

# GREEN MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL



## 2017–2018 SCHOOL PROFILE

### OVERVIEW

Founded in 1973, Green Mountain Valley School is an independent college preparatory school for competitive Alpine and Nordic ski racers in grades 8-12 and postgraduates. Nestled in the heart of Vermont's Mad River Valley, and adjacent to Sugarbush and Mad River Glen ski areas, the school is dedicated to fostering a life-long love of learning, sport, and adventure within competitive skiers. Committed to the development of well-rounded student-athletes, GMVS's talented faculty instill in students the value of total commitment and effort as well as the importance of character and community. They teach students to take initiative, to strive for their personal bests, to embrace failure for the learning opportunities it affords, and to support one another. GMVS uses a truly integrated approach to delivering its rigorous academic and internationally competitive ski programs where the faculty works in concert with one another to meet the needs of individual students. The school is small by design; everyone plays an important role, and students and faculty work in partnership toward common goals.

### STUDENT BODY

Admission to GMVS is based on academic promise, a passion for ski racing, and strength of character. Since its founding, 22 alumni have competed in Olympic Games and over 45 have represented their home countries on the FIS Alpine Skiing or Cross-Country World Cups. Green Mountain Valley School seeks to make its program accessible for students of varied socioeconomic backgrounds. Approximately, 35% of students receive need based financial aid.

### ACCREDITATION & AFFILIATIONS

Green Mountain Valley School is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the Vermont Independent Schools Association (VISA), and is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, (NEASC). GMVS is also recognized by U.S. Ski & Snowboard as one of the premier programs of its kind in the country. The school works in tandem with U.S. Ski & Snowboard as one of only seven High Performance Centers in the nation and is recognized as a Gold Certified Club.

### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Green Mountain Valley School offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum intended to prepare students with the content knowledge and skills necessary to be successful at the collegiate level. In addition to traditional core courses, each academic department offers a variety of electives and select opportunities for advanced work. GMVS chooses not to offer Advanced Placement courses, in favor of advanced course offerings that draw on the expertise of teachers that are on par with the rigors of the AP program. The school year is divided into two semesters, and most students take five core courses plus an elective each term. An optional June Term is offered to students wishing to expand their intellectual horizons or obtain additional academic support.

GMVS' Learning Services program offers integrated academic support to approximately 15% of the student body each year. A tiered Learning Services program empowers students to become strategic and resilient lifelong learners who are confident self-advocates. Each year, GMVS admits a small number of international students who require ESL support. ESL instruction is offered as a complement to regular, grade-level academic courses.

### ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

As passionate and committed athletes, Green Mountain Valley School students spend approximately 1/3 of their time engaged in sport-specific training. During the winter months, students generally spend 5 hours per day engaged in a combination of on- and off-snow training. In the fall and spring, students spend 3.5 hours every weekday engaged in physical training. In addition to ski-specific dryland training, students may also elect to play interscholastic soccer or lacrosse in the fall and spring. Students attend on-snow racing development camps in the spring, summer, and fall. The vast majority of GMVS students train 50-52 weeks a year.

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460264

### GMVS AT A GLANCE

#### 115 Students

- + Grades 8-PG
- + 7th grade winter term program
- + 12 states/9 foreign countries
- + 60% boarding/40% day
- + 35% receiving financial aid
- + 100% of graduates go on to 4 year colleges
- + Nearly 60% of graduates ski race at the collegiate level
- + Graduates have gone on to ski for 8 different national teams

#### 36 Faculty

- + 16 full-time teachers (56% with advanced degrees)
- + 20 full-time coaches (55% with national team coaching or racing experience)
- + 35% of teachers and coaches have over 10 years experience at GMVS

**Student to Staff Ratio: 1:3**

**Average Class Size: 10**

## THEATER

The musical theater program is an integral part of most students' experience at GMVS and enhances the sense of community among the entire GMVS family. All students are encouraged to participate in theater regardless of prior experience. Instruction is provided in dance, voice, performance, sound, and set design. Each year, approximately 70% of the student body participate in the theater program. Members of the stage crew earn 0.25 credit and performers earn 0.50 credit each year.

## CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

In addition to its academic and athletic offerings, GMVS provides a robust student life curriculum, weekly meetings with faculty advisors, community service opportunities, a senior internship program, and student leadership opportunities.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A total of 20 credits are required for graduation. Most academic courses are full-credit courses and are taken for 2 semesters (though not always consecutively). Core courses carry 0.50 credit per semester. Electives (aside from Theater) carry 0.25 credit per semester and are Pass/Fail. June Term courses carry 0.50 credit. GMVS accepts transfer grades of 70 and above.

+ English	4 credits
+ Science	3 credits
+ Math	3 credits
+ History/Social Sciences	3 credits
+ Foreign Language	3 credits

## ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

GMVS has three levels of academic recognition, awarded each semester.

- Highest Honors = All A's
- High Honors = 2 A's and no C's
- Honors = no grade below a B

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION

100% of GMVS graduates go on to 4 year college or university programs or their respective national ski teams. Approximately 50% of GMVS graduates continue ski racing at the post-secondary level. GMVS students have been accepted to over 100 colleges and universities. In the last five years, they have matriculated to:

Auburn University	Collaborative Arts Project 21	Plymouth State College	University of Massachusetts
Babson College (4)	Concordia University	Queen's University	University of Michigan
Bates College (6)	Cornell University	Regent's University London	University of New Hampshire (3)
Berklee College of Music	Dalhousie University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Vermont (10)
Bishop's University	Dartmouth College (7)	Roger Williams University	University of Western Ontario
Boston College (3)	Drexel University (4)	Saint Michaels' College (10)	Villanova University
Boston University	Endicott College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Wesleyan University
Bowdoin College	Hampshire College	Smith College	Western University of Health Sciences
Brown University	Harrisburg College	St. Lawrence University (4)	Whitman College
Carleton University	Hartwick College	Syracuse University	Williams College (4)
Castleton University	Harvard College (3)	U.S. Air Force Academy	
CEJEP, Granby	Marianopolis College	Universite de Montreal (2)	
CEJEP, Heritage, PQ	McGill University	Universite Laval (2)	
Central Connecticut State University	Middlebury College (7)	University of the Arts Philadelphia	
Champlain College	Montana State University	Univ. of California, Santa Barbara	
Colby College (5)	Northeastern University (2)	University of Connecticut (3)	
Colby-Sawyer College	Norwich University	University of Denver	
Colgate University	Penn State University	University of Illinois	

## GRADING

A	94 - 100	4.00
A-	90 - 93	3.67
B+	87 - 89	3.33
B	84 - 86	3.00
B-	80 - 83	2.67
C+	77 - 79	2.33
C	74 - 76	2.00
C-	70 - 73	1.67
D+	67 - 69	1.33
D	64 - 66	1.00
D-	60 - 63	0.67
F	< 59	0.00

## GPA AND CLASS RANK

All courses are evaluated with letter grades on a 4.0 scale. GPA computation is unweighted, using full and half-credit courses, as well as graded quarter-credit electives. The cumulative GPA of the senior class has averaged between 3.10 and 3.35 over the past five years. GMVS does not rank its students. The majority of GMVS graduates have higher GPA in college than they did in high school.

## CLASS OF 2018 AT A GLANCE

- + # of Students: 33
- + GPA Range: 2.41-3.98
- + Average SAT Score: 89th percentile
- + Average ACT Score: 90th percentile

## DISCIPLINE REPORTING POLICY

All students are expected to respond truthfully to questions regarding disciplinary violations. When applicable, GMVS reports the facts of major disciplinary violations that result in suspension, expulsion, or if a student is required to withdraw from the school, to any college to which he/she has applied (or matriculated).