



WINTER SPORTS SCHOOL

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THE WINTER SPORTS SCHOOL in PARK CITY | 2023 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 fully accredited by Cognia.

CURRICULUM

The academic program is organized on a unique three-semester calendar, April–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 76-minute classes daily in each semester and earn an average of seven credits per academic year.

We do not offer Advanced Placement courses, since our core courses end in November and AP tests are offered in May. Honors coursework, our highest level of rigor, is offered in English, Social Studies, Math, Science, & Spanish, and emphasizes research, critical thinking, and analytical skills.

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
D+	67-69	1.33
D	63-66	1.0
D-	60-62	0.67
F	59 or below	0.0

CLASS 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.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn a minimum of 24 academic credits to earn a WSS High School Diploma 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
- Additional Science, Math, English, Social Studies, World Language or Electives - 6 credits

In addition, to receive a WSS diploma, each student must complete 40 hours of community service, complete a minimum of 1,000 hours of athletic training and competition 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 2.0.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA

Beginning with the class of 2023, seniors graduating with a WSS College Preparatory diploma must meet all graduation requirements listed above and earn an additional 2.0 credits in coursework within any of the core academic areas of English, Math, Science, Social Studies, or Foreign Language.

HONORS DIPLOMA

Beginning with the class of 2020, seniors graduating with a minimum of 10 earned credits in honors courses and with an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher receive a WSS Honors Diploma in recognition of their distinguished achievement and successful pursuit of our most rigorous academic pathway. Beginning with the class of 2023, the honors diploma requirements also include earning a minimum of 26 total credits with the additional 2.0 credits earned in advanced coursework in either English, Math, Science or Foreign Language.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- 24 Olympians, competing 48 times since the 2002 SLC Games.
- Alumni have earned 15 Olympic medals, 33 World Championship medals, 82 World Cup titles, and 222 World Cup podiums.
- 5 National Merit Scholars since 2014



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ACT COMPOSITE AVERAGES

2022 - Utah: **19.9**; National: **19.8**; WSS: **21.6**

2021 - Utah: **20.6**; National: **20.3**; WSS: **23.0**

2020 - Utah: **20.2**; National: **20.6**; WSS: **23.1**

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES *(bold indicates acceptance in the last four years)*

Babson College, Bard College, Bates College, Boston College, Bowdoin College, Brandeis University, Brown University, Brigham Young University, California Polytechnic State University, Carleton College, Chapman University, Clarkson University, Colby College, Colorado College, Colorado School of Mines, Dartmouth College, Denver University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Georgia Tech, Hamilton College, Hartwick College, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Johns Hopkins University, Lewis & Clark College, Loyola University Chicago, Loyola Marymount University, McGill University, Michigan Tech, Middlebury College, Montana State University, New York University, Oregon State University, Parsons School of Design | The New School, Ringling College of Art & Design, Rocky Mountain College, St. Lawrence University, St. Olaf College, Scripps College, Sierra Nevada College, Skidmore College, Stanford University, Tufts University, United States Military Academy – West Point, University of Alabama, UCLA, University of California - Berkeley, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of New Hampshire, University of New Mexico, University of Oregon, University of Puget Sound, University of Southern California, University of Utah – Honors College, Seton Hall University, University of Vermont, University of Washington, Wesleyan University, Westminster University, Whitman College, Williams College.

GUIDE TO INTERPRETING WSS TRANSCRIPT REPORTS

Given our school's unique April to November calendar - spanning parts of two different "traditional" school years - our transcript reports read as if our students enter a grade level at the end of one traditional August-June school year and exit that same grade level in the middle of another. Due to this limitation of the state's Student Information System (SIS) from which we generate these reports, we direct those reading our students' transcripts to note the following:

- A full grade-level of enrollment at WSS will be reported on a transcript as Term 3 in one traditional school year, followed by Terms 1 and Term 2 of the next traditional school year.
- In the 2023 school year at WSS, therefore, 12th grade begins with our Spring Semester in April 2023: labeled Term 3 of the 2022-2023 school year on our transcripts.
- Then 12 graders are enrolled in two more semesters in Summer & Fall 2023, which are labeled as Term 1 and Term 2 of the 2023-2024 school year.

In electronic college application software programs, therefore, our students will report the both WSS Spring Semester and WSS Summer Semester courses in their senior year as "First Semester" or "Fall Semester" senior year enrollments, as they will have completed grades and credits earned by the time they are applying to college in their senior year; they will report our WSS Fall Semester courses as "Second Semester" or "Spring Semester" senior year enrollments, as these will be the courses still in progress when they are applying to college in the fall of their senior year. Students earn .5 credit for each course enrolled in each WSS semester.