

Squaw Valley Academy

Olympic Valley, CA



LOCATION:

- Population: 2,185
- Located 3 Hours 30 Minutes Northeast of San Francisco
- Weather:
Summer/Fall: Warm and Dry
Winter/Spring: Cold and Dry

ELIGIBILITY:

- Enrollment Restrictions: Grades Accepted: 9-12
- SVA assesses English Proficiency after the student enrolls.

- Minimum SLEP: Not Required
- Minimum TOEFL: Preferred, No Minimum
- Minimum ELTiS: Not Required

SCHOOL FACTS:

- Grades at School: 9-12
- Total Students in School: 100
- Teacher/Student Ratio: 1:8
- Estimated Start Date: Mid-August
- Estimated End Date: Late May
- School Uniform Required: NO

SCHOOL PROFILE

Squaw Valley Academy is the ideal place for students who have a love for adventurous activities outdoors. The school develops leadership, critical thinking, and analytical skills through a multi-disciplinary approach that takes full advantage of the surroundings of the Lake Tahoe area. All students participate in Outdoor Education that integrates the math, science, and humanities from the traditional classroom.

FACILITIES

The main building has three classrooms, a restaurant, science labs, a darkroom, music lab, and art studios. The entire campus has internet available through their wireless internet network.

SPORTS AND ARTS

Squaw Valley offers unique opportunities in arts like Jewelry Design and Photography. During the winter months, the academic schedule provides time each day for students to ski or snowboard at Squaw Valley USA, two miles from campus. Developmental ski and snowboard classes, from the beginner to the advanced level, are offered to help students improve and refine their skills and enjoyment of the winter sports. Advanced athletes may train and compete with the Squaw Valley Ski Team or at Alpine Meadows nearby.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

U.S. News and World Report Magazine has recently recognized Alameda and Encinal High Schools as two of the top high schools in the United States.

DORMITORIES AND STUDENT LIFE

SVA boarding students gain a strong sense of family and community by living with usually one or two roommates in a private room. Most rooms have a view of the surrounding Tahoe National Forest. The residential buildings have in-residence adult chaperones, free-of-charge laundry facilities, and lounges. SVA has limited high-speed wireless Internet; students are required to bring their own laptop computers.

University Acceptance Rate: 100%

Partial List of University Acceptances: Art Institute of San Francisco, Boston University, California Polytechnic, Case Western Reserve University, Colorado State University, Pepperdine University, Purdue University, Stanford University, Syracuse University, George Washington University, University of California - Berkeley, University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA), University of Colorado - Boulder, University of Connecticut, University of Massachusetts, University of Notre Dame, University of San Francisco, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

Foreign Languages: Spanish

Advanced Placement Courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Physics B, Physics C, Spanish, Studio Art, US Government and Politics, US History, World History

Arts: Jewelry Design, Music, Performing Art, Photography, Studio Art

Athletics:

Boys:

Fall: Fly-Fishing, Golf, Hiking, Mountain Biking, Rock Climbing, Running, Soccer, Tennis

Winter: Basketball, Cross-Country Skiing, Ice Hockey, Ice Skating, Skiing, Snowboarding

Spring: Beach Volleyball, Fly-Fishing, Golf, Lake Kayaking, River Rafting, Rock Climbing, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis

Girls:

Fall: Fly-Fishing, Golf, Hiking, Mountain Biking, Rock Climbing, Running, Soccer, Tennis

Winter: Basketball, Cross-Country Skiing, Ice Hockey, Ice Skating, Skiing, Snowboarding

Spring: Beach Volleyball, Fly-Fishing, Golf, Lake Kayaking, River Rafting, Rock Climbing, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis

Extracurricular Activities: Art, Chess, Gardening, Sustainability, Music, Photography, Recycling, Science, Yearbook
ESL Available/Level: YES



This school has a fast turnaround time. The school is located in the Olympic Village and is excellent for students who enjoy skiing. The school also has a very strong ESL Program.
Richard Brande, Director of School Programs