

Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy

School Profile 2022-2023



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Our Community

Banning Lewis Academy is located inside the Banning Lewis Ranch master-planned community. One of the most sought after communities in El Paso County with its pocket parks, pool, water park, dog park, community center, 75+ acres of walking and biking trails, concerts in the park, farmer's market, pickle ball and tennis courts, award winning charter schools, diverse population housing many military connected families as well as serving forever residents. A variety of single family residences ranging from starter homes all the way into the Retreat, a 55 and better active adult living community to house every stage of life.

Our School

Banning Lewis Academy serves approximately 1600 students and is a free public charter school consisting of Banning Lewis Ranch Academy (K-5) and Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy (6-12) in D49's School District. Banning Lewis Ranch Academy (K-8) opened in 2006 expanding the upper grades through opening Banning Lewis Preparatory (6-12) in 2017. The Class of 2023 includes 84 seniors.

Academic Requirements

Coursework requirements for graduation are based on the number of units of credits earned in grades 9 through 12 with the exception of being on an advanced track in middle school. A unit of .5 credit is typically the credit received for a one-semester course. A minimum of 25 units of credit shall be required for graduation from high school. Specific requirements may be waived with approval from the principal. Appeals will be directed to the BLPA Board of Directors.

Graduation Requirements

CONTENT AREA	CREDIT	NOTES
English	4.0	Must contain courses that contain both literature & composition.
Science	3.0	Must include two lab sciences.
Mathematics	3.0	Must include Algebra I and Geometry.
Social Studies	3.0	Must include 1 credit US History, .5 credit American Government/Civics, & a course containing personal finance curriculum.
World Language	2.0	Must include a second level, full year, of the same language pathway.
Fine Arts	1.0	May include any combination of fine arts.
Health	0.5	Must include one semester of Health.
Physical Education	1.0	Must include one semester of Team Sports
Senior Capstone	0.5	Culminating ICAP (individual career & academic plan) beginning Freshman year.
Academic Core Electives	3.0	Any additional course work in English, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, & World Language.
Unrestrictive Electives	4.0	Any credits earned above the requirements in any area.

Curriculum

At BLA, we teach a rigorous and content-rich curriculum where the Humanities merge with High-Tech to offer a world class education. Our program combines a rigorous education with the practical technology training required for college and career readiness. Our program integrates character education, and specialty subjects increase with opportunities such as online courses, experiential and enrichment programming, Career & Technical Education, Career Start, and Concurrent Enrollment. Students can pace the work across four years, through advanced coursework, can accelerate through the program quickly to graduate early or dedicate their upperclassmen years to earning college credit at little expense.

Grading System

Banning Lewis utilizes a standard grading system

A 90-100 (Excellent)	P/F Passed/Failed	CS Career Start
B 80-89 (Above Average)	CR Credit Recovery	PS Post Secondary
C 70-79 (Average)	I Incomplete/Failing	
D 60-69 (Below Average)	W Withdrawn	
F <59 (Standard not Met)		

For a complete description of programs and courses, visit the BLPA High School Course Catalog found on our BLA website under Grades 9-12 resources: <https://blracademy.org/resources>



Learn more about Banning on our website at:
www.blracademy.org

Grade Point Averages

By School Board policy, courses approved for weighted grade status will receive 1 extra grade point per credit for that course based on a 5-point scale. This extra point will be calculated with all other course grades, which are calculated on a 4-point scale. All Concurrent Enrollment (CE) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses will receive weighted grade status. Class rank and all other honors will be based on a weighted grade point average.

Traditional 4.0 Scale

4.0	A
3.0	B
2.0	C
1.0	D
0	F

5.0 Weighted Scale (CE/AP Courses)

5.0	A
4.0	B
3.0	C
2.0	D
0	F

Graduates will be recognized with the following designation for graduation:

3.75 and Higher Graduate with Highest Honors

3.4 - 3.74 Graduate with High Honors

3.0 - 3.39 Graduate with Honors

Previous Graduating Class

Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy Class of 2022

71.4% Enrolled in a 4-year college/university

7.15% Enrolled in a 2-year college/vocational or technical school

14.3% Directly entered the work force

7.15% Joined the military

___ Army 1 Airforce ___ Space Force ___ National Guard

___ Navy ___ Marines ___ Coast Guard

55% Took Concurrent Enrollment

The class of 2022

- Earned 1064 college credits through the CE program.
- Saved more than \$ 166,400 in college tuition through the CE program.
- Received more than \$449,000 in scholarships

Standardized Testing / Certifications / Associates

74 Total Test Takers / 45% Female / 55% Male

2022 SAT Mean Total Score was 9% higher than the district

2022 SAT Mean ERW Score was 27% higher than the district

2022 SAT Mean Math Score was 10% higher than the district

0 - Industrial Certifications

3 - Associates Earned

Academic Recognition & Awards

All students are eligible for Cardinal or Gold Honor roll based on each term's academic performance. Honor roll status is determined on a student's GPA for the most recent term.

- Cardinal Honor Roll: Term GPA of 3.5 - 3.74
- Gold Honor Roll: Term GPA of 3.75 - 4.0

Previous Graduating Class

There were 62 graduates in the Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy Class of 2022

- 12 earned 4.0+
- 17 earned 3.5 - 3.99
- 15 earned 3.0 - 3.49
- * 7 earned 2.50 - 2.99
- * 9 earned 2.0 - 2.49
- * 1 earned less than a 2.0

Sports, Clubs, & Activities

BLPA adheres to the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) in addition to league-specific guidelines: Football Santa Fe (1A) and all other sports Tri-Peaks (3A). BLPA participates in 5 men's sports and 5 women's sports. Men's varsity sports include football, cross country, spirit, basketball, and Track and Field. Women's varsity sports include volleyball, cross country, spirit, basketball, and Track and Field.

The BLPA music program offers choir, band, jazz, percussion, and orchestra. BLPA offers between 10-20 clubs each year, depending on student interest. Most clubs are open to all interested students. National Honor Society requires and application, nomination, and approval by committee.

College Acceptance by BLPA Graduates

University of Colorado Colorado Springs - Western Colorado University - Thomas Jefferson University Philadelphia - Pikes Peak State College - Colorado College - University of Colorado Boulder - Columbia College Chicago - Arizona State University - University of San Francisco - Charis Bible College - University of New England - Miles - Endicott - FIT Fashion Institute of Technology - San Francisco State, University of Nebraska, University of Montana, Western Colorado, Colorado Mesa, Northern Colorado

College Acceptance by BLPA Graduates

BFA Computer Animation - Bachelor's degree in healthcare with medical lab tech option - Computer Science Cybersecurity Engineer - Psychology - Cybersecurity - BS Nursing then Medical School to be a Dermatologist PA - Interior Design - Fire Science - Business - Russian Studies - Computer Engineering



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