



Tahoe
Expedition
Academy



**+Impact School at
Tahoe Expedition Academy**
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GRADING AND CLASS RANK

+Impact School practices
Standards-Based Grading and uses
a traditional letter grade system on
an A-F scale.

All grading is unweighted and class
rank is not provided.

THE SCHOOL

Enrollment PreK - 12th: 150
Financial Aid: 32% of students
Class of 2017: 6
Student/Faculty Ratio: 4:1
Full-time Teaching Faculty: 6
Faculty with Advanced Degrees: 90%

HISTORY

Located near beautiful Lake Tahoe, California, and backed by Silicon Valley entrepreneurs, +Impact School is built on the success of the Tahoe Expedition Academy, an independent PreK-8th grade school founded in 2011. Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges in 2013, +Impact School is also a member of the National Association of College Admissions Counseling and the National Association of Independent Schools.

ACADEMICS

+Impact School's program uses the best research-supported methods and educational technologies to move students beyond traditional classroom and "book learning" with a project-based approach that focuses on building character and deeper learning. Learner outcomes include:

Fluency in "STEAM" (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics)

With a STEAM heavy curriculum, students learn how to think like scientists who produce usable scientific data, understand design process and solve problems systematically.

Persuasive Communication Skills and Critical Thinking

Students learn powerful storytelling techniques, public speaking and critical thinking throughout core and enrichment subjects.

Strength of Character

From perseverance and collaboration to stewardship and gratitude, +Impact proactively cultivates the character attributes students need for success in school, jobs and life.

World View and Appreciation for the Natural World

By spending 125 days and nights in the field during high school students gain comfort and connectivity with diverse people and societies, the world around them and the ability to navigate it.

Creative Problem Solvers

Students regularly engage with projects that enable them to think and work outside of the classroom walls and to create solutions for real world challenges.

Multicultural Understanding of History, the Arts and Humanities

Students gain a solid liberal arts education in history, arts and the humanities.

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS AND CURRICULUM

Diploma Requirements: Minimum Total Credits - 22 credits over 4 years

Credits are determined by the total number of hours a class meets per week

English:	4 credits
Math:	4 credits
Science:	4 credits
Social Science:	3 credits
Foreign Language:	2 credits
Enrichments:	3 credits *
Impact Studies:	2 credits **

- 1 credit = 1 year-long course (which meets a minimum of 200 minutes per week)
- Core Subjects earn 1 credit per year or .5 credit for each semester-long course
- Enrichments: .66 credit per each semester-long course
- Impact Studies: .25 per semester per each semester-long course

*minimum requirement is one year of visual art and one year of performing arts

**started 2016-2017 year

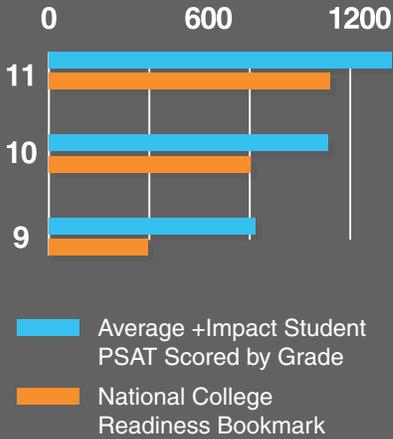
HONORS AND AP COURSES

- Honors Courses are available to all students and require completing a variety of rigorous assignments, projects and assessments within the context of heterogeneous classrooms.
- All of the year-long, non-AP courses can be taken as Honors Courses. Semester-long courses do not have an Honors option.
- The Honors Program was implemented in the 2015-2016 school year.
- AP Courses were first offered in the academic year 2016-2017.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

In the 2015-2016 school year, the school offered the PSAT to all grade levels, 9-11. In all grade levels, students scored higher than the national average.

PSAT SCORES



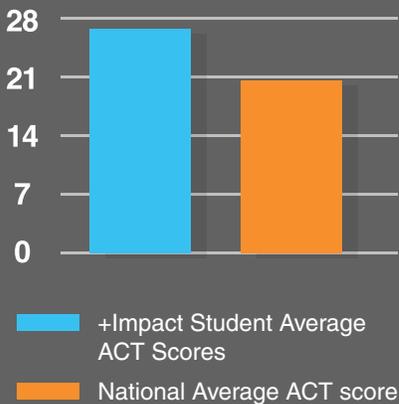
Average +Impact Student PSAT Score by Grade

11th - 1168
10th - 1051
9th - 1030

National College Readiness Bookmark

11th - 890
10th - 830
9th - 790

ACT SCORES



+Impact Student Average ACT Scores

National Average ACT score

COURSE OFFERINGS 2016-2017

English	Math	Science	Social Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Literature World Literature Literature & Composition AP English Literature and Composition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math I Math II Math III AP Calculus AB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Science Biology Chemistry AP Environmental Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History I World History II AP US History AP Government
Foreign Language	Enrichments	+Impact Studies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish I, II, III, AP Spanish French I, II, III Mandarin I, II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Art Music: Performing Arts Computer Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First implemented in the 2016-2017 year. Two +Impact Studies per year. 2 Credits required over four years. Senior requirement equals .5 credit. 	

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS

Character Education: Powered by Constructive Adversity

We continually give our students fun and immersive challenges that push them beyond their emotional, physical, intellectual, social and geographic comfort zones, to expand their boundaries and exceed their own expectations – without ever crossing the line into unproductive fear or frustration. It's the foundation of our school and what sets us apart.

Expedition-Based Learning and +Impact Studies

+Impact School uses expedition-based learning and +Impact Studies to extend the classroom into the real world. Students spend 30+ days each year in the field with experts and industry professionals engaging in deeper learning and solving real world problems.

The senior class creates, develops and implements their own multi-week +Impact Study. This capstone experience empowers students to create positive impacts on the world and to demonstrate what they are able to do, before going to college.

The class of 2017 has identified the refugee crisis in the Mediterranean as a problem to help solve. Student will travel to Athens, Greece for two weeks this fall and volunteer alongside local and international humanitarian organizations in unaccompanied youth centers.

SNAPSHOT OF CLASS OF 2017

With over 125 days and nights in the field during high school, the class of 2017 has gained comfort and connectivity with the world around them. Through 24 stewardship and service learning projects, the students have developed a deep appreciation for the natural environment as well as the people and societies who inhabit it. With over 400 hours spent working along side dozens of experts from organizations like Patagonia, Tesla, and NOAA, the class of 2017 has learned to address and combat issues that are happening now.

This map previews a small selection of field study highlights from the class of 2017's +Impact School education. 2017 graduates will have completed 24 field studies, 125 days in the field and over 400 hours working with experts.

