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Young competitive athletes get academic boost from Custom Learning Academy.

Student athletes gain academic edge.

When it comes to sports, it's all about the edge. Who's on top? What equipment are they using? Who are their trainers? Where do they train and how many hours a day? And so on, and so on. It seems that if a young athlete wants to compete in today's highly competitive sports arenas, it must be at the sacrifice of all else, including social life, family and personal time, or the participation in other sports and extra curricular activities. And what happens to a young aspiring athlete when it comes to their education? Is a quality education just one more sacrifice along the road to athletic success? Perhaps not. Custom Learning Academy (CLA) may be the answer for student athletes in their quest for success in both sports and academics.

With Custom Learning Academy's, well, Custom approach to each child pupil, there are options for student athletes who's sports schedules compete with a traditional school schedule. CLA is able to flex around different students schedules and needs with individual curriculum levels, mastery based expectations, on-line curriculum, and the ability for students to attend "virtual" classes. The academy also offers the option for students to attend the academy, bringing the curriculum from their home school, with the teachers from CLA administering it.

Believe it or not, it seems to be a pretty simple arrangement. Students are assessed, and based on the results of the assessments, individualized curriculum is assigned. Each student works at their own pace, and are graded individually. They can attend classes at the school when in Tahoe, or they can attend "virtually" on their computers via the internet when away. All K-12 on-line curriculum is accessible 24-7, and because the school is "mastery based", the child moves along the curriculum once he/she has mastered the information. An ideal situation for kids who have an ever-changing schedule.

Parents are singing the praises of a school that is able to allow their children to achieve academic excellence, while pursuing their athletic dreams. "Parents know that their children have the energy and drive to excel in sports, but they want an equally challenging educational opportunity for the development of their minds simultaneously. No parent wants their child's athletic success to be at the cost of their education. So we provide an opportunity to excel at both," stated Lisa Crosby, CLA director.

CLA offers a solution for athletes competing in both winter sports like alpine skiing, snowboarding, free ride and nordic disciplines as well as year round sports like competitive soccer, volleyball and swimming. The academy had student athletes attending during the ski season who competed for different teams throughout the Tahoe area and currently has athletes attending who compete in year-round sports.

So, it seems, for now, athletes will have to sacrifice something other than an excellent education, in the quest for gold!

For more information about Custom Learning Academy, and its "athlete friendly" options, call today 530/587-5470 ask for Lisa or visit their website at www.customlearning.org.