



Tahoe Expedition Academy

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GRADING AND CLASS RANK

TEA practices Mastery-Based or Standards-Based grading to assess, evaluate and report on each student's academic progress, growth and performance. As we are a small, academically rigorous school, we do not provide a class rank. Starting 2016-2017, TEA uses a grade scale of A to C-, with less than a C- as incomplete.

THE SCHOOL

Enrollment PreK - 12th: 170
Financial Aid: 32% of students Class of 2017: 6
Student/Faculty Ratio: 4:1
Full-time Teaching Faculty: 6
Faculty with Advanced Degrees: 90%

HISTORY

Tahoe Expedition Academy was founded in January of 2011, when courageous educators and parents collaborated to create an experiential learning school specifically designed for today's world. The school opened in September of 2011 with 70 students in Pre-K-8th grade. TEA has continued to grow and prosper, adding 9th thru 12th Grades and an additional 100 students over the past four years. TEA graduated its first class in 2017, with all six seniors getting into their first choice colleges and earning over \$400,000 in merit based scholarships.

ACADEMICS

Tahoe Expedition Academy's program uses the best research-supported methods and educational technologies to move students beyond traditional classroom and "book learning" with a project-based approach that focuses on building character and deeper learning. Learner outcomes include:

Fluency in "STEAM" (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics)

With a STEAM heavy curriculum, students learn how to think like scientists who produce usable scientific data, understand design process and solve problems systematically.

Persuasive Communication Skills and Critical Thinking

Students learn powerful storytelling techniques, public speaking and critical thinking throughout core and enrichment subjects.

Strength of Character

From perseverance and collaboration to stewardship and gratitude, +Impact proactively cultivates the character attributes students need for success in school, jobs and life.

World View and Appreciation for the Natural World

By spending 125 days and nights in the field during high school students gain comfort and connectivity with diverse people and societies, the world around them and the ability to navigate it.

Creative Problem Solvers

Students regularly engage with projects that enable them to think and work outside of the classroom walls and to create solutions for real world challenges.

Multicultural Understanding of History, the Arts and Humanities

Students gain a solid liberal arts education in history, arts and the humanities.

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS AND CURRICULUM

Students are supported throughout their high school career to achieve a minimum level of mastery toward student learner outcomes in order to advance to the next grade level and/or receive a re-enrollment offer as well as to earn a diploma. Students are expected to meet the following credit requirements for graduation:

Course	Credit	Course	Credit
English	4 credits	Social Science	3 credits
Math	4 credits	Foreign Language	2 credits
Science	4 credits	Individual Senior Expedition	.5 credits
Electives	2 credits (Including 1 Visual Art credit)	Total	19.5 credits

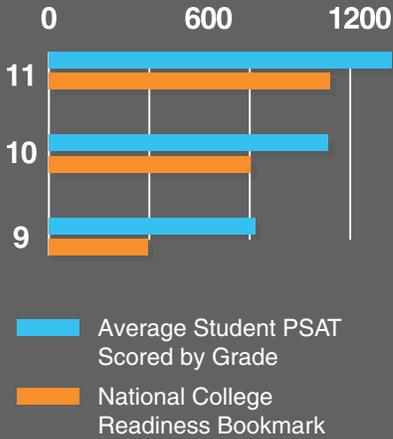
Credits are determined by the total number of hours a class meets per week. Starting with the 2016-2017 school year, students are graded on a yearly basis for academic courses and at the semester for elective courses

- 1 credit = 1 year-long course
- .5 credit = 1 semester-long course
- Students must earn above a C- letter grade to earn credit. If a student does not earn a C- or above, then the class will be considered incomplete and the student will be required to earn credit in another capacity.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

In the 2016-17 school year, the school offered the PSAT to all grade levels, 9-11. In all grade levels, students scored higher than the national average.

PSAT SCORES



Average Student PSAT Score by Grade

11th - 1168
10th - 1051
9th - 1030

National College Readiness Bookmark

11th - 890
10th - 830
9th - 790

COURSE OFFERINGS 2017-2018

English	Math	Science	Social Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Literature World Literature Literature & Composition Creative Fiction & Non Fiction Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math I Math II Math III Statistics Calculus A/B 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Science Biology Chemistry Applied Physics and Engineering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History I Human Geography US History US Government
Foreign Language	Enrichments	+Impact Studies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish I, II, III, IV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Art Music: Performing Arts Computer Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First implemented in the 2016-2017 year. Two Field Studies per year. 2 Credits required over four years. Senior requirement equals .5 credit. 	

In keeping with our philosophy of integrated and interdisciplinary course work, we have elected to offer a robust selection of expedition, college preparation based courses. *We have discontinued the course offerings through the Advanced Placement program and separate honors courses starting with the 2017-2018 school year.*

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS

Character Education: Powered by Constructive Adversity

We continually give our students fun and immersive challenges that push them beyond their emotional, physical, intellectual, social and geographic comfort zones, to expand their boundaries and exceed their own expectations – without ever crossing the line into unproductive fear or frustration.

Expedition-Based Learning

Tahoe Expedition Academy uses expedition-based learning to extend the classroom into the real world. Students spend 30+ days each year in the field with experts and industry professionals engaging in deeper learning and solving real world problems. The senior class creates, develops and implements their own multi-week field studies. This capstone experience empowers students to create positive impacts on the world and to demonstrate what they are able to do, before going to college.

SNAPSHOT OF CLASS OF 2018

The class of 2018 is the second class to graduate. Over the last 4 years, this class of 5 students has epitomized adventure, character and academics. Each of the graduating seniors has transformed in the last four years to become critical thinkers and confident risk takers ready to tackle real world problems.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS CLASS OF 2017



UC San Diego



Northeastern University



Emerson College



Chapman University



Scripps College

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES CLASS OF 2017

Boston University
Chapman University
Columbia College Chicago
Case Western University
Eckerd College

Emerson College
Golden West College
Ithaca College
Northeastern University
Oregon Institute of Technology
Scripps College

UC Davis
UC Irvine
UC San Diego
UC Santa Cruz
University of Hawaii, Manoa
University of Washington