

# Boxer Academy of Excellence

## What is the Vail Academy & High School Boxer Academy of Excellence?

- Vail Academy has historically been successful as a pathway to selective colleges and now the framework for that pathway is formalized into a structured program.
- The Boxer Academy of Excellence is a program embedded within the Vail Academy & High School framework focused on providing our academically advanced and motivated students with opportunities to complete rigorous coursework, receive systemic support services, and benefit from individualized college readiness guidance. The ultimate goal of the Boxer Academy of Excellence is to have its students be qualified for entrance to highly selective universities.

## What are the qualifications to join the Boxer Academy of Excellence?

Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders may join the Boxer Academy of Excellence based on the following criteria: The student has no more than 2 middle school (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) grades of **B**. All other grades should be an **A**.

**OR**

Once at VAHS, any current student may join the Boxer Academy of Excellence if they have a cumulative High School Unweighted GPA of **3.85 or Higher** after a minimum of one semester completed.

*Note: An Unweighted GPA of 3.85 or Higher must be maintained, cumulatively, to remain in the program.*

## What are the benefits of being in the Boxer Academy of Excellence?

- Individualized assistance with all aspects of college and career planning throughout all four years at Vail Academy & High School including group and individual career, college, and extra-curricular planning.
- Personalized academic plan to facilitate readiness for highly selective colleges.
- Completion of high rigor coursework aimed to prepare students for highly selective college readiness.
- Students will receive intensive Junior and Senior Year college applications preparedness and strategy sessions with the Ivy League Alumni VAHS School Counselor.
- Students and Parents will receive direct communication with information regarding highly selective college admissions, scholarships, and college entrance testing.

## Who do I contact if I want more information about the Boxer Academy of Excellence?

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