



"Bellarmine is more than a school or a mascot. It is a place where students grow and build connections that last beyond graduation. Through education, service, and shared values, Bellarmine remains part of your life long after high school. You are not just a Lion for four years, but for life."

Private School

Bellarmino Preparatory School Washington

Bellarmino Preparatory School is a private coeducational day school in Tacoma, Washington, offering a college-preparatory curriculum for grades 9-12. The school is recognized for strong academic outcomes, leadership development, and a balanced focus on arts, athletics, and service.



PRIVATE



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SEASONS



SPORTS



ARTS

Quick Facts

Founded: 1928

Niche.com Score: A

Students: Co-educational

Climate: Mild winters / Cool summers

Population: 200,000

School Population: 900

Accepting students: Grade 9-12

Diploma Year offered: No

Interview Required? Yes

English as Second Language (ESL) support: No

University Acceptance rate: 99%

Academic Excellence

Bellarmino Preparatory School delivers a rigorous college-preparatory program grounded in critical thinking, analytical writing, and interdisciplinary learning. Students choose from a wide range of advanced courses across sciences, mathematics, humanities, and world languages. With an average class size of 21 and a 18:1 student-teacher ratio, instruction emphasizes close faculty guidance and academic accountability. Approximately 70% of faculty hold advanced degrees. Technology is integrated across the curriculum through a 1:1 student-to-iPad program, supporting research, collaboration, and digital literacy.

Student Accomplishments

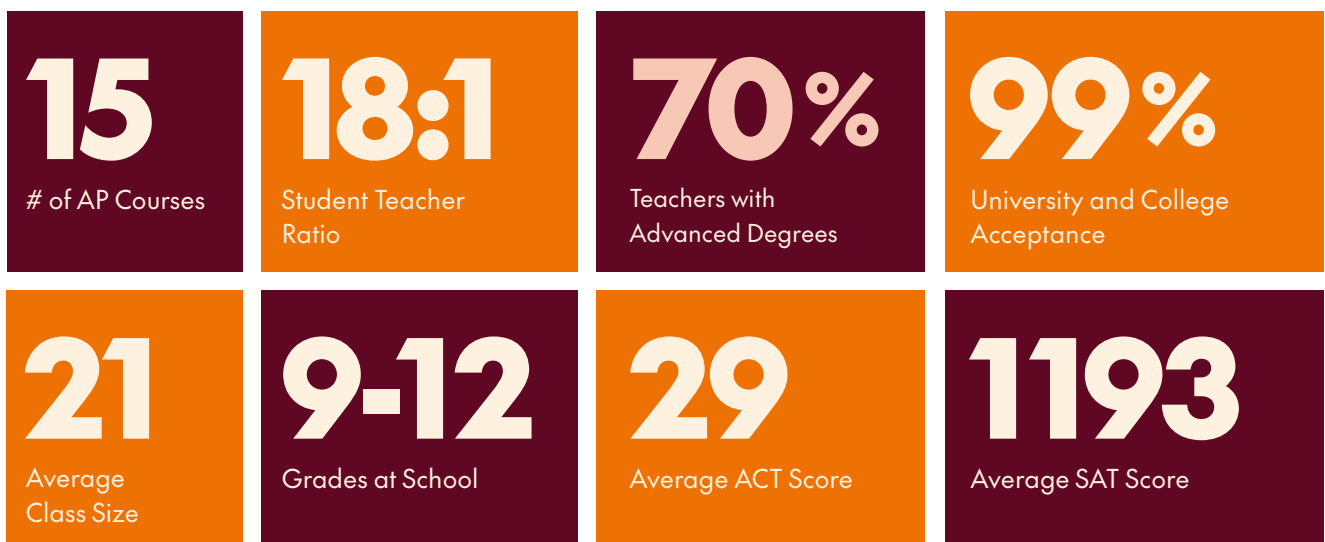
- Average of 17 National Merit Finalists and Commended Scholars annually
- 60 state athletic titles
- Consistent participation in competitive academic and leadership programs

Recent University Acceptances

- Columbia University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Harvard University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Northwestern University
- Princeton University
- Rice University
- Stanford University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Pennsylvania
- Vanderbilt University
- Williams College
- Yale University



Stats



Campus Facilities

The 42-acre campus combines historic architecture with modern academic spaces. Facilities support science, mathematics, and technology learning alongside **collaborative classrooms and study areas**. Students have access to **arts studios, music rehearsal spaces, and performance venues**. Athletic facilities include **two gymnasiums, a fitness center, and extensive outdoor fields**. Campus spaces are designed to support academic focus, physical development, and student community in a suburban urban setting overlooking Tacoma.

Athletics and Arts

Athletics are an important component of student life, with teams competing in the 4A South Puget Sound League. Bellarmine emphasizes teamwork, discipline, and sustained excellence, supported by a long record of state-level success.

The arts program offers broad opportunities in visual arts and music. Students participate in studio-based art courses and ensemble music programs that encourage both creative expression and technical development.



Highlights

Sports: American Football, Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country Running, Golf, Lacrosse, Sailing, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, Wrestling

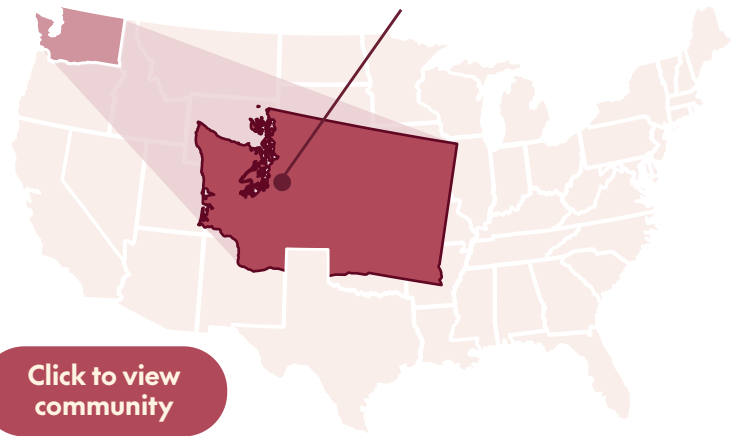
Arts: Ceramics, Design, Drawing, Painting, Photography, Sculpture, Chamber Orchestra, Concert Chorus, Jazz Choir, Percussion, Vocal Chamber Ensemble, Wind Ensemble

Advanced Placement Courses: Biology, Calculus, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Economics, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Marine Science, Physics 1, Physics C: Mechanics, Statistics, U.S Government and Politics, U.S History, World History

Languages Offered: Chinese, French, Spanish

Community

Tacoma is a mid-sized city of approximately 219,000 residents, offering a mix of urban culture, waterfront access, and green spaces. The city is located near Seattle, providing access to major technology, arts, and cultural institutions. **Seattle-Tacoma International Airport** is within convenient driving distance, supporting international travel for students and families.



[Click to view community](#)

Climate in Tacoma

Mild coastal climate with cool winters and comfortable summers.



"At Bellarmine, students have the opportunity and support to explore academics, arts, and athletics while also finding community with peers who share their identity. Programs like Diversity Club, the Black Student Union, and other affinity groups reflect how the school lives out cura personalis, or care for the whole person."

Student

"Bellarmine has a strong sense of community. The teachers are supportive and help us feel confident and well prepared for college."

Student

Video

Learn more about the school

