



WINTER SPORTS SCHOOL

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THE WINTER SPORTS SCHOOL in PARK CITY | 2018 SCHOOL PROFILE

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OVERVIEW

The Winter Sports School is a Utah state charter school enrolling 120 dedicated student-athletes in grades 9–12. After operating as an accredited private school for 20 years, WSS graduated its first senior class as a public charter school in 2014. The WSS school year runs from April–November, giving students the opportunity to focus on training and competition during the winter. The Winter Sports School is accredited by AdvanceEd/NWAC.

CURRICULUM

The academic program is organized on a unique three-semester calendar between April and November, spanning parts of two different “traditional” school years. Students study electives, CTE (career & technical education), arts, and social studies in the Spring Semester, followed by core academic courses in the Summer and Fall Semesters. Students attend four 80-minute classes daily in each semester, and earn an average of seven credits per academic year.

We do not offer AP courses, since our core courses end in November and AP tests are offered in May. Our honors coursework, offered in the following subjects, emphasizes research, critical thinking, and analytical skills.

- English 9, 10, 11, 12
- Math 1, 2, 3, Precalculus, Calculus
- Earth Science Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- World Civilizations, US History
- Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4

2017 ACT COMPOSITE AVERAGES

(Reflects class of '16 & '17)

Utah: **20.3**; National: **21.0**; The Winter Sports School: **22.6**

GRADING SCALE, RANK, and GPA

A	93–100	4.0
A-	90-92	3.67
B+	87-89	3.33
B	83–86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.67
C+	77-79	2.33
C	73–76	2.0
C-	70–72	1.67
F	69 or below	0.0

Rank

WSS does not rank students.

Grade Point Average

An unweighted GPA is computed using the above GPA translation. Beginning in 9th grade, all graded subjects are included in the computation, but pass/fail courses are not. Grades are recorded and a GPA is computed in June, September & November of each year. **Note:** Prior to the 2018 school year, the WSS grade scale included a possible A+ given to students earning honors credit with a course average of 97% or above. An A+ corresponded to a GPA of 4.33 and was included in the GPA computation for students in the class of 2017 and earlier.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation as follows:

- English - 4 credits
- Math - 3 credits
- Science - 3 credits
- Social Studies - 3 credits
- Health & PE - 2 credits
- Career & Tech Ed - 1.5 credits
- Fine Arts- 1.5 credits
- Electives - 6 credits

In addition, to receive a WSS diploma, each student must complete a 40-hour community service graduation requirement, complete a minimum of 1,000 hours of athletic participation, verified by a sport club affiliated with a

national (or international) governing body (NGB) of sport, and achieve a final cumulative GPA of at least 2.67.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

(**bold** indicates the last four years)

Babson College, Bates College, Boston College, **Brown University**, **Carleton College**, **Chapman University**, **California Polytechnic State University – San Luis Obispo**, **Colby College**, **Colorado College**, **Dartmouth College**, **Denver University**, **Hamilton College**, Johns Hopkins University, Middlebury College, **Montana State University**, New York University, **Oregon State University**, **St. Lawrence University**, St. Olaf College, Scripps College, Stanford University, Tufts University, **United States Military Academy – West Point**, University of California at Berkeley, **University of Colorado at Boulder**, University of Montana, **University of New Hampshire**, **University of New Mexico**, **University of Oregon**, **University of Southern California**, **University of Utah – Honors College**, **University of Vermont**, **Wesleyan University**, **Westminster College**, Whitman College, **Williams College**

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Since opening in 1994, with an alumni base of 380, WSS accolades include:

- 15 Olympians have competed 35 times since 2002 SLC Games.
- 21 alumni have earned 13 Olympic medals, 26 World Championship medals, 11 Overall World Cup titles, and 195 World Cup podiums.
- 2 National Merit Scholars in 2014 & 2017 and 2 Semi-Finalists in 2018