



WATERVILLE VALLEY

ACADEMY

Founded in 1972

Waterville Valley Academy

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Overview: Waterville Valley Academy is a snowsports academy designed for full-time student athletes in grades 9-12 and Post-Graduates who are dedicated to pursuing the highest level of performance in alpine racing, freestyle skiing, freeskiing, and snowboarding in parallel with an individualized academic program delivered by WVA faculty. This full-term high school has grown out of our traditional ski academy's Winter Term program that has been offered since the Academy was formed in 1972. WVA is operated by Waterville Valley Black and Blue Trail Smashers / Snowsports Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit registered in the state of New Hampshire. Our website is www.wvbbts.org

Mission: WVBBS provides world-class competitive snowsports for club and academy athletes with exceptional coaches, educators, and training venues, in a family-focused community.

Philosophy/Core Values: We provide a rigorous academic and athletic environment where students can thrive in pursuit of their goals to be their best in their snow sport. This is done through the implementation of our core values: Integrity, Teamwork, Learning, and Excellence.

Academic Program: College Preparatory

Grades are based on a 100 point scale:

Grades less than 70 do not receive credit.

Additional weight is given to Advanced Placement and Honors courses.

Curriculum

English:

English 9-12
English 9-12 Honors
English 10 Pre-AP
AP Literature & Composition
AP Language & Composition

Math:

Finite Math
Algebra I & II
Algebra I & II Honors
Geometry
Geometry Honors
Pre-Calculus
Pre-Calculus Honors

Calculus Honors
AP Calculus A—
AP Calculus BC

AP Statistics
Computer Science

Science:

Physical Science
Physical Science Honors
Biology
Biology Honors
AP Biology
Chemistry
Chemistry Honors
AP Chemistry
Physics
Physics Honors
AP Physics
Marine Biology
Environmental Science
AP Environmental Science
Geology
Meteorology
Human Anatomy & Physiology
Honors

Social Studies:

World Studies and Geography
World Studies and Geography
Honors
American Government/Civics
American Government/Civics Honors
U.S. History Reconstruction to the
Present
U.S. History Reconstruction to the
Present Honors
Economics Honors
AP Microeconomics
AP Macroeconomics
AP US History
AP European History
AP Psychology

World Languages:

French 1-4
French 1-4 Honors
Conversational French Honors
Spanish 1-5
Spanish 1-5 Honors
Conversational Spanish Honors
AP Spanish-Language & Culture
Latin 1-4 Honors

Health and Wellness:

Healthy Living for Athletes I & II
Health Seminar

Studio Art:

Art I: Art Media
Art II: Cross Cultural
Art III & IV
Independent Study



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Accreditation
NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges)
 Full Accreditation

Memberships
AISNE (Association of Independent Schools in New England)

Associations
 USSS Gold Certified Club

Program Statistics

Faculty: 13

Students: 22

Average SAT SCORE:
1320

AP Scores:

3 or higher - 70%

Perfect Score - 32%

Academic Strengths

Low faculty/student ratio

AP course selection

STEM Programs

Athletic Programs

- Alpine
- Freeski
- Freestyle
- Snowboard

Graduation Requirements: In order to graduate, students must earn a minimum of twenty-four credits. Students are strongly encouraged to take additional courses in their particular fields of interest.

Course of Study	Credits Earned
English	4
Social Studies	3
Math	3
Science	3
World Languages	2
Health	1
Art	1
Electives	3
Physical Education (1 credit per year WVA attendance)	4
Minimum Credits for Graduation	24

Recent College Admissions for WVA Students

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| Babson College | MIT | University of Colorado |
| Bates College | McGill University | University of Connecticut |
| Boston College | Middlebury College | University of Denver |
| Boston University | Montana State University | University of Maine |
| Bowdoin College | New York University | University of Massachusetts |
| Brown University | Northeastern University | University of New Hampshire |
| Champlain College | Pennsylvania State University | University of Utah |
| Clarkson College | Plymouth State University | University of Vermont |
| Colgate University | Roger Williams University | Westminster College |
| Colby College | Saint Anselm College | Williams College |
| Colorado College | Saint Michael's College | |
| Dartmouth College | Sierra Nevada College | |
| Evergreen State College | St. Lawrence University | |
| Fairfield University | Syracuse University | |
| Fort Lewis College | Tufts University | |
| Harvard University | Union College | |

WVA Alumni Athletic Accomplishments

Alpine - U.S. Ski Team members and camp attendees, World Championship competitors, Junior World Champion, Can-Ams, Nor-Am competitors, National Junior champions, Regional Championships competitors and champions, NCAA Championship Competitors.

Freestyle / Freeski - U.S. Freestyle Skiing and Freeski Team members, Olympic Team members, Olympic Gold Medalist, two-time World Junior Mogul Champion, World Cup Champion and World Cup competitors.

Snowboard - U.S. Snowboard Team members, Olympic Team members, World Championship competitors, Junior World Champion, Junior World Competitors, Junior Gold Team members, Junior Olympic Champions and competitors, U.S. Open competitors, and National Champions in several age groups.

The Town: Waterville Valley, incorporated in 1829, is a small town surrounded by six four thousand foot peaks in the middle of the White Mountain Forest. The full time population of 260 residents expands to 6,000 during the busy seasons of winter and summer. In 1965, Tom Corcoran founded the Waterville Company, Inc. to create a premier year-round resort including the alpine ski area, a 9-hole golf course, 18 clay tennis courts, trail systems for Nordic skiing, mountain biking and hiking, Corcoran's pond and water activities.