



Vail Ski & Snowboard Academy (VSSA)

2020-2021 School Profile

The first and only fully accredited and certified public academy for ski, snowboard, and other world-class sports.

Mission

VSSA provides a rigorous college preparatory academic program while supporting the athletic and personal goals of our students. In partnership with Ski & Snowboard Club Vail, other elite clubs, and Eagle County Schools, VSSA facilitates the attainment of our students' dreams by offering challenging academics, flexible scheduling, individualized attention, and access to world-class training.



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*A Rural School
Former Home of the Ute
Indians, Miners, and the
WWII 10th Mountain Division*

ACT/CEEB School Code:
061011

<https://www.eagleschools.net/schools/vail-ski-and-snowboard-academy>

<https://www.facebook.com/vailskiacademy>

<https://www.instagram.com/vailskiacademy/>

Academic Calendar

2 semester grading periods; 6 academic courses in each semester

Spring and Fall:
Classes 8:30AM-3:40PM

- November - mid April:**
- Monday: Full day of classroom studies
 - Tues-Fri: AM Training, classes 1:15PM-4:55PM

Slightly lighter load during the most demanding athletic winter months

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College-Ready

Classroom learning enhanced by Schoology & Powerschool while on the road & during COVID

Advanced Placement Courses:
Calculus AB/BC, Statistics,
English Lit & Comp, Lang & Comp,
Human Geography, US History,
Spanish Language & Culture

College profs teach DE Courses at VSSA through Colorado Mountain College:
Calculus, Algebra, Trigonometry, Stats,
Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Env Sci,
English Composition

Naviance for college planning

Unique Programs

All-school wilderness trip, Senior trip

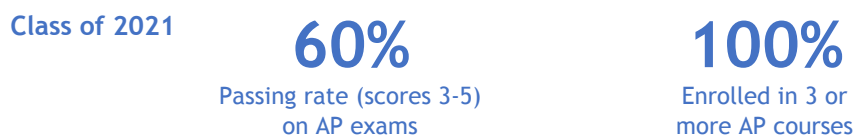
All-school service days & community projects (e.g., bike park design)

Unique mixed grade electives/ seminars in leadership, mindfulness, life skills, e.g., Model UN, Cotillion, Culinary, STEM, Politics, Debate

Independent Study & Work Experience (e.g., Steadman Clinic Research, Mandatory Senior Project)

Spanish class summer trip to Spain

Disciplined Academic Results



Disciplined World-Class Athletics

Alpine - Nordic - Moguls - Ski/Snowboard Park & Pipe/Big Mountain/Cross - Ice hockey/skating - Swimming - Cycling

The mission of VSSA is to challenge our student-athletes with a rigorous academic curriculum while supporting a world-class training and competition schedule. VSSA student-athletes train six days a week during the competition season with full-time coaches. Nordic training is on-site; Vail Mountain is eight miles away. Additional athletic & extracurricular activities are offered by the school district.

Our students compete on a regional, national or international level, which requires extensive travel and thus unprecedented discipline, time management, and independent learning. With the student's extensive competition & training schedules, VSSA provides on-line platforms and academic counseling to maintain rigorous academic standards.

Since 2008,
post-VSSA...

60%

Went on to compete
at the National level

38%

of Nordic & Alpine athletes
competed in NCAA Division I

22%

Made the US Ski & Snowboard Team or
competed at selective International
events. 8 went to the Olympics

Graduation Requirements

25 Credits (One Semester course earns 0.5 credit)

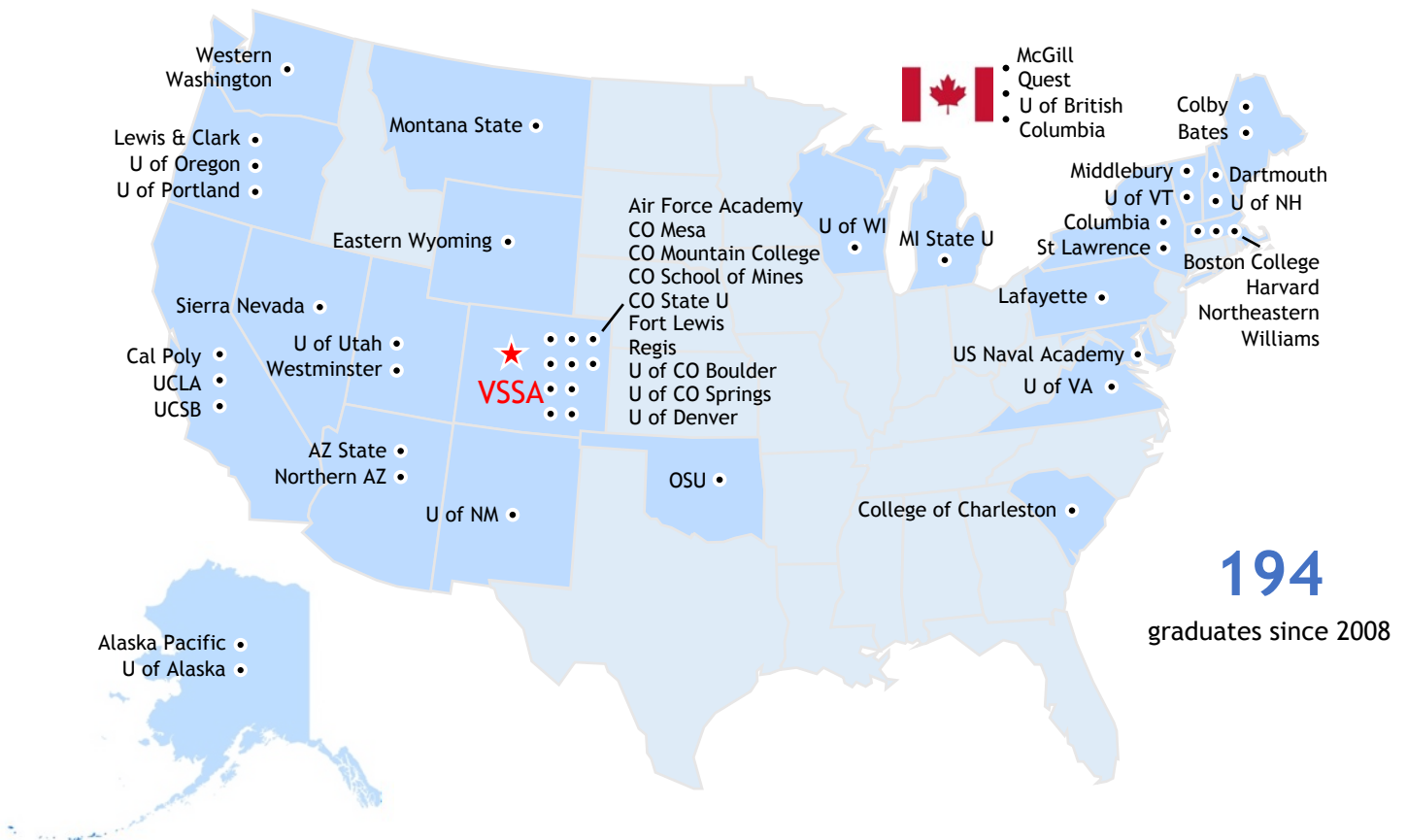
English	4	Mathematics	3
Social Studies	2.5	Science	3
Govt & Economics	1	Health	0.5
Physical Education	1.5	Practical Skills	1
Foreign Language	1	(Art, Culinary, Sr Project)	

Grading System

		Non-weighted Points	AP & DE Weighted Points
A	90-100	4	5
B	80-89	3	4
C	70-79	2	3
D	60-69	1	2
F	below 60	0	0

VSSA does not maintain class rank. With COVID, the grading policy for 2020 Semester 2 was consistent but students could elect a "pass" grade.

College Enrollment



194

graduates since 2008