UNC-Chapel Hill (30) | UNC-Greensboro (20) |

Other Notable Acceptances and/or Matriculations include: Baylor University, Clemson University, Davidson College, Duke University, Emory University, Florida State University, Furman University, Grinnell College, Michigan State University, Milligan University, Ohio State University, Penn State University, Purdue University, Texas A \& M University, University of California - San Diego, Davis, and Irvine, University of Central Florida, University of Florida, University of Richmond, University of Tennessee, University of Virginia, Virginia Tech University, Wake Forest University, 2 Washington and Lee University

AP Scores - 5 Year Comparison Percent of Students Earning a Score of $\mathbf{3}$ or Higher


The table above represents a compilation of all AP scores earned by BCA students in 2023 in grades 9-12. In the class of 2023, 83\% of the class took at least one AP course, and their average score on all tests taken was a 3.3. To the right you can see some highlights of our most popular classes' performances over the last five years.
*SAT SCORES - CLASSES OF 2022-2024

| ENGLISH R\&W | MATH | TOTAL SCORE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BCA MIDDLE 50\% <br> SCORE | BCA MIDDLE <br> $50 \%$ SCORE | BCA MIDDLE 50\% <br> SCORE |
| 520-650 | $490-620$ | 1020-1250 |
| AVERAGE <br> SCORE BCA | AVERAGE <br> SCORE BCA | AVERAGE <br> SCORE BCA |
| 590 | 562 | 1151 |
| VS. USA <br> AVERAGE | VS USA <br> AVERAGE | VS USA <br> AVERAGE |
| 521 | 507 | 1028 |
| TOP 10\% <br> AVERAGE BCA <br> SCORE | TOP 10\% <br> AVERAGE BCA <br> SCORE | TOP 10\% <br> AVERAGE BCA <br> SCORE |
| 744 | 759 | 1496 |

2019-2023 AP Score Highlights

| Course | 5 year Average Score | \% Scores 3+ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Biology | 4.1 | 97\% |
| Calculus AB | 4.0 | 93\% |
| Calculus BC Self-Study | 4.1 | 92\% |
| English Language | 3.9 | 92\% |
| English Literature | 4.0 | 97\% |
| Environmental Science | 3.1 | 61\% |
| European History | 3.3 | 74\% |
| US Government \& Politics | 3.1 | 65\% |
| US History | 3.2 | 67\% |
| World History | 3.6 | 84\% |


*ACT SCORES - CLASSES OF 2022-2024

| MATH | SCIENCE | ENGLISH | READING | COMPOSITE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BCA MIDDLE <br> $50 \%$ <br> SCORE | BCA MIDDLE <br> $50 \%$ <br> SCORE | BCA MIDDLE <br> $50 \%$ <br> SCORE | BCA MIDDLE <br> $50 \%$ <br> SCORE | BCAMIDDLE <br> $50 \%$ <br> SCORE |
| $16-26$ | $18-24$ | $17-25$ | $19-30$ | $18-26$ |
| AVERAGE <br> SCORE BCA | AVERAGE <br> SCORE BCA | AVERAGE <br> SCORE BCA | AVERAGE <br> SCORE BCA | AVERAGE <br> SCORE BCA |
| 21 | 21 | 21 | 23 | 21 |
| VS NC <br> AVERAGE | VS NC <br> AVERAGE | VS NC <br> AVERAGE | VS NC <br> AVERAGE | VS NC <br> AVERAGE |
| 18 | 19 | 16 | 19 | 18 |
| TOP 10\% <br> AVERAGE <br> BCA SCORE | TOP 10\% <br> AVERAGE <br> BCA SCORE | TOP 10\% <br> AVERAGE <br> BCA SCORE | TOP 10\% <br> AVERAGE <br> BCA SCORE | TOP 10\% <br> AVERAGE <br> BCA SCORE |
| 29 | 32 | 34 | 35 | 32 |

