



Vail Ski & Snowboard Academy (VSSA)

2023-2024 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.

289 students, grades 5-12 **30** Educators **11:1** student to educator ratio

152 Grades 9-12 **137** Grades 5-8 **30** Seniors Class 2024

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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://vssa.eagleschools.net/>

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

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

Academic Calendar

2 semester grading periods. Block Schedule

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

November - mid April:

- Monday: Full day of classroom studies
- Tues-Fri: AM Training, classes 1:10PM-5:00PM

Adjusted schedule during the most demanding athletic winter months

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College-Ready

Classroom learning enhanced by Schoology while on the road for competitions.

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

Contracts w/ Colorado Mountain College to offer Dual Enrollment (DE):
Calculus, Algebra, Trig, Statistics, Env Science, Env Sustainability, Drawing, Ceramics, Intro to Lit, English Comp, Study of Poetry.

Xello used for college planning

Unique Programs

All-school wilderness trip, Senior trip

Unique mixed grade electives/ seminars in leadership, life skills, STEM, Model UN, Culinary, Personal Finance, Painting, Guitar, Computer, Science, Bike Tech, Kayaking, Speech & Debate, Fly Fishing,

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

Unique athletic travel opportunities throughout the year

Disciplined Academic Results

#5 in CO

US News and World Report College & Career Readiness

1150

4-yr avg SAT score ~+100pts above National average

#11 in CO

US News and World Report 11/523 Public Colorado Schools

100%

Enrolled in post-secondary school within 3 yrs of grad

Class of 2024

100%

Pass Rate in BC Calc AP exams (2023)

93%

Enrolled in 3 or more AP courses

100%

Enrolled in at least 2 DE courses

93%

Enrolled in 10 or more DE courses

93%

Will graduate with 28 or more DE credits

Disciplined World-Class Athletics

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

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...

63%

Went on to compete at
the National level

34%

of Nordic & Alpine athletes
competed in NCAA Division I

23%

Made the US Ski & Snowboard Team or
competed at selective International
events. 16 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 & Econ	1	Health	0.5
Physical Ed	1.5	Practical Skills*	1

* Arts, Culinary, Senior Project

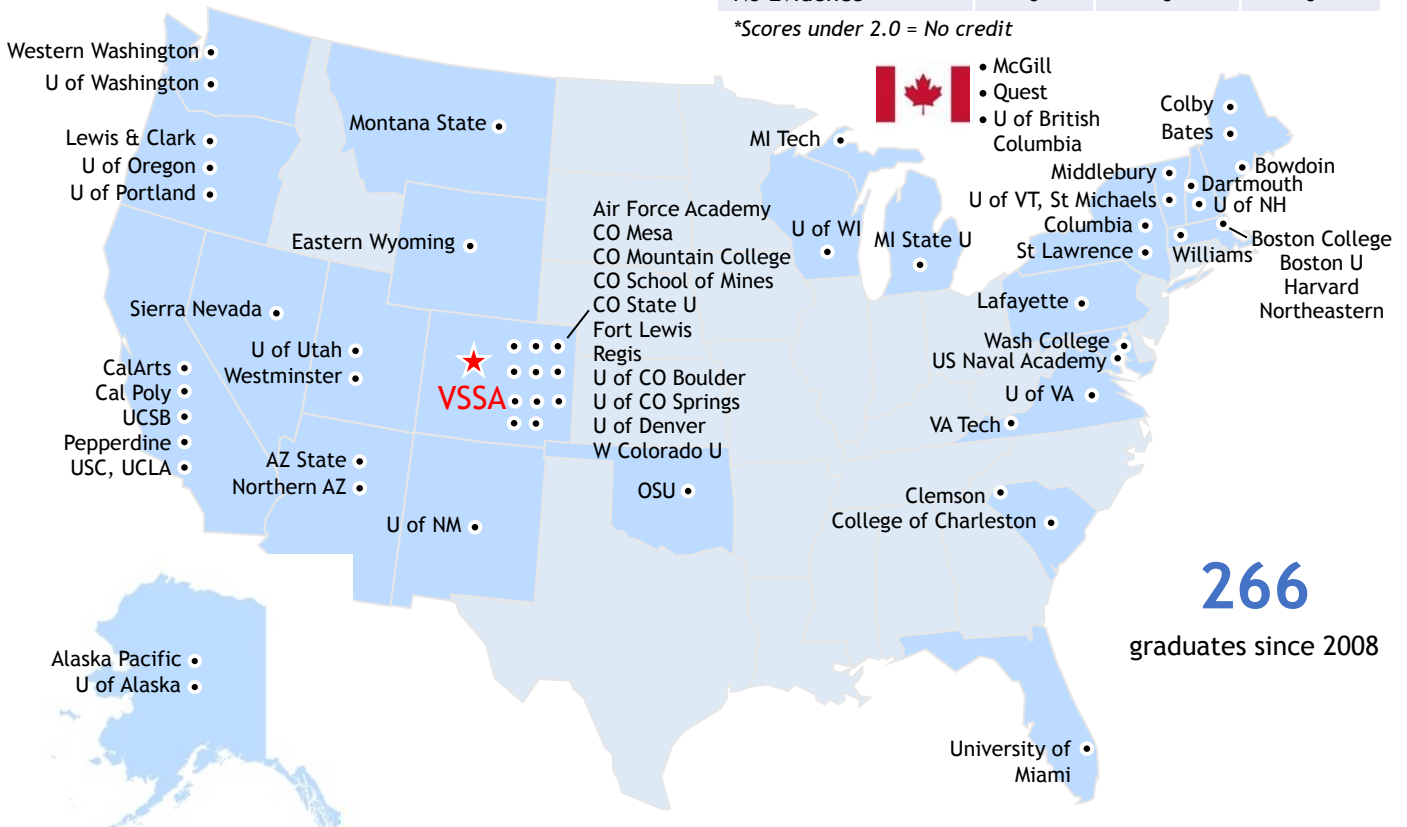
VSSA does not maintain class rank due to class size

Standards Based Grading

	Grade	Non-Weighted Points	AP & DE Weighted Points
Exemplary High	4	4	5
Exemplary	3.5	4	5
Proficient	3	3	4
Nearing Proficient	2.5	3	4
Developing	2	2	3
Nearing Developing*	1.5	1.5	1.5
Beginning*	1	1	1
Nearing Beginning*	0.5	0.5	0.5
No Evidence*	0	0	0

*Scores under 2.0 = No credit

College Enrollment



266

graduates since 2008