

Telluride High School Profile 2022-2023



Facts

Telluride High School is a public, four-year college preparatory school with an enrollment of 335 students in grades 9-12. We are located in the town of Telluride (pop. 2,484) and situated in a remote glacial valley in the San Juan Mountains of Southwestern Colorado, 45 miles from the nearest traffic light, and a six and a half-hour drive from Denver. The school has a strong academic focus balanced with hands-on experiential education that reflects the interests and involvement of Telluride's community.

In a normal year, THS operates on a modified block schedule. All courses meet three times a week for 50 minutes and once a week for 78 minutes. There are also two tutorial periods scheduled throughout the week during which students are able to meet and work with teachers individually or in small groups. [Please see COVID box on back page for current year schedule information.](#)

For the 2022-2023 school year, THS has 32 instructional staff (24 full-time), 81% of whom have advanced degrees. Student/full-time instructional staff ratio is 14.0 to 1.

The Colorado Department of Education ranks THS in the **top 2% of high schools in the state based on District Performance Standards**. Included in the standards are: all state testing, graduation rate, school safety, financial reporting and attendance. On the state-mandated SAT in April 2022, the scores of THS juniors were well above state averages - EBRW: State 503. THS 530; Math: State 483; THS 542.

Credits and Grades

Telluride High School calculates overall GPA on a weighted scale and incorporates all graded high school courses beginning with freshman year, including those of students who attended other schools prior to coming to THS. A full-year, one period course consisting of two semesters is assigned the value of one credit (1.0) toward the graduation credits. A semester course receives one-half credit (.5).

Grading scale Only Advanced Placement (AP) courses (if the test is taken) are weighted as follows: 'A's receive a full point, 'B's receive .75, 'C's received .5, and grades below a C- do not earn weighting.

Numerical	Letter	Grade Pts.	Weighted
97-100	A+	4.0	5.0
93-96	A	4.0	5.0
90-92	A-	3.7	4.7
87-89	B+	3.3	4.05
83-86	B	3.0	3.75
80-82	B-	2.7	3.45
77-79	C+	2.3	2.8
73-76	C	2.0	2.5
70-72	C-	1.7	2.2
67-69	D+	1.3	n/a
63-66	D	1.0	n/a
60-62	D-	.7	n/a
0-59	F	0	n/a

Class of 2023

The class has 70 students.

--15% of the class is on Free and/or Reduced Lunch

--21% of the class is comprised of students of color



Graduation Requirements at a glance

	Credits
English	4.0
Social Studies	3.5
Economics	.5
Science	3.0
Mathematics	4.0
Computer Literacy	.5
Health & Fitness	.5
Physical Education	.5
Fine Arts	1.0
Foreign Language	1.0
Electives	6.5
Add'l Fine Arts or PE credit	1.0
Total Required	26.0

Expanded Curriculum

THS has a unique partnership between the community and the school to provide "real life" classes supervised by local business owners and the school's Mentorship Coordinator. Students may complete internships in career areas such as architecture, veterinary medicine, photography, auto mechanics, journalism, music, interior design, tourism, and helping agencies. As the population of Telluride is peppered with a wide range of successful people, mentorship opportunities for students are vast.

THS has a variety of interscholastic (CHSAA) sports, which include basketball, volleyball, track, soccer, cross country, golf and lacrosse. During the ski season, we offer two club ski teams, club hockey, as well as Ski PE during which students have the opportunity to ski two afternoons per week for five weeks each winter with small group instruction. THS also has active and honored Knowledge Bowl teams and, in its third year, a Mock Trial team.

Among the other extracurricular activities available to students are: Book Club, Bridges (members tutor younger students), Build Your Own Computer Club, Climbing Club, CTC (Communities That Care), CREATE Club (creative careers exploration), Diversity Club, Environmental Club, Film Club, Gay-Straight Alliance, Girls Who Code, High School Democrats of America, Interact (a Rotary-affiliated club), International Thespian Society, Math Club, Outdoor Adventures Club, Paw Club, Peer Leadership Team, Philanthropy Club, Physics Club, Pinhead Internships, Programming Club, Radio Club (members help host the weekly student show on the local radio station), Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, Student Council, Telluride Library Council, and Video Game Club.

In addition to performing in school musicals and plays, many students participate in the Sheridan Arts Foundation's Young People's Theater, Children's Chorus, the Adult Choir and student-choreographed Telluride AIDS Benefit Fashion Show. A local "Rock and Roll Academy" supplements our school's concert and pep bands for those with musical passions.

Our geographic isolation is countered by a strong commitment at THS to student exchange programs. Most years, we have between four and five of our students abroad with Rotary Youth Exchange or AFS, and we host an equal number of students through these same programs.

CURRICULAR OFFERINGS AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

Each course listed is worth 1 credit unless followed by (.5). Highest level courses are in bold. Not all courses are offered each year. Courses in italics are offered in alternating years. Courses in blue are not offered this year but were previously.

ENGLISH – 4 credits

required World Studies

English 9 World Studies

English 10 *English 10 Honors*

Creative Writing (.5)

Journalism (.5 or 1)

Short Story (.5)

Bible as Literature (.5)

Reading Intervention

Adventure Literature (.5)

Art of Plays (.5)

Lit Lab (.5)

Media Literacy (.5)

AP English Literature & Composition

AP English Language & Composition

SOCIAL STUDIES – 4 credits required

World History/Geography 9

World History/Geography 10

History 10 Honors

United States History

Current Events (.5)

Sociology (.5)

Psychology Through Film & Literature (.5)

Intro to World Philosophy (.5)

History of Film (.5)

Entrepreneurship (.5)

Intro to Eastern Philosophy (.5)

Economics (.5)/US & State Civics (.5)

or Economics (.5)/**AP US Government**

AP Psychology

AP US History

MATHEMATICS – 4 credits

required Pre-Algebra

Algebra I Lab

Algebra I

Geometry

Geometry Lab

Algebra II Lab

Algebra II

Pre-Calculus

Pre-Calculus Honors

Statistics (.5)

Applied Math (.5)

AP Statistics

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

SCIENCE – 3 credits required (2 must be labs)

Biology

Chemistry

Honors Chemistry

Physics

Anatomy & Physiology

STEM (.5)

Environmental Science

AP Environmental Science

AP Biology

AP Physics 1

FOREIGN LANGUAGE – 1 credit required

Spanish I, II, III, IV

Latin American Cooking (.5)

Social Justice (.5)

AP Spanish Literature and Culture

AP Spanish Language and Culture

THE ARTS – 1 credit required (an additional

1 credit in Fine Arts or PE is required)

Introduction to Art (.5)

Art II, III, IV

Ceramics (.5)

Black & White Photography, Int. & Adv. (.5)

Digital Photo Beg. (.5)

Theater: Stagecraft (.5)

Acting: Set Design (.5)

Acting Techniques (.5)

Band

Digital Music Studio (.5)

AP Studio Art

COMPUTERS – .5 credit required

Graphic Design (.5)

Filmmaking or Computer Literacy: Film (.5)

Intro to Computer Science

Digital Media Arts (.5)

Cinematography

AP Computer Science A

AP Computer Science Principles

MISCELLANEOUS COURSES – 1 credit required

Weight Training (.5), Traditional PE (.5) or

Outdoor Education (.5)

Health (.5)

AVID 9, 10, 11, 12

Mentorship (.5)

Work Study (.5)

Various ESL courses

Teacher's Aide (.5 or 1)

Junior Seminar (.5)

Senior Seminar (.5)

Yearbook

Culinary: Seed to Table (.5)

Study Skills, Transition Planning

Class of 2023 Miscellaneous Statistics

# of AP Classes Taken:	Percentage of class
0-1	28
2-3	24
4-5	15
6-7	15
8-9	10
10-11	9
>11	2

Highest Level Math Attained (not including AP Statistics):

Pre-Calculus	32
AP Calculus AB	13
AP Calculus BC	19

Highest Level of Spanish attained:

III	28
IV	19
AP	19

Advanced Placement Information

Telluride High School's Advanced Placement program has no pre-selection criteria, and students who wish to challenge themselves in an AP class are encouraged to do so. In the spring of 2022, 147 THS students took 297 exams in seventeen subjects. The overall average score was 2.90. Students passed 61% of the exams administered.

THS limits the number of AP courses a student can take to FOUR per year. In rare instances, the principal will allow a student to take one more.

In 2022-2023, 20% of freshmen, 37% of sophomores, 61% of juniors, and 69% of seniors were enrolled in at least one AP class.

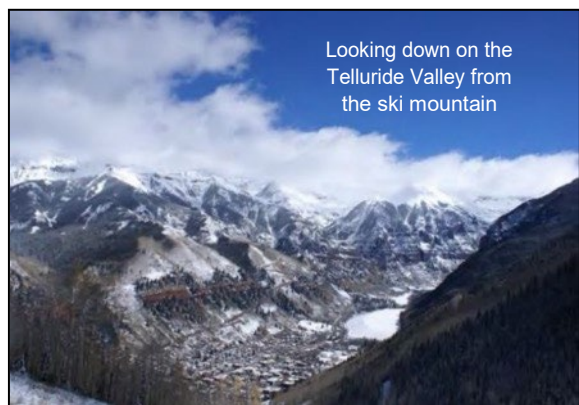
COVID Information

School year 2019-2020: On March 13, 2020, THS held its last day of in-school classes for the school year. From that point until the end of May, classes were taught remotely. Grades continued to be given to the majority of students. Exceptions were made for those experiencing unusual hardship, whether due to technology or to environmental factors in the home. Students granted an exception were allowed to take their 2019-2020 second semester courses for Pass/Fail.

School year 2020-2021: School during this year was in a state of flux between 100% remote and hybrid. We used a hybrid model that has half of the students coming into school on Mondays and Tuesdays, and the other half coming in on Thursdays and Fridays. When not in the building, students were expected to Zoom into their classes—we have ensured that all students have computers and basic internet access. Mon/Thurs has three 90-min blocks (1A, 2A, 4A) and one 50-min block (3A). Tues/Fri has three 90-min blocks (1B, 2B, 4B) and one 50-min block (3B). Wednesday has time scheduled for classes to meet remotely for 38 minutes each, but teachers are encouraged to either give non-screen work to students to do during their class period or to use the time to meet individually or in small groups with students who need/want extra help. We have classes that earn .5 credits for a semester, 1.0 credit for a year, or (new to us) 1.0 credit for a class that meets every day for a semester. Courses listed on a student's schedule are given .5 credits per semester unless otherwise noted. Grades are given for all courses except Senior Seminar and those taken abroad.

COVID has meant that classes like Weight Training (which used to be mandatory) and Band are being replaced by new courses which can more easily be taught safely. Sports have certainly been impacted—many have been canceled. Clubs are trying to meet remotely.

School year 2021-2022: THS was 100% in-person with mandatory masking. Students electing to be off-campus due to COVID must take courses remotely from outside vendors offered by the State of Colorado.



Looking down on the Telluride Valley from the ski mountain

COLLEGE MATRICULATION FOR THE CLASSES OF 2018-

American University	Cornell University	Regis University	University of Montana
Anglo-American Univ., Czech Republic	Dartmouth College	San Diego State University	University of Nevada, Reno
Arizona State University, Tempe	Elon University	Sarah Lawrence College	Univ of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Barnard College	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Northern Colorado
Bates College	Florida Gulf Coast University	Sierra Nevada College	University of Oregon
Baylor University	Fort Lewis College	Stanford University	University of Pennsylvania
Belmont University	George Washington University	Syracuse University	University of Rhode Island
Birmingham-Southern College	Gonzaga University	Texas Christian University	University of San Francisco
Boston University	Hartpury University, England	The New School	University of Southern California
Bowdoin College	Hope College	Union College – New York	University of Southern California
California College of the Arts	Indiana University, Bloomington	University of Arizona	University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Lewis & Clark College	University of British Columbia	University of Texas - Austin
California State University-San Marcos	Linfield College	University of California, Berkeley	University of Vermont
Carnegie Mellon University	Loyola University Chicago	University of California, Irvine	University of Virginia (Jefferson Scholar)
Chapman University	Maine College of Art & Design	University of California, Santa Barbara	University of Washington
Coastal Carolina University	Middlebury College	University of Chicago	University of Wisconsin – Madison
Colby-Sawyer College	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of Colorado, Boulder	University of Wyoming
Colorado College	Montana State University	Univ of Colorado, Colorado Springs	Vanderbilt University
Colorado Mesa University	Northeastern University	University of Colorado, Denver	Vanguard University of So Cal
Colorado School of Mines	Northern Arizona University	University of Denver	Western Colorado University
Colorado State University	Northwestern University	University of Georgia	Western Washington University
Colorado State University, Pueblo	Pace University	University of Greenwich (UK)	Westminster College
Columbia University	Pitzer College	University of Hawaii, Manoa	Williams College
Concordia University - Wisconsin	Quest University (Canada)	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	Yale University
		University of Mississippi	

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VISION STATEMENT

"At TMHS we are a highly-engaged, collaborative community pursuing authentic, dynamic learning enabling all to reach their highest potential."

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