



# Telluride Mountain School

LABORATE DURE ... LUDITE DURE

WORK HARD ... PLAY HARD

Telluride Mountain School is an independent, co-educational, non-sectarian day school serving students from pre-school through grade twelve. Founded in 1998, the school has a total of 121 students in multi-aged classrooms. The student to faculty ratio is eight-to-one. There were 20 upper school students during 2010/11.

**ACCREDITATION:** National Association of Independent Schools, Association of Colorado Independent Schools

**ADMISSION:** Based on previous school record, letters of recommendation, personal qualifications, interview. Financial aid requests are processed through School and Student Services by NAIS. Thirty five percent of students receive financial aid.

**ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS:** High school students complete five core academic classes per year in addition to arts, physical education, and electives. Core academic classes are worth one credit while arts and electives are worth half to three-quarters credit. To graduate, students must earn 24 credits though most exceed that requirement. The academic year operates on a trimester system.

**HONORS, AP COURSES, GPA, RANK:** Telluride Mountain School does not offer Honors or AP courses though we are an academically rigorous school. Students may sit the SAT Subject and AP exams. GPA is calculated on a non-weighted, 4.0 scale. There is no class rank.

**CLASS OF 2010:** Four of four graduates will attend four-year colleges or universities; of these, two will take a gap year.

**HEAD OF SCHOOL:**

Joseph R. Stefani

**ASSOCIATE HEAD OF SCHOOL:**

Karen Walker

**DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE COUNSELING:**

Robin Hope

## School Profile

**Academic Curriculum:** Telluride Mountain School offers a college preparatory curriculum, which prepares students for competitive schools through rigorous mathematics, in-depth research skills, applied scientific inquiry, seminar-style classes in the humanities, Spanish language immersion, and continual emphasis on arts, athletics, and technology.

**Experiential and Outdoor Education Curriculum:** Integral to the Upper School academic curriculum are inspiring experiential learning trips, challenging outdoor education opportunities, and meaningful service projects, locally, nationally, and abroad. All students are required to participate in these programs. Fall programs emphasize teamwork, mountain activities, and a connection with the unique local region. Winter programs are designed around ecological studies and backcountry skills. Spring programs integrate academic studies with travel, culminating in a trip to a regional or global destination.

**Arts:** Visual art, creative media, and music instruction are integral to the Mountain School curriculum as the school places high priority on inspiring students' artistic expression. Students learn specific skill sets and develop the ability to solve problems creatively. Through experience, they become comfortable expressing themselves with, and for, other people.

**Immersion:** Annual immersion studies give students in grades one through twelve the opportunity to research and learn about subjects related to spring experiential education trips. Throughout the year, each student becomes an "expert" in his or her field, submitting an informative (1st-8th) or argumentative (9th-12th) paper, multi-media display, and oral presentation to peers, parents, and community members during an all-school "Expo."

**Athletics:** All students participate in the Winter Sports Program that includes alpine and Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, ice climbing, and skating. Lower school students take physical education classes additionally. Students wishing to participate in interscholastic sports play on JV and Varsity teams at the local public school and through a variety of youth sports clubs in the area.

**Technology:** Technology is integrated into student learning. The school provides a Macintosh environment, wireless network, and instruction on technology and media.

**Values:** Telluride Mountain School helps develop intellectual skills, self-esteem, social consciousness, and commitment to community. The school lives its core values daily. Standards of behavior are high, rigorous, and as important to the mission as its academic standards.



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## 2010/11 FRESHMEN THROUGH SENIOR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Course Selection	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F	Required Credits	Recommended Credits	Credit Value per Course
Mathematics	26	9	11	9	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	4	1
English	12	11	10	14	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	4	1
History	16	13	7	6	4	0	2	4	1	0	0	1	3	4	1
Science	28	12	1	3	1	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	4	1
Language	10	9	13	4	4	1	3	2	0	2	0	2	3	4	1
Arts	99	21	11	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3.25	5	.75/.50
Physical Education	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.5	2	.50
Immersion	5	7	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	.50

Telluride Mountain School's small, multi-aged classrooms allow individuals to follow a curricular track pertinent to their learning needs. Due to small school size, grade distribution data represents the entire high school. During the 2010/11 school year, there were 20 high school students and the cumulative GPA was 3.46.

Grades (A through F) are given on a trimester basis for all courses. In addition to letter grades, students receive extensive written evaluations as Telluride Mountain School values character development, personal relationships, and learning attitudes that are not quantifiable as a letter grade.

### GRADING SCALE

Percentage	Letter Grade	Grade Points
93-100	A	4.0
90-92	A-	3.7
87-89	B+	3.3
83-86	B	3.0
80-82	B-	2.7
77-79	C+	2.3
73-76	C	2.0
70-72	C-	1.7
67-69	D+	1.3
63-66	D	1.0
60-62	D-	0.7
Below 60	F	0.0

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### SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS: 2000-2010

TMS students have attended the following independent schools.

- Army and Navy Academy
- Blair Academy
- Brooks School
- Colorado Rocky Mountain School
- Deerfield Academy
- Fountain Valley School of Colorado
- Holderness School
- Lawrence Academy
- New Mexico Military Academy
- Phillips Exeter Academy
- Proctor Academy
- Salisbury School
- The Hotchkiss School
- The Taft School
- The Thacher School
- United World School
- Westminster School

### COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

The schools listed below offered admissions to TMS graduates. Colleges attended are in bold.

- Colorado College**
- Colorado State University**
- Denver University**
- Embry-Riddle University
- Lewis and Clark College**
- Regis College
- Rhode Island School of Design
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Portland
- Whitman College**

### MISSION

Telluride Mountain School delivers a program of challenging academics that promotes critical thinking, aesthetic expression and ethical behavior, while encompassing a commitment to community service, global citizenship and engagement with the natural environment. The school culture embraces independence, personal responsibility, compassion, curiosity, and joy.

### CORE VALUES

**Respect** We honor self and community, and value that which is different.

**Love of Learning** We foster lasting curiosity, creativity and passion in a challenging and safe environment.

**Responsibility** We understand the impact of personal actions, and uphold service as an integral part of scholarship and citizenship.

**Integrity** We adhere to values and ethics that enable us to approach our studies and lives with courage, pride, honesty and empathy.