

"Being at Lake Tahoe Prep was one of the best experiences I've had in life. Besides the great education, friendly people, and fantastic sport opportunities, I was able to follow my passion of snowboarding. I became a professional snowboarder after I left and studied medicine next to my sports career"

- Martin Rasinger, Alumni

Boarding School

Lake Tahoe Preparatory School California

A private boarding school in the Sierra Nevada mountains, Lake Tahoe Preparatory School focuses on college-preparatory academics integrated with outdoor education and athletics. Its mountain setting near Lake Tahoe and Olympic Valley allows students to combine rigorous study with year-round outdoor sports, including competitive skiing and snowboarding.

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FOUR SEASONS
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MOUNTAINS

Quick Facts

Founded: 1978
Students: Co-educational
Niche.com Rank: A+
Accepting students: Grades 9-12th
University Acceptance Rate: 100%

Interview Required? Yes
Diploma Year? Yes
English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes
Climate: Warm, dry summers and Cold, dry winters

Academic Excellence

Lake Tahoe Preparatory School delivers a college-preparatory curriculum supported by small class sizes and individualized instruction. With a 1:7 student-teacher ratio, students receive close academic guidance and structured support. The school offers a strong Advanced Placement program alongside a broad selection of college-preparatory courses. Faculty members emphasize critical thinking, problem-solving, and independent learning. Outdoor education is integrated into the academic philosophy, encouraging resilience and experiential learning. Graduates are well prepared for selective universities, with consistent admission results across the University of California system, private US universities, and arts-focused institutions.

Student Accomplishments

- Graduates admitted to multiple University of California campuses
- Strong placement in arts and design universities
- Consistent college matriculation across STEM and humanities fields..



Recent University Acceptances

- American University
- Boston College
- California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo
- Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising
- Michigan State University
- New York Institute of Technology
- New York University
- Oregon State University
- Pace University
- Penn State University
- Pepperdine University
- Rutgers University
- San Francisco State University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- The Ohio State University
- University of California - Berkeley
- University of California - Irvine
- University of California - Santa Barbara
- University of California - Santa Cruz
- University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- University of Massachusetts - Amherst
- University of Washington - Seattle



Stats

7:1

Student Teacher Ratio

45

Total High School Enrollment

21

Countries Represented

16

AP Classes Offered

7

Average Class Size

#30

Best Boarding High Schools in California

25

Average ACT Score

1280

Average SAT Score

Campus Facilities

The campus is located in the Sierra Nevada mountains, minutes from Lake Tahoe, Olympic Valley ski resort, and nearby national forests. Academic facilities include science laboratories, music practice rooms, photography darkrooms, and multiple art studios. The natural environment functions as an extended classroom, supporting outdoor education, environmental studies, and athletics. Proximity to ski resorts and alpine terrain enables daily winter sports training and year-round outdoor activities.

Residential Life

Lake Tahoe Preparatory School offers a full boarding program. Students typically share rooms with two to three peers, many with views of the surrounding forest. Residential life includes supervised study hours, shared common spaces, and weekend activities such as hiking, mountain biking, city excursions, and organized social events. Boarding students come from diverse regions, creating an international and close-knit residential community.

Athletics and Arts

Athletics are a central part of student life, with strong emphasis on outdoor and mountain sports. Students train and compete year-round, including daily winter access to ski and snowboard facilities near campus. Programs balance competitive teams with personal skill development and physical conditioning .

The arts program emphasizes creative exploration through studio-based and performance courses. Students develop technical skills while building personal portfolios across visual and performing arts disciplines.



Lists

Sports: Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Cross-Country Skiing, Fishing, Golf, Hiking, Ice Hockey, Ice Skating, Kayaking, Mountain Biking, Rock Climbing, Skateboarding, Skiing, Snowboarding, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Weight Training

Arts: Ceramics, Drama, Jewelry Design, Music, Performing Arts, Photography, Studio Art, Video Production

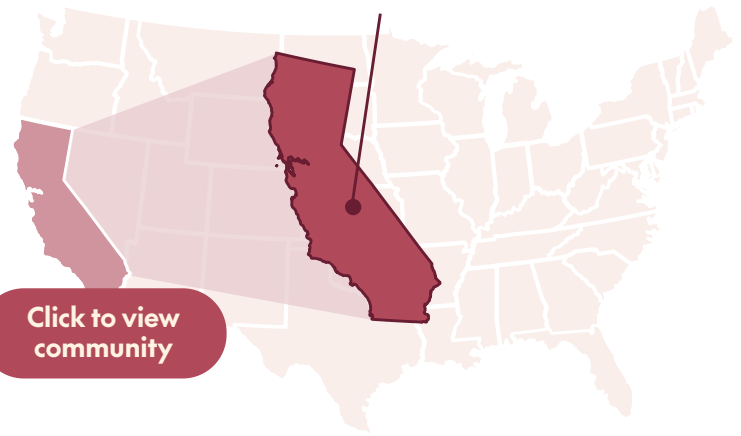
Languages:
Spanish

AP Courses Offered:
Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Chinese, English Language, English Literature, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Physics B, Psychology, Spanish Language and Culture, Studio Art, US Government and Politics, US History, World History

Club and Extracurriculars
Art Club, Chess Club, Gardening Club, Music Club, Photography Club, Recycling Club, Science Club, Sustainability Club, Yearbook

Community

Olympic Valley is a small mountain community with approximately 825 residents, located about three hours northeast of San Francisco. The area is known for Lake Tahoe, alpine skiing, hiking trails, and national forests. Reno–Tahoe International Airport (RNO) is the nearest major airport, providing convenient access for international travel. The region offers a safe, nature-focused environment ideal for boarding students.



Climate in Olympic Valley, Indiana

Mountain climate with warm, dry summers and cold, dry winters.



Video
Discover
Lake Tahoe Prep
Boarding School in
California

