



“I was overall grateful for the supportive environment of the school. I learned that you can never have a perfect mogul run. There are always improvements to be made. Because of this what I’m doing never gets boring, and there is always something to work on to improve my technique.”

Avital Shimko '14

Boarding School

Steamboat Mountain School Colorado

Steamboat Mountain School is a private co-educational boarding and day college preparatory school in the Rocky Mountains with experiential academics, outdoor leadership, global studies, and winter sports integration. The school blends project-based learning and modular scheduling with wilderness and global learning experiences.

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SPORTS
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ARTS
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MOUNTAIN
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STEM

Quick Facts

Founded: 1957
Students: Co-educational
Niche.com Rank: A
Accepting students: Grades 9-12th
Total School Enrollment: 157

Interview Required? Yes
English as Second Language (ESL) support: No
Diploma Year? Yes
Special Program: Modular schedule (Mod), Global Immersion Studie

Academic Excellence

Steamboat Mountain School employs a modular (Mod) schedule that promotes depth over breadth, allowing students to immerse in topics through extended blocks and personalized learning pathways. Faculty guide students in college preparatory coursework that emphasizes critical thinking, research, writing, and real-world application. The curriculum does not include Advanced Placement (AP) designations, instead focusing on rigorous honors-level offerings within the Mod framework and experiential projects. Students engage in interdisciplinary studies, global immersion experiences, and capstone work, preparing them for competitive university environments. The student-teacher ratio is approximately 5:1, supporting personalized instruction.

Student Accomplishments

- Students complete capstone research and inquiry projects that extend classroom learning into real-world contexts.
- Graduates matriculate to selective colleges and universities with a reported 100% college continuation rate.



Recent University Acceptances

- American University
- Boston University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University
- Cornell University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- McGill University (Canada)
- Michigan State University
- Middlebury College
- Montana State University
- Northeastern University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)
- Texas A & M University
- University of California – Santa Cruz
- University of Chicago
- University of Colorado
- University of Miami
- University of Southern California
- University of Texas - Austin
- University of Washington
- Williams College



Stats

5:1

Student Teacher Ratio

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Best Boarding High Schools in Colorado

100%

University Acceptance Rate

80+

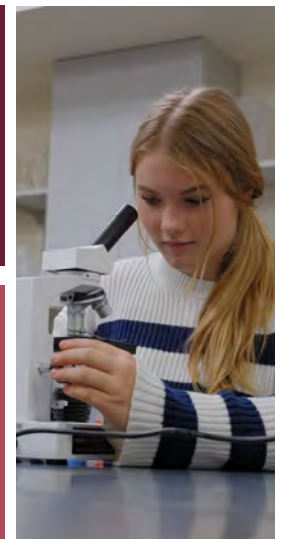
Courses Offered

1290

Average SAT Score

30

Average ACT Score



Campus Facilities

The campus sits on approximately 150 acres within the Rocky Mountains and incorporates academic studios, labs, collaborative spaces, and outdoor classrooms. Outdoor programs extend learning into wilderness contexts, including backpacking, desert expeditions, and fieldwork. Athletic facilities support snow sports through a partnership with the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club, offering skiing, snowboarding, and Nordic disciplines. Arts and performance spaces host music, visual arts, and interdisciplinary creative work.



Residential Life

Boarding options are available for upper school students with both full-time and five-day boarding arrangements. Dormitories place students near academic buildings and shared dining areas, with residential faculty providing supervision and support. Boarding students originate from throughout the United States and internationally, engaging fully in academics, outdoor expeditions, and community life.



Athletics and Arts

Steamboat Mountain School's athletic culture combines outdoor adventure with competitive opportunities, particularly in winter sports through the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club partnership. Students also access traditional team sports via collaborative arrangements with local high school teams.

Arts education includes opportunities in music, visual arts, and performance embedded within the academic schedule and global studies programming.



Lists

Sports: American Football, Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country Running, Dance, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Skiing, Soccer, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling

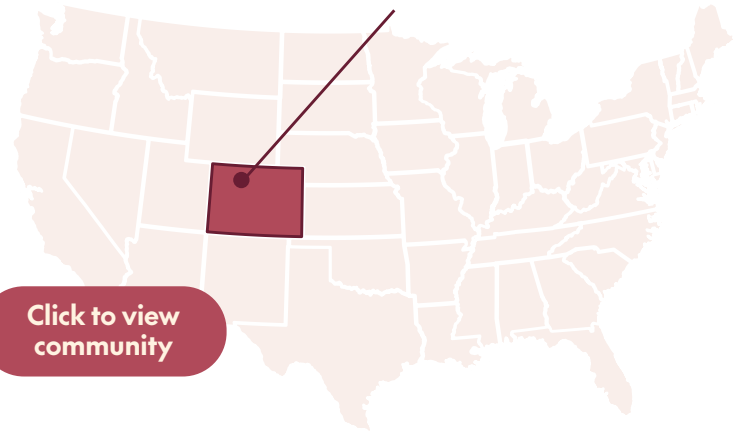
Arts: Art, Film Academy, Graphic Design, Photography, Studio Art, Theater

Languages:
Spanish, Chinese

Club and Extracurriculars
Ballroom Dancing, Camping, Earth Group, Fitness Club, Hiking Club, Music Appreciation, Photography Club, Student Council, Student Government

Community

Steamboat Springs is a mountain resort city with access to outdoor recreation, cultural events, and a small community atmosphere in northwest Colorado. The area is known for winter sports, summer festivals, and proximity to Routt National Forest. The nearest major international airport is Yampa Valley Airport, with larger hubs in Denver and Salt Lake City within several hours' drive.



Climate in Steamboat Springs, Colorado

Four distinct seasons with cold snowy winters and warm, mild summers typical of high-altitude mountain regions.



Video
Steamboat Mountain School Campus Tour

