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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/>

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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 1:10PM-5:00PM

Adjusted schedule during the most demanding athletic winter months

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Vail Ski & Snowboard Academy (VSSA)

2022-2023 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.

260 students,
grades 5-12

22 teachers &
academic coaches

10:1 student to
educator ratio

25 Class 2023 Seniors

135 Grades 9-12 **125** Grades 5-8

College-Ready

Classroom learning enhanced by Schoology & Powerschool while on the road for competitions

Advanced Placement Courses:
Calculus AB/BC, Statistics, US History
English Literature & Composition,
Human Geography, Spanish Language

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

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, Culinary, STEM, Politics, Personal Finance

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

Spanish class summer trip to Spain

Disciplined Academic Results

PSAT

3 Year Average
English 90%
Math 87%

1150

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

#8 in CO

US News and World
Report 8/508 Public
Colorado Schools

100%

Enrolled in post-secondary
school within 3 yrs of grad

Class of 2023

100%

Pass Rate in AB/BC Calc
AP exams

100%

Enrolled in 3 or
more AP courses

100%

Enrolled in 4 or
more DE courses

72%

Enrolled in 7 or
more DE courses

68%

Will graduate with 20
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...

65%

Went on to compete at
the National level

38%

of Nordic & Alpine athletes
competed in NCAA Division I

24%

Made the US Ski & Snowboard Team or
competed at selective International
events. 9 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

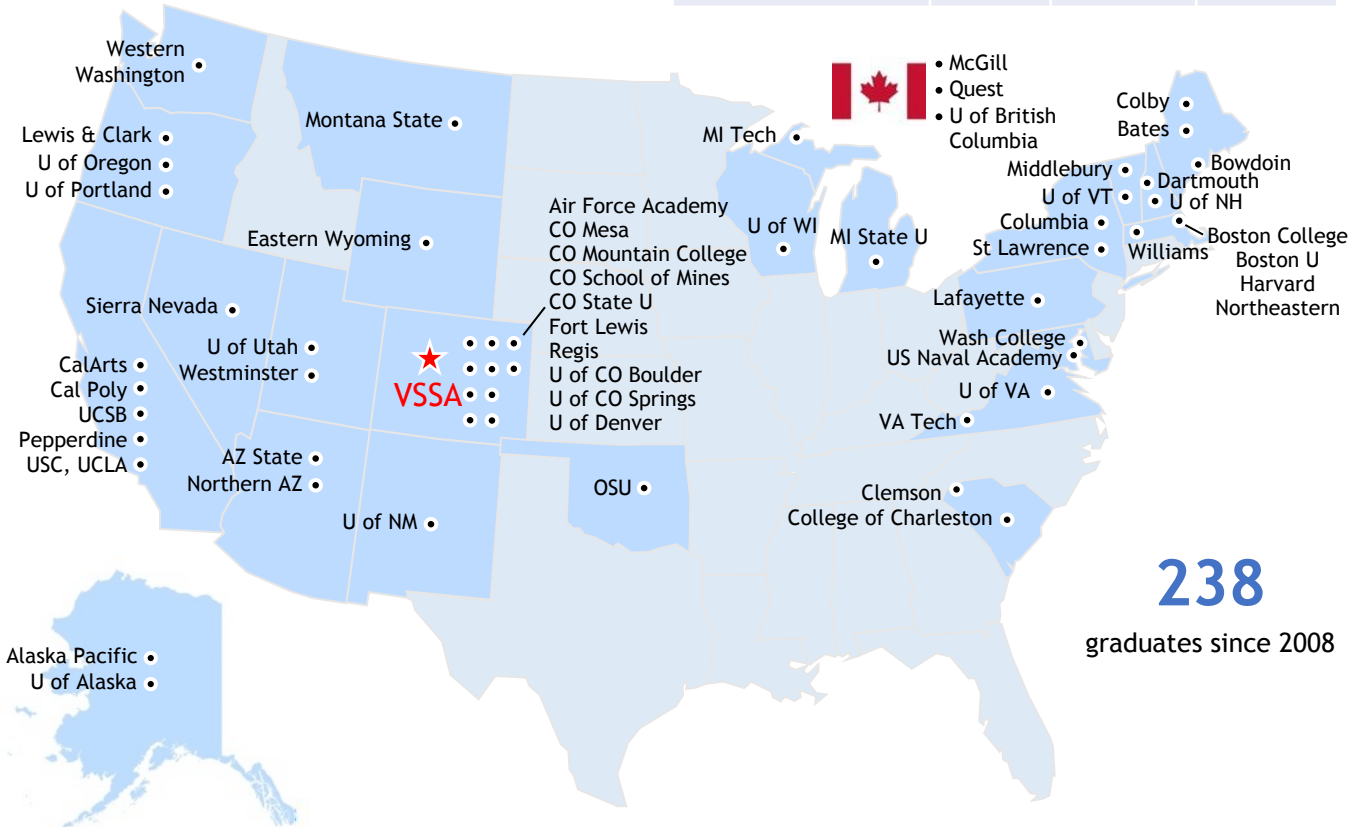
* Arts, Culinary, Senior Project

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

College Enrollment



238

graduates since 2008