

# Squaw Valley Academy

## Olympic Valley, California



### Address

235 Squaw Valley Road  
Olympic Valley, California 96146  
[www.sva.org](http://www.sva.org)

**Founded:** 1978

### Enrollment

Boarding and Day School  
(about 95% Boarding)

**Grades:** 9 through 12

### Student Body

About 100 students; 60% international

**Student/Faculty Ratio:** 8:1

**Average Class Size:** 8

**Campus Size:** 3 acres

### Location

Squaw Valley Academy is located in the beautiful Lake Tahoe region of California at the foot of the Squaw Valley ski area and about 45 minutes from Reno, Nevada.

### Airport

Reno-Tahoe International Airport (RNO)

### Climate

Four seasons - moderate temperatures with snowy winters

### Modern Language Available

Spanish

**Religious Affiliation:** None

**Uniforms:** Required

### Academics

Squaw Valley Academy offers a rigorous academic program coupled with dynamic student-teacher interaction and support to lead to educational success. Each evening, students engage in a mandatory two-hour study hall proctored by the teaching staff to offer a quiet, calm study setting. Academic courses are supplemented with electives in the arts, including photography, painting, ceramics, and music.

### Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

16 available including: English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics B, Physics C, World History, US History, US Government & Politics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language, and Studio Art.

### ESL Program

The mission of the English Language Development Department is to help every student learn and be successful in English and mainstream classes. ELD courses focus on grammar, reading, writing, listening and speaking. Classes in TOEFL Prep and Literature for International Students are also offered.

### Success Rate

100% of students are accepted to a 4 year college or university.

### Campus Life

This California boarding school is just 5 miles from beautiful Lake Tahoe, and only 2 miles from the Squaw Valley Ski Resort, home of the 1960 Winter Olympics. Students will live in one of the three on-campus residences, which are typically 2 or 3 person dormitory rooms, and are supervised by adult dormitory staff who offer 24 hour support. Residential buildings also have free laundry facilities and recreational lounges.

### Activities

Students participate in various community service, sports and outdoor activities throughout the year. During the ski season, classes end at 2:00 pm so that students in good academic standing have the opportunity to ski or snowboard up to 7 days per week. Each year, all students participate in two five-day trips in the Outdoor Education Program that offer safe, challenging adventures. Fun weekend activities and excursions provide opportunities for students to immerse in the local culture, and include visits to Lake Tahoe, Reno, Sacramento and San Francisco.

### Sports

Competitive teams in Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer, Big Mountain Ski Team, and Ski Race team. Other intramural athletics include: soccer, hiking, mountain biking, swimming, volleyball, tennis, rock climbing, snowboarding, ice skating, ice hockey, golf, kayaking, and fishing.



## College Acceptances

Academy of Art University  
 Albright College  
 American University  
 Arizona State University  
 Binghamton University  
 Boston University  
 California College of the Arts  
 California Polytechnic State University  
 California State University  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Colorado School of Mines  
 Colorado State University  
 Cornell College  
 Creighton University  
 Dominican University  
 Drexel University  
 Drew University  
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
 Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising  
 Flagler College  
 Florida State University  
 Gannon University  
 George Mason University  
 High Point University  
 Hofstra University

Humboldt State University  
 Johnson & Wales University  
 Kansas State University  
 Lawrence University  
 Loyola University  
 Lynn University  
 Manhattan College  
 Marymount California University  
 Marquette University  
 Menlo College  
 Miami University, Oxford  
 Michigan State University  
 Montana State University  
 New York Institute of Technology  
 New York University  
 Northern Arizona University  
 Ohio State University  
 Ohio Wesleyan University  
 Oregon State University  
 Pace University  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Pepperdine University  
 Purdue University  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Rutgers University

Salve Regina University  
 San Diego State University  
 San Francisco State University  
 Savannah College of Art & Design  
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
 Seattle University  
 Stony Brook University  
 Suffolk University  
 Syracuse University  
 Temple University  
 University of Alabama  
 University of Arizona  
 University of British Columbia  
 University of California - Berkeley  
 University of California - Davis  
 University of California - Irvine  
 University of California - Riverside  
 University of California - Santa Barbara  
 University of California - Santa Cruz  
 University of Central Florida

University of Colorado - Boulder  
 University of Denver  
 University of Houston  
 University of Indianapolis  
 University of La Verne  
 University of Massachusetts - Amherst  
 University of Massachusetts - Boston  
 University of Miami  
 University of Minnesota  
 University of Missouri  
 University of Nevada - Las Vegas  
 University of New Hampshire  
 University of New Orleans  
 University of Oregon  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of Portland  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco  
 University of South Carolina  
 University of Tampa  
 University of the Pacific  
 University of Washington  
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
 Washington State University  
 Whitworth University