

# SUGAR BOWL ACADEMY

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## 2016–2017 Profile

### The School

Located in the Sierra Nevada, near Lake Tahoe, Sugar Bowl Academy is a non-profit, independent, college preparatory boarding and day school serving competitive skiers in grades 8-12. Founded in 1998, Sugar Bowl Academy is accredited by the California Association of Independent Schools and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Now in its 18th year, Sugar Bowl Academy offers comprehensive and rigorous college preparatory academics and a world-class athletic program to competitive alpine, freeride, and nordic skiers.

Yearly enrollment averages 65 students; typically 30% are boarding students and 70% are day students. There are 11 students in the Class of 2017. The Sugar Bowl Academy experience is defined by the pursuit of challenging academics and competitive skiing in a community that celebrates hard work, individual achievement, and community success. Admission to SBA is based on academic achievement, athletic potential, and strength of character. Sugar Bowl Academy seeks to make its program possible for students of varied socio-economic backgrounds. This year, approximately 36% of students received financial aid.

### Faculty & Administration

SBA's 35 full and part-time teachers, administrators, and coaches have extensive experience in their respective fields. Eighty percent of the teaching faculty holds advanced degrees and 100% of the coaching staff hold national or international certifications.

Student-faculty ratio: 6:1  
Average class size: 12

### Our Program

Sugar Bowl Academy is designed around a demanding college preparatory curriculum, a rigorous athletic training program, and community-minded living.

#### *Curriculum:*

Sugar Bowl Academy offers a full range of academic and elective courses in keeping with the college preparatory experience. While not AP driven, our curriculum does offer a variety of courses taught at an advanced level, some designated as Honors, particularly in the junior and senior year. All courses seek to foster critical and innovative thinking, effective communication, and expansion of thought.

#### *Athletic Training:*

As elite athletes, Sugar Bowl Academy student-athletes engage in 3-4 hours per day of strength and conditioning in the off-season, and a combination of on and off snow training for up to 5 hours per day during the winter months. Because our student-athletes travel extensively throughout the winter, they communicate frequently with teachers and coaches, and are skilled at advocating for themselves. Sport is used to help develop student-athletes' self-motivation, work ethic, and their ability to push personal limits.

#### *Community:*

Sugar Bowl Academy is a small community founded upon trust and mutual respect. The involvement and contributions of each student-athlete plays an integral role in the day-to-day functioning of the school. Each student-athlete has the opportunity to participate in all activities including advisory, student leadership, clubs, formal dinners, outdoor excursions, and community service in an attempt to promote the growth of independent, responsible young adults.

### Head of School

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### Additional Memberships:

California Association of Independent Schools

National Association of Independent Schools

Coalition of Essential Schools

### CEEB Code

052201

## Program of Study:

ENGLISH (4 years required)

Grade 9: Foundational Lit.

Grade 10: British Lit.

Grade 11: American Lit.

Grade 12: World Lit. or AP English Lang. & Comp.

MATHEMATICS (3 years required)

Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus,

Statistics\*, Global Statistics\*, AP Statistics\*

SOCIAL SCIENCE (3 years required)

Foundational History, World History, World Geography, AP Human Geography, U.S. History

Electives: The Bicycle, Extremism, Foreign Film Studies, Genocide Studies, Government, Middle Eastern Studies, Model U.N. Red State/Blue State

SCIENCE (3 years required)

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Medical Microbiology,

AP Environmental Science

Electives: Astronomy, Collaboration Station, Field Ecology, Under the Scope, Coding

FOREIGN LANGUAGE (3 years required)

Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Spanish 3, Spanish 4, Advanced Spanish

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS (1 year required)

Culinary Art, Digital Photography, Drafting & Design, Drama, Studio Art

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Experiential Education (1.00 credit for each full year enrolled)

Health (0.33 credits)

Physical Education (1.00 credit for each full year enrolled)

Senior Project (1.00 credit)

\* Class offered in alternating years.

Note: Students are discouraged from enrolling in more than two AP courses per year.

## Grading and Class Rank:

Sugar Bowl Academy's academic year is divided into trimesters with official grades reported at the end of each term. The Sugar Bowl Academy transcript reports a cumulative, **unweighted** GPA calculated on a 4.00 scale. Additional credit of 0.33 is awarded for an A+ grade (98%-100%) with a maximum GPA of 4.33. In the 2014-2015 school year, Physical Education became a graded course calculated into GPAs. Coursework completed at other institutions does appear on a Sugar Bowl Academy transcript, yet GPAs include only coursework completed at Sugar Bowl Academy. Sugar Bowl Academy does not rank its student-athletes.

## Test Scores

(Classes of 2015–2016)

### SAT AVERAGE SCORES

<u>Critical Reading</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Writing</u>
570	590	590

### SAT SUBJECT SCORES

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Average Score</u>	<u># of Students</u>
English Literature	610	16
Math Level 2	620	16
Physics	610	11

ACT AVERAGE COMPOSITE SCORE: 26

### AP PROGRAM:

Students enrolling in AP courses are expected to sit for the respective examination. In May 2016, 20 students took a total of 34 AP exams; 68% of the scores were 3 or higher.

## Class of 2017 Junior Year Cumulative GPA Distribution

SBA GPA (Unweighted)		
≥4.00	0	0%
3.75-3.99	5	45%
3.50-3.74	1	9%
3.25-3.49	2	18%
3.00-3.24	1	9%
2.75-2.99	2	18%
≤2.74	0	0%

## College Acceptances:

Each year, nearly 100% of our graduates attend four-year colleges and universities. Occasionally, graduates choose to take a gap year between high school and college to continue their pursuit of competitive skiing. Sugar Bowl Academy graduates from the past four years have been accepted to the following schools:

American University	Colorado Mountain College	Middlebury College	Sonoma State University	Univ. of Puget Sound
Arizona State University	Colorado School of Mines	Montana State University	Tufts University	University of the Redlands
Babson College	Cornell University	New York University	Tulane University	Univ. of San Francisco
Bates College	Dartmouth College	Northern Michigan University	Univ. of California, Berkeley	Univ. of Saint Andrews
Boston College	Denver University	Occidental College	Univ. of California, Davis	Univ. of Utah
California Lutheran Univ.	George Washington University	Pepperdine University	Univ. of California, Los Angeles	Univ. of Vermont
California Poly State Univ.	Georgia State University	Rocky Mountain College	Univ. of California, Santa Barbara	Utah State University
CSU, Long Beach	Gonzaga University	Santa Clara University	Univ. of California, Santa Cruz	Washington State University
CSU, Monterey	Hamilton College	Saint Michael's College	Univ. of Chicago	Western State College
CSU, San Fran	Harvard University	Saint Lawrence University	Univ. of Colorado, Boulder	Westminster College
Clarkson University	Hobart College	San Diego State University	Univ. of Nevada, Reno	Whitman College
Colby College	Ithaca College	San Francisco State University	Univ. of New Hampshire	Williams College
Colby-Sawyer College	Lafayette College	Seattle University	Univ. of Oregon	William Smith College
Colgate University	Lewis and Clark College	Sierra Nevada College	Univ. of Pennsylvania	