



We are real-world problem solvers with a social conscience.

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GRADING AND CLASS RANK

TEA practices Mastery or Standards-Based grading to assess, evaluate and report on each student's academic progress, growth and performance. As TEA is a small, academically rigorous school, the school does not provide a class rank. Starting in 2016-2017, TEA began using a grade scale of A to C-, with less than a C- as incomplete. TEA moved away from AP and Honors level courses because our philosophy is to provide rigorous project-based learning to all students causing our baseline curriculum to be at a standard honors level.

For the 2021-2022 school year, we are back to our pre-COVID field work curriculum, which we anticipate to include up to 30 days a year outside of the classroom engaging in hands-on / real-world curriculum.

THE SCHOOL

Enrollment Pre-K to 12th:	210
Class of 2022:	11 students
Financial Aid:	35% of students
Student/Faculty Ratio:	8:1
Full-time Teaching Faculty:	29
Faculty with Advanced Degrees:	90%
First Graduating Class:	2017

HISTORY

In 2011, TEA launched a new independent school that values academic excellence, character building, and real-world adventures. Our students master academic skills and apply them to real-world problems. We are harnessing the power of young people - not only by preparing future leaders, but by tapping their creative action, right now. Since its inception, TEA has grown from 72 students in PreK through 8th grade to 210 students in PreK through 12th grade in 2021-22. In 2022, TEA will graduate its sixth class of students ready to engage with the world as creative problem solvers with a social conscience.

OUR PROGRAM

Tahoe Expedition Academy's (TEA) program connects a rigorous standards-based academic program with a modern experiential learning approach. In addition to earning the highest level of accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in 2017, all high school courses are University of California, A-G approved.

The following learner outcomes are derived from national standards like Common Core ELA and Math, Next Generation Science, National Social Science, Foreign Language Standards, as well as character and adventure standards we created.

STUDENTS AT TEA DEVELOP THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO EMBRACE CHALLENGES AS OPPORTUNITIES.

We teach our Adapt to Thrive learner outcome by strategically pushing students out of their comfort zone both inside and outside of the classroom. Examples include engaging with adult experts on a peer-to-peer level, grappling with real-world problems that can result in failed prototypes, extended physical challenges including multiple day 30+ mile hikes, and embracing mental curveballs that simulate a variety of challenges professionals face on any given day.

STUDENTS AT TEA UTILIZE DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES TO EXAMINE ISSUES OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY THROUGH A TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE OF SUSTAINABILITY LENS.

We teach our Triple Bottom Line for a Just and Equitable World learner outcome through hands-on investigations of topics like climate change and the balance of power. Students learn the impact on different populations through statistical analysis, and evaluate solutions by looking at the social, political, economic, and environmental opportunities and impacts. We seek to teach our students how to critically think and analyze multiple perspectives so they can identify how they wish to contribute to the world in line with their own personal values.

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS

CHARACTER EDUCATION: POWERED BY CONSTRUCTIVE ADVERSITY

Our program intentionally pushes all students to and even beyond their intellectual, social, emotional and physical comfort zones. This calculated risk-taking is the foundation of our school and builds confidence, augments character and helps students exceed their own ideas of what is possible. We know our students are ready for the real world because they have been trained to navigate and contribute to it.

A MODERN EXPERIENTIAL APPROACH

Students spend 30+ days/nights in the field and work with an average of 10-15 different industry experts per year to actively engage in solution generating processes for some of the world's most pressing issues. TEA students learn how to do hard things by actually doing hard things.

REAL-WORLD INTENSIVES

Real-World Intensives, a.k.a. Electives, are one method TEA uses to bring learning to life. These real-world academic experiences are powered by Constructive Adversity to push students to the limits of their intellectual, social-emotional and physical boundaries. In these semester-long graded courses aligned to national standards, students work individually and in groups to create solutions to 21st-century problems.



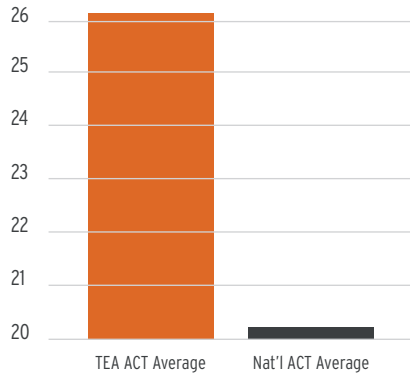
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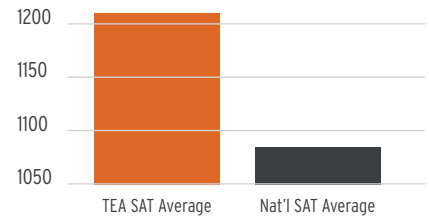
With ACT and SAT testing data starting with the class of 2017, our students have performed above the national averages. As our first five graduating classes are relatively small, with a total of 40 students, we present these four-year averages.

In addition, with the de-emphasis on standardized testing for college admissions, more of our students are opting to not take an SAT or ACT.

ACT 2017-2021



SAT 2017-2021



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students achieve a minimum level of mastery toward student learner outcomes in order to advance to the next grade level and/or receive a re-enrollment offer. Additionally, students meet specific credit requirements for graduation in order to earn a diploma from TEA.

MINIMUM TOTAL CREDITS:
20.5 credits over four years

English	4 Credits
Math	4 Credits
Science	4 Credits
Social Science	4 Credits
Electives*	2 Credits
Second Language	2 Credits
Individual Senior Intensive	.5 Credits

**At least one year of visual and performing arts is required*

COURSE OFFERINGS 2021-2022

ENGLISH

- ELA 9
- ELA 10
- ELA 11
- ELA 12

MATH

- Math I
- Math II
- Math III
- Statistics
- Pre-calculus
- Calculus

SCIENCE

- Physical Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Earth Science

SOCIAL SCIENCE

- Human Geography
- Modern World History
- US History
- US Government & Politics

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- Spanish I, II, III, IV

REAL-WORLD INTENSIVES & ELECTIVES

- Physics of Flight
- Renewable Energy
- Wild California
- A Life Aquatic - Underwater Submersibles
- Aventura Dominica
- Climbing the Sea-Level Staircase
- Let Food Be Thy Medicine
- Human-Animal Connection
- Digital Music
- Introduction to Film
- Fashion & Textiles
- Intro to Drawing and Painting
- Intro to 2D Media & Design Art
- Product Design I
- Design & Fabrication
- Intro to Computer Science
- Yearbook & Journalism
- Fitness
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Biomimicry
- Meteorology
- Sports Psychology
- Art & Science of Film
- Into the Wild

