

The Resident Life Experience



With a college-like atmosphere, the Bolles San Jose Campus brings *All Things Possible* to life and prepares students for the next step in their academic journey. Bolles boarding students benefit from the close friendships formed in a small, tight-knit community while also enjoying all the robust options in athletics, arts, clubs and academics as part of a larger academic community. Upper School students explore their interests and pursue their goals with more freedom and flexibility, honing time management skills, discovering a deeper sense of self and developing important leadership skills.



Welcome to an *All Things Possible* Education

Bolles students are offered a wealth of choices so they may begin to find their passion.

Upper School/Resident Life Quick Facts

822 Upper School Students

10 spacious, cutting-edge labs in the Sanchez Fender Center for Innovation including an Anatomage Lab and Fabrication Lab with CNC machines and 3D printers

58 countries are represented and **19** different languages are spoken on the Upper School San Jose Campus

40 countries and territories and **14** U.S. states are represented in the Bolles resident life community

6 international and domestic travel programs offered

30 AP courses, **40** honors courses and **5** world languages offered

110 elective courses are offered, plus a partnership with Global Online Academy for additional course offerings

906 AP Exams were taken by Bolles students in May of 2024 and they scored in the top **10%** in the country

26 sports in upper school

163 team state titles, **104** state runner-up finishes

67 Olympians — **14** medalists won **31** Olympic medals, including **19** gold medals

23 professional athletes in **6** major sports leagues — MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL, LPGA, NWSL

53 rowing shells in the Peyton Boathouse & Rice Family Crew Complex

64 service clubs for students to choose from

8 art shows each year — including an AP Art Fair and a juried Bolles Visual Arts Showcase

6 Performing Art performances each year including a bi-annual all-school musical

39 dorm rooms — **25** boy rooms and **14** girl rooms across **2** floors of Bolles Hall, plus **10** additional girl rooms in construction phase

37+ resident life weekend trips planned each year with a beginning of the school year trip to Universal Studios

270 average days of sunshine per year in the city of Jacksonville

22 miles of white-sandy beaches along Jacksonville's shoreline

85,000 acres of park land and waterways in Jacksonville

30+ non-stop flights to major U.S. cities from JAX International Airport

140 average daily arrivals and departures on all major airlines at JAX international Airport

Overall Bolles Quick Facts

74 countries represented and **25** different languages spoken across all four campuses

128 faculty and staff with advanced degrees, **13** with doctoral degrees.

1 promise to provide an *All Things Possible* experience for your student!





A Day at the Upper School

The upper school schedule provides flexibility for our upper school students to become more independent. All courses are taught at a college preparatory level. In addition, the rotating schedule offers students dedicated time for club meetings, studying, convocations and other activities.

Rotating Schedule

MON/TUE/THU/FRI	WED (LATE START)	A DAY	B DAY	C DAY	D DAY	E DAY	F DAY	G DAY
8-8:30 a.m.	8:45-9:15 a.m.	Zero Hour	Zero Hour	Zero Hour	Zero Hour	Zero Hour	Zero Hour	Zero Hour
8:30-9:30 a.m.	9:15-10:15 a.m.	Class 1	Class 6	Class 4	Class 2	Class 7	Class 5	Class 3
9:35-10:35 a.m.	10:20-11:20 a.m.	Class 2	Class 7	Class 5	Class 3	Class 1	Class 6	Class 4
10:35-11:25 a.m.	No Activities Period	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities
11:25 a.m.-12:25 p.m. 11:25 a.m.-12:05 p.m.	11:25 a.m.-12:25 p.m. 11:25 a.m.-12:05 p.m.	Class 3/ Lunch 1 or 2	Class 1/ Lunch 1 or 2	Class 6/ Lunch 1 or 2	Class 4/ Lunch 1 or 2	Class 2/ Lunch 1 or 2	Class 7/ Lunch 1 or 2	Class 5/ Lunch 1 or 2
12:05-1:05 p.m. 12:25-1:05 p.m.	12:05-1:05 p.m. 12:25-1:05 p.m.							
1:10-2:10 p.m.	1:10-2:10 p.m.	Class 4	Class 2	Class 7	Class 5	Class 3	Class 1	Class 6
2:15-3:15 p.m.	2:15-3:15 p.m.	Class 5	Class 3	Class 1	Class 6	Class 4	Class 2	Class 7

Our Curriculum

Our expansive curriculum includes five world languages, 43 Honors courses and 31 AP Courses. Our teachers are given the freedom of curriculum and professional development opportunities to make classroom learning engaging and motivating. Bolles develops critical thinking skills and the courage to self advocate. Discussions in classrooms focus on a subject from all sides and situations. Students are encouraged to ask questions and collaborate by working in groups. Civil discourse is modeled and compassion is highlighted.

Learning Through Exploration

Our upper school students have many opportunities to explore their passions. We have an extensive offering of elective courses in addition to what the Global Online Academy offers.



For a complete curriculum guide, scan QR code or visit Bolles.org/upper/academics.

A sampling of some of the elective courses offered:

- Post 9/11 American Studies
- Film Theory, Creation and Media Literacy
- 20th & 21st Century Journeys in African American Lit
- History of the Mid East
- Psychology
- Studies in Leadership
- World Religions
- The American Journey
- Legal Studies
- Ceramics I
- STiVA – Alternative Printmaking
- Advanced Placement 2-D Art
- Advanced Acting
- Theatre Production Workshop
- Science of Diseases
- Physical and Cultural Anthropology
- Advanced Conversational Spanish
- Spanish V: Conjecture and Debate
- Mythology
- Marine Science
- Advanced Robotics
- CAD Design and Digital Fabrication
- Life Science Investigations
- Neuroscience Honors
- Forensic Science
- Yoga

Graduation Requirements Checklist

Total credits required for graduation: **22**

ENGLISH

☐ I ☐ II ☐ III ☐ IV

MATH

☐ Algebra I ☐ Geometry ☐ Algebra II
☐ 4th Year Math

SCIENCE

☐ Biology ☐ Chemistry ☐ 1 Addt'l Science
Two of the sciences must be lab sciences, three are recommended.

SOCIAL STUDIES

☐ World History ☐ U. S. History
☐ One other Social Studies elective
Can be two semester courses.

LANGUAGE

☐ I ☐ II

The successful completion of two credits in one language at the Upper School is required for graduation, with the exception of students in the class of 2027 who began their study of language in 7th grade.

PE/FITNESS

☐ 1

BOLLES WELLNESS SEMINAR

☐ 1/2

FINE ARTS

☐ 1

Can be two semester courses.

ELECTIVES

☐ 3 1/2 (1, 2, 3, 1/2)

Our Community

You Belong at Bolles

The Bolles School is a community based on mutual respect, meaningful dialogue and purposeful change. As a place of learning, Bolles is committed to continuously improving our culture, curriculum and community in ways that reflect our core values of excellence, courage, integrity and compassion. Our mission is to deliver a Bolles experience that is safe, inclusive and diverse.

Global Learning and Engagement

Global Learning and Engagement takes an interdisciplinary approach and includes a curricular framework with the purpose of enhancing students' critical thinking, intercultural communication, creativity and leadership skills. Students may apply to our competitive Global Scholar Program (which contains a robust curricular and extracurricular requirements list.) The Global Scholar Program supports students in developing the skills necessary to be change-makers in the world through course offerings, extracurriculars and international travel experiences.

Extracurricular Activities

Bolles offers 64 clubs. Clubs are student-driven and vary year to year. Examples of these clubs include:

- AIM Asian Inspiration Multiplied
- American Sign Language
- Angels for Allison
- Bolles Premedical Society
- Bolles Supporting First Responders
- Building Leaders Today and Tomorrow BLT2
- Bulldogs Fighting Cancers
- Debate Club
- Dreams Come True
- Operation Smile
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Hope Across Oceans
- Pets for Patients
- Surfrider Club

Athletics

Our internationally recognized athletic program emphasizes the importance of good sportsmanship and the power of play — children developing not just academically, but also physically, socially and emotionally. Our athletic motto is “Humble in Victory, Gracious in Defeat.”

Fall Sports

- Cheerleading
- Crew (Club Fall Season)
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Swimming & Diving
- Volleyball

Winter Sports

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Weightlifting - Girls
- Wrestling

Spring Sports

- Baseball
- Crew
- Lacrosse
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Weightlifting - Boys
- Flag Football - Girls



We Are Here to Help

Learning Support Services

In alignment with the mission of The Bolles School, Learning Support Services provides students access to individual and small group assistance, strategies for learning success and accommodations.

The learning specialists implement accommodations based on, among other things, psycho-educational testing, input from the classroom teachers and the individual needs of the student.

Examples of Accommodations:

- +50% extended time
- Alternative testing environment
- Reformatting of tests
- Keyboarding
- Text-to-speech software
- Teacher-provided notes
- Spelling exemption
- Use of dictation software
- Preferential seating
- Use of a four-function calculator

College Counseling Team

Bolles offers a comprehensive College Counseling program designed to help students identify colleges that fit their interests, abilities, skills and values. College Counselors begin meeting with students and parents freshman year. This 4-year process provides guidance and resources throughout their upper school experience at Bolles.

Our program is based upon two fundamental beliefs:

1. The college search is a process which requires well-honed research and decision-making skills.
2. The college choice should be geared to the individual, resulting in an appropriate match between student and institution.

Our team of professional and caring faculty/advisors and counselors are here to help each student achieve their best level of success.



Scan QR for more information about our Learning Support Services.



Scan QR for more information about our College Counseling team.



Class of 2025 Stats

The Bolles School prepares students for college and life by inspiring excellence, courage, integrity and compassion in an academic community dedicated to nurturing mind, body and soul.

These Class of 2025 stats demonstrate how Bolles has prepared these students for launch — into college and life.

Scholarships

Bolles Class of 2025 graduates were offered or qualified for more than **\$20 million** in merit-based scholarships over their four-year college careers.

Direction

199 of the 204 graduates went directly to college.
1 took a post-graduate year, 2 international students applied to college in their native countries and 1 international student is deferring college for military service.

Acceptance

Graduates were accepted at **229** different colleges, universities and service academies and will enroll in **93**.

History

24 graduates are “Lifers” — attending Bolles since Pre-K or Kindergarten.

34 graduates are legacy Bolles students — they have parents or grandparents who attended Bolles or Bartram School for Girls.

Athletics

50 student-athletes committed to a college or university to continue their academic and athletic careers.

Qualified for Bright Futures

61% of the graduates residing in Florida qualified for Florida Bright Futures Scholarships.

Financial Assistance

78% qualified for some form of merit-based awards such as academic, leadership, athletic scholarships or service academy appointments.

College Destinations

Graduates are attending colleges in **27** different states, the District of Columbia, China, England, Ireland and Italy.

BOLLES GRADUATES ARE



Scan QR code
to see the list of
colleges the
Class of 2025
is attending.

How to Apply

Start Here

- ☐ Create an Application Portal account
- ☐ Complete initial application form
- ☐ Submit form and \$50 application fee

Complete Checklist items through Application Portal.

Deadline to Apply for the 2026-27 School year is January 30, 2025

- ☐ Parent/Guardian Questionnaire
- ☐ Applicant Questionnaire
- ☐ Copy of Birth Certificate
- ☐ Student Photo
- ☐ Student/Parent Meeting
- ☐ ISEE/SSAT/SAT/ACT Testing
- ☐ Character Reference
- ☐ English Teacher Recommendation
- ☐ Math Teacher Recommendation
- ☐ Current Grade Report
- ☐ 2024-25 Grade Report
- ☐ 2023-24 Grade Report

Checklist items vary slightly by grade.

Optional

Shadow Day

While a campus tour is optional, we encourage all families to schedule one to get a glimpse of a typical day at Bolles. Middle and Upper School students are invited to spend a day on campus shadowing a current student, experiencing classes and the Bolles community.



For a video walk through of the application process, scan QR code or visit Bolles.org/Admission and click on the Application Process video link.

Affording Bolles

There are many ways to stretch your family's dollars to achieve an extraordinary education for your child, and we are happy to help you discover financial strategies that suit your family best.

The Financial Aid process is unique to each family, and confidentiality will be maintained at all times. It is our goal to make the tuition to attend Bolles affordable.

Our Financial Aid Program is based strictly on financial need, rather than merit. Therefore, any family who has reviewed their financial situation and feels they need help paying tuition should apply for aid.

Apply online at app.clarityapp.com.

This website is where you will fill out and submit your application. **Only students who have applied for admission will be considered for financial aid.**

Please feel free to contact us at bfao@bolles.org or (904) 256-5030 with any questions.



Scan QR code to watch a quick informational video about the financial aid process and affording Bolles.



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