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# BUILT FOR BOYS

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BLUE RIDGE SCHOOL







**BUILT FOR  
HOW BOYS  
LEARN BEST**



**180**

STUDENTS FROM

**22**

STATES AND

**16**

COUNTRIES

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**750** ACRE  
CAMPUS



SCENIC  
MOUNTAIN  
SETTING



OVER **70%** OF TEACHERS LIVE ON  
CAMPUS

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**100%**

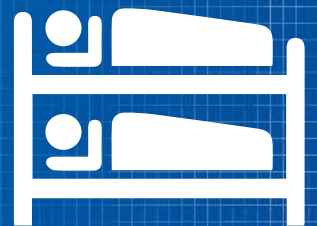
COLLEGE  
ACCEPTANCE

RATE

AVERAGE **8**  
CLASS SIZE **8**

**5:1** STUDENT/FACULTY  
RATIO

FOR BOYS  
GRADES  
**9-12**



ALL-BOYS  
ALL-BOARDING

FOUNDED IN

**1909**



# THE BLUEPRINT

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Built to ensure the  
success of young men.

# Blue Ridge School distinguishes itself as one of the only all-boys, all-boarding schools in the nation. We've built it that way for a reason—it's how boys learn best.

An all-boys environment allows us to tailor our teaching to match the unique pace and tenor of how boys learn. It also enables the boys to remain focused on academic achievement and the intellectual risks required to build new pathways to personal achievement.

The all-boarding aspect of Blue Ridge School immerses your boy in a supportive, character-based culture in which he can thrive inside and outside the classroom. In addition, it helps build independent life skills and habits critical to his success after graduation.

As a Baron, your boy will become part of a structured, nurturing community where faculty, parents, and fellow students unite to support his success. Best of all, despite our competitive and rigorous environment, there is no preoccupation with pedigree. This added layer of comfort and inclusion makes all the difference when it comes to providing the foundation for a balanced, well-rounded life.

[ABOUT US](#)



A photograph of several young men in school uniforms (dark blazers and khaki pants) on a grassy lawn. One student in the foreground is bent over, focused on a task on the ground. Another student in the background is holding a plate and a spoon. The scene is set outdoors with a stone building and trees in the background. The text 'BUILT FOR' is overlaid in large, white, striped letters.

# BUILT FOR

Between our faculty, staff, programs, and facilities, Blue Ridge School is a home away from home, nurturing and supporting every aspect of what makes a well-rounded and successful life.





# LEARNING

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# THE FOUNDATION

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Academics form the core of the Blue Ridge School experience.

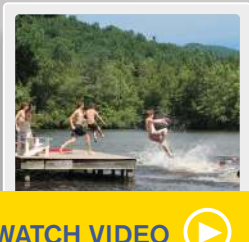
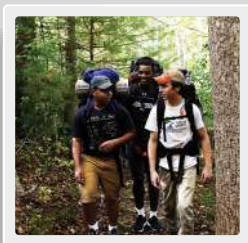
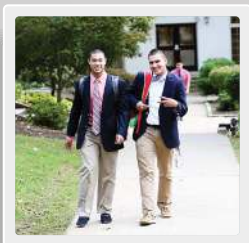


# While our areas of study are traditional—English, history, mathematics, foreign language, science, and electives—the way we approach teaching them is not.

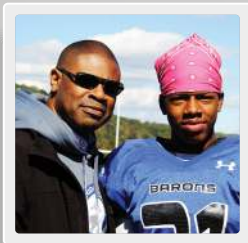
There are distinct and measurable differences between boys and girls in the ways and rates at which they mature and learn. Blue Ridge School leverages those differences to tailor both our curriculum and teaching methods to the unique ways boys learn best. And because every boy is different, our carefully structured college preparatory curriculum further adjusts to meet the specialized learning and developmental needs of each student.

Because we believe in training the mind to think both critically and creatively, we weave courses in the arts—fine arts and performing arts—into our curriculum. In addition, each boy is required to take at least one nature-based course that might include outdoor living skills, service learning, and environmental education, which cultivates a respect for the natural world. The result is a multifaceted education that addresses the full boy and his intellectual, creative, social, physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

[OUR PROGRAMS](#)



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"BEING IN AN ALL-BOARDING ENVIRONMENT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE ACADEMICALLY, BECAUSE YOU CAN JUST TURN AROUND AND EVERYONE IN YOUR CLASS IS RIGHT THERE AND YOU CAN ALWAYS GET TO YOUR TEACHERS. EVERYONE IS ALWAYS THERE FOR YOU."  
—RORO RYMER, BRS STUDENT

"WHAT'S NICE ABOUT BLUE RIDGE IS THAT IT FEELS LIKE FAMILY."  
—ANDREW LINK, BRS STUDENT

"BLUE RIDGE SCHOOL MAKES MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND GETTING TO KNOW EVERYONE A LOT EASIER BECAUSE WE'RE ALL HERE TOGETHER AND THAT OPENS UP A LOT OF WINDOWS TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS."  
—JOSÉ ESPINOZA, BRS STUDENT

"WITH ALL MY FRIENDS HERE, THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW GOING ON TO TRY, ALWAYS SOMEWHERE TO GO. YOU CAN ALWAYS GO UP THE MOUNTAIN OR YOU CAN GO INTO THE MUSIC ROOM, OR TO THE STUDENT CENTER AND PLAY GAMES WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND WATCH SPORTS. HERE, IT'S MUCH MORE FRIENDLY THAN PUBLIC SCHOOL. IT'S LIKE A FAMILY. IT'S HOME."  
—CONNOR MORGAN, BRS STUDENT

"THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE AT THE FISHBURNE LEARNING CENTER TO HELP IF YOU NEED IT. BUT ITS STRENGTH IS THAT YOU LEARN RESPONSIBILITIES, ORGANIZATION, AND HOW TO MOLD YOUR MIND SO YOU CAN TEACH YOURSELF."  
—TAE WATTS, BRS STUDENT

"I USED TO BE SHY, BUT THE ACCEPTING ATMOSPHERE MADE IT POSSIBLE TO BE OUTGOING. I GUESS I DISCOVERED THAT ABOUT MYSELF. I KNEW ACADEMICS CAME FIRST HERE, BUT I TRULY APPRECIATE THAT THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO IT. AND WHO KNEW THAT BIOLOGY WOULD BE MY FAVORITE CLASS?"  
—JAHILIL PURYEAR, BRS STUDENT

"I'VE HAD SO MANY NEW EXPERIENCES HERE I WOULDN'T TRADE IT FOR ANYTHING."  
—MICHAEL GERRY, BRS ALUM

"BLUE RIDGE SCHOOL HAS DEVELOPED THE PERFECT BALANCE OF NURTURE AND PUSH, AND OUR SON MICHAEL IS STRONG EVIDENCE OF THAT SUCCESSFUL FORMULA."  
—ROBERT GERRY, BRS PARENT

"AS PARENTS LIVING ABROAD, WE ARE REALLY HAPPY WITH THE TEAM APPROACH. HIS ADVISOR KEEPS IN GOOD CONTACT WITH US. WITH HER COMMUNICATIONS AND THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER, WE GET A REALLY GOOD PICTURE OF HIS LIFE AT BLUE RIDGE SCHOOL."  
—THE MORGANS, BRS PARENTS

"BLUE RIDGE SCHOOL HELPED ME EXPAND AND UNDERSTAND PEOPLE A LOT BETTER. [I] CAN COME INTO A NEW SITUATION AND BE BETTER ABLE TO DEAL WITH IT BECAUSE OF THE BALANCE OF FREEDOM AND RESTRICTIONS THAT EXIST HERE."  
—JACOB MORGAN, BRS ALUM

"THE BOYS HERE SUPPORT ME AND UNDERSTAND ME, JUST LIKE MY BROTHERS. AT HOME I HAVE TWO BROTHERS. HERE I HAVE 200."  
—JAAB VESKIKUL, BRS STUDENT

"NOW THAT JASON HAS FINISHED HIS JUNIOR YEAR, WE CAN SAY THAT THE INVESTMENT IN HIS EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE AT BLUE RIDGE HAVE PAID DIVIDENDS. HE HAS DEVELOPED FROM A 'B' STUDENT TO A CONSISTENT 'A' STUDENT AND HE HAS GROWN AND MATURED SIGNIFICANTLY."  
—CAROL HESS, BRS PARENT

"I DECIDED TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE TUESDAY MEALS PROGRAM BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN VERY BLESSED WITH LOVING PARENTS, FRIENDS, AND TEACHERS WHO HAVE HELPED ME ALONG THE WAY. I REALIZE THAT I HAVE BEEN GIVEN A LOT AND NOW I HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO FIND THEIR NEXT MEAL."  
—SPENCER AMMEN, BRS STUDENT

"BLUE RIDGE HAS DEVELOPED A UNIQUE FORMULA FOR ENCOURAGING YOUNG MEN TO PUSH THEMSELVES IN ALL AREAS, AND TO BE INDEPENDENT—YET WITH A STRONG SAFETY NET IF NEEDED."  
—TAMMY AMMEN, BRS PARENT

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"I THINK AN ALL-MALE ENVIRONMENT WORKS BECAUSE IT CHANGES THEIR PRIORITIES."  
—PAUL FEHLNER, BIOLOGY TEACHER

"JAHILIL HAS ALWAYS BEEN A QUIET AND RESERVED CHILD, BUT TO SEE HIM INVOLVED IN SCHOOL SPIRIT AND ESTABLISHING LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS IS A DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE FOR ME."  
—JYNAN WILLIAMS, BRS PARENT



NAME Jaab Veskiikul, *sophomore*

FROM Thailand



There isn't a challenge you can throw at Jaab that he won't meet. New culture? New language? No problem. Where some might shrink under the pressure, Jaab has emerged as one of the most visible boys on campus, running the Sunday sushi concession, participating

in Student Council, and moving seamlessly between the groups of friends he's made at Blue Ridge School. He'd never seen snow before and now he's skiing the slopes of Wintergreen. He'd never cooked before and now he feeds the masses. And he'd never been to boarding school

before and now he's excelling. "This school has taught me that if you just try, you can get better at anything. My friends and the teachers support me. They give me a chance and help with every single thing."





TAKE A LOOK

## TUESDAY WINTER TRIMESTER

- 6:30 AM  
WAKE UP  
SET MY ALARM EARLY TO GET SOME  
LAST-MINUTE HOMEWORK DONE
- 7:15 AM  
RISING BELL  
SHOWER, PACK MY BAG AND RUN  
TO DINING HALL
- 7:30 AM  
BREAKFAST
- 8:10 AM  
CHAPEL  
(MAKES ME CALM AND READY  
FOR THE DAY)
- 8:35 AM  
CHECK IN WITH ADVISORY GROUP  
AND ADVISOR  
MR. PETERSON
- 8:48 AM  
HONORS LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE  
CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS IN ELL LAST  
YEAR!
- 10:08 AM  
MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY
- 11:28 AM  
MANDARIN 3
- 12:45 PM  
LUNCH WITH FRIENDS  
Wok STATION! MAKE YOUR OWN  
STIR-FRY!
- 1:30 PM  
OUTDOOR PROGRAM SKIING TRIP  
(FIRST TIME SKIING!) AT  
WINTERGREEN
- 7 PM  
DINNER AT WINTERGREEN
- 8 PM  
STUDY HALL  
FINISH HISTORY HOMEWORK
- 10 PM  
MEET FRIENDS AT THE FOOD TRUCK  
AND HANG OUT FOR A WHILE
- 10:45 PM  
ON HALLS FOR CLEAN-UP
- 10:55 PM  
IN ROOM
- 11 PM  
LIGHTS OUT

“Jaab lights up every classroom he’s in with his energy and positivity. He has the rare gift of not only being able to push himself but to influence others to do the same.”

Patrick Curtin  
HISTORY TEACHER



# BUILT FOR C

Nobody goes it alone at Blue Ridge School. Parents, faculty, staff, and fellow students come together to form a tight-knit community designed to support individual successes.

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# COMMUNITY



INSTARIDGE





# THE STRUCTURE

On the foundation of strong academics, Blue Ridge School builds a structure of support to ensure every boy succeeds.



More than 70 percent of our teachers live on campus, serving in coaching, dormitory, and advisory roles. And international students receive additional instruction in the English Language Learner Program to help hone their language skills. For all of our students, the heart of our academic support network is the educational and personal support boys receive in the Fishburne Learning Center (FLC).

Nearly every boy at Blue Ridge School can look to the FLC for the extra assistance they may need to achieve academic success. The FLC is an interactive, multisensory learning environment where boys can hone their knowledge in a specific subject area, prepare for the SAT, polish up an essay, or get extra help with an assignment.

Beyond this role, the FLC excels when it comes to helping boys with mild to moderate learning differences, particularly when the differences are linked to memory, executive function, ADD/ADHD, reading comprehension, and processing speed. Regardless of the need, each boy can receive help using strategies tailored to his specific learning style and personality.

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NAME RoRo Rymer, *junior*

FROM Central Florida



You don't have to be brash to be a success at Blue Ridge School. RoRo is proof of that. He is an avid mountain biker and outdoor enthusiast. He's open to trying new things. He has a solid group of friends. He knuckles down and gets his work done. And he effortlessly

navigates the mix of structure and independence Blue Ridge School represents. Others describe him as "a stand-up guy" and "respectful of others." But he's also humble, using his boarding school experience (since 6th grade) to help others adjust to the environment, just

as he shares his fly fishing skills and country music knowledge with all who are interested. "I always try to be helpful where I can. I had someone at my old school who helped me through tough times, so I want to return that favor to others."





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## SATURDAY SPRING TRIMESTER

9 AM  
BREAKFAST  
SKIP BREAKFAST So  
I CAN SLEEP IN

9:15 AM  
RISING BELL

10 AM  
SATURDAY MORNING PROGRAM  
JAZZ BAND IN THE AUDITORIUM

12 PM  
LUNCH WITH FRIENDS  
(THE REGULAR CROWD)

1 PM  
HEAD OUT WITH MR. WOODS FOR A TRIP  
TO CEDAR RUN FALLS IN SHENANDOAH  
NATIONAL PARK FOR A HIKE

7 PM  
DINNER  
BURGERS AT FIVE GUYS ON  
THE WAY BACK TO CAMPUS

7 PM  
HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS IN MY  
ROOM AND HALL UNTIL BEDTIME  
ALSO LISTEN TO SOME  
JOHNNY CASH

11:30 PM  
STUDENTS ON HALLS

11:45 PM  
LIGHTS OUT

“RoRo is a great friend. He helps when things need to get done, and if you are hurting, he’ll walk with you to the nurse. We both know we can count on each other.”

**Brian Walker**  
RORO'S FRIEND



# BUILT FOR

Whether through healthy competition or coordinated teamwork, every element of the Blue Ridge School experience is designed to instill the spirit of cooperation and empathy it takes to forge lasting bonds and the habits that lead to overall success.





# TEAMWORK

TEAMS AND SCHEDULES





# THE FINISHING

Striking the right balance between what is required and what is desired in life is an essential skill. At Blue Ridge School, opportunities abound to explore every aspect of a well-lived life.



The hallmark of Blue Ridge School is our focus on the whole boy. And one critical aspect of that 360-degree approach is developing the qualities each boy needs to be a responsible citizen, an asset to society, and a man of character.

We define “character” as the way a person conducts himself when no one is there to judge him. And we instill character through a Code of Conduct and unique, hands-on experiential programs that hold each boy accountable for his own decisions; support a spirit of teamwork; reinforce teachable moments; and encourage responsibility, integrity, perseverance, and respect for others.

Sports and other extracurricular activities give the boys opportunities to exercise their cooperative and social skills. Blue Ridge School’s athletics program has a history of excellence across the 20 sports we field, and our varsity football and basketball teams have garnered recent state championships. In addition to sports, Blue Ridge School has multiple clubs and activities designed to nurture individual interests. From school life to dormitory life to personal life, each boy receives the guidance, programs, and support he needs to become a well-rounded individual.

**CODE OF CONDUCT**



NAME Tae Watts, *senior*

FROM Richmond, Virginia



Whether it's with sports, academics, or trying his hand at the annual Polar Bear Plunge, Tae Watts is a man of action. From early-morning workouts to football practice and basketball, he has the discipline of a star athlete. And, with the skills

he's learned from the Fishburne Learning Center, he applies the same discipline to his schoolwork. But then there are the times he likes to just kick back with his friends or watch TV in his room. Blue Ridge School gives him a good balance of

all aspects of life. "At first I was skeptical about an all-boys school. But now I like it. Being around the guys, we challenge and push each other to work harder and get better."





## TAKE A LOOK

“I was very shy when I first got here. But I was welcomed with open arms. Now it’s just like a family.”

**Tae Watts**  
ATHLETE, ALL-AROUND  
GREAT GUY

## WEDNESDAY, FALL TRIMESTER

- 6:30-7:15 AM  
WEIGHT ROOM WITH BASKETBALL  
TEAMMATES AND COACH LEMCKE
- 7:30 AM  
BREAKFAST  
SAUSAGE, GRAVY, AND BISCUITS
- 8:10 AM  
ASSEMBLY: THIS WEEKEND'S TRIPS  
ARE A FORMAL DANCE AT FOXCROFT  
ON SATURDAY (No) AND A BREAST  
CANCER WALK ON SUNDAY (YES)
- 8:35 AM  
CHECK IN WITH ADVISOR  
MR. PUCKETT
- 8:48 AM  
FLC CLASS  
STUDIED FOR U.S. HISTORY TEST
- 9:43 AM  
MOUNTAIN ECOLOGY CLASS  
OBSERVING TREES ON CAMPUS
- 10:38 AM  
U.S. HISTORY
- 11:33 AM  
12TH-GRADE ENGLISH  
THE SCARLET LETTER
- 12:25-1 PM  
LUNCH WITH FRIENDS
- 1-1:45 PM  
MEETING PERIOD  
EXTRA HOMEWORK HELP
- 1:48 PM  
SPANISH 3  
REFLEXIVE VERBS
- 2:43 PM  
MATH  
PROBABILITY
- 4-5:30 PM  
FOOTBALL PRACTICE  
ON THE TURF FIELD
- 6 PM  
DINNER  
BEEF STROGANOFF AND NOODLES
- 7:15-7:55 PM  
QUIET TIME ON HALLS
- 8-10 PM  
STUDY HALL
- 10:00 PM  
WATCH A LITTLE TV  
(REALLY INTO SUITS RIGHT NOW)
- 11 PM  
LIGHTS OUT





# BUILT FOR

From our carefully constructed programs and boy-centered master plan to our supportive atmosphere and the miles of trails that wind throughout our magnificent campus, Blue Ridge School takes boys—in all their varieties and stages of development—and produces gentlemen of character, integrity, and boundless capability.





# SUCCESS

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