



THE WALDORF SCHOOL
OF SAN DIEGO

High School Profile

2017-2018 School Year

"Our highest endeavour must be to develop individuals who are able out of their own initiative to impart purpose & direction to their lives."

Rudolf Steiner (1861 - 1925)
Founder, Waldorf School Movement

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FACULTY:

High school students are taught by 7 full-time faculty and 13 part-time faculty. All academic teachers have bachelor's degrees, and many hold master's or doctoral degrees. The majority of our faculty have additional Waldorf Teacher Training.

INTRODUCTION:

The Waldorf School of San Diego is an independent, pre-K-12 coeducational, nonsectarian, nonprofit day school with a total enrollment of 296, with 66 students in grades 9-12.

The Waldorf School of San Diego was established in 1981, and the High School was founded in 2008. We serve the wider San Diego area with families coming from as far as Encinitas to the north and Tijuana to the south. WSSD's scholastic discipline is balanced by the ongoing integration of the fine, performing and practical arts. Although we do not offer AP courses, students are challenged at every level. Our school is unique in that all students take their core subjects over a four-year period which allows for greater complexity as the student progresses from freshman up to senior-level material. Students rarely specialize. This translates into everyone taking arts, drama, music and athletics courses in addition to History, English, Math and Science all four years. Our science curriculum emphasizes an experiential learning process known as phenomenological observation. Students actively engage in experiments and come to conclusions through their own thinking, verifying what can be found in textbooks. This approach allows our students exposure to both fundamental and advanced topics with deeper understanding from integration of experience and thinking.

Please contact our High School Director, Nathan Wilcox, with any questions you may have about our school, our philosophy or our practices: email: nwilcox@waldorfsandiego.org Phone: 619-962-8194

ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATIONS:

WSSD is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and by the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

The following courses are taught in blocks and through regular tracks resulting in cumulative credits equal to:

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of Science
- 4 years of Mathematics (up to Calculus)
- 4 years of Spanish
- 4 years of History
- 4 years of Fine and Practical Arts
- 4 years of performing Arts, Physical Education, and Eurythmy.

SAN DIEGO WALDORF HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

| | 9th Grade | 10th Grade | 11th Grade | 12th Grade |
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| SEMINAR <i>2 hours</i> <i>3-4 weeks</i> | Biology 1: Human Anatomy Physics 1: Thermodynamics Environmental Science 1: Earth Science Chemistry 1: Organic Chemistry Descriptive Geometry English 1: History of Drama and Study Skills English 1: The Novel History 1: Modern Revolutions Art History 1: History through Art Life Skills 1 | Biology 2: Physiology & Nutrition Physics 2: Mechanics Environmental Science 2: Sustainable Agriculture Chemistry 2: Acids, Bases and Salts Trigonometry & Surveying English 2: Play Production English 2: The Holy Books History 2: Ancient Cultures History 2: Social Justice in the Community Life Skills 2 | Biology 3: Cell Biology and Botany Physics 3: Electricity and Magnetism Environmental Science 3: Tropical Ecosystems Chemistry 3: Atomic Chemistry Projective Geometry English 3: Parzival English 3: Shakespeare History 3: Latin American History History 3: History through Music Life Skills 3 Community Service 3: Class Trip | Biology 4: Zoology and Evolution Physics 4: Visual Physics Environmental Science 4: Global Systems Chemistry 4: Biochemistry Codes and Computers English 4: Play Production English 4: Russian Literature History 4: Transcendentalism History 4: Modern Conflict Life Skills 4 Eurythmy 4: Performance |
| TRACK CLASSES <i>Quarter or Semester</i> | English 1 History 1 Algebra 1 or Math 1 Spanish 1 Fine Art Eurythmy Athletics Class Meeting | English 2 History 2 Geometry 2 or Math 2 Spanish 2 Fine Art Practical Art Eurythmy Athletics Class Meeting | English 3 History 3 Algebra 2 or Math 3 Spanish 3 Fine Art Practical Art Eurythmy Athletics Class Meeting | English 4 History 4 Pre-Calculus/Calculus or Math 4 Spanish 4 Fine Art Practical Art Eurythmy Athletics Class Meeting |
| Electives <i>(All Grades)</i> | Jazz Band, Orchestra, Percussion, Community Music, Cooking, Community Service, Creative Movement, Practical Arts, Spanish for Native Speakers, Creative Writing, Surf Team, Athletics Conditioning | | | |
| Electives <i>(Grades 11 and 12)</i> | Physics 5: Applied Mathematics, Biology 5: Advanced Lab Techniques, Chemistry 5: Advanced Methods, Physics 6: Applied Mathematics, Practical Arts, and Computer Publishing | | | |

COURSE CREDITS:

The Waldorf School of San Diego uses a mixed term schedule. The Carnegie unit is used as a basis for the course credit assignments; 10 credits = 1 unit (year) of coursework. Credits are awarded as follows:

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| English | 4 years | 42.5 Credits |
| Mathematics (Including Calculus Option) | 4 years | 47.5 Credits |
| U.S. History | 2 years | 20.0 Credits |
| Government/Econ/World History | 2 years | 20.0 Credits |
| Biology | 1 year | 10.0 Credits |
| Physics | 1 year | 10.0 Credits |
| Chemistry | 1 year | 10.0 Credits |
| Environmental Science | 1 year | 10.0 Credits |
| *Advance Science | 1 year | 6.0 Credits |
| Spanish | 4 years | 40.0 Credits |
| Art/Eurythmy/Music | 4 years | 50.0 Credits |
| Physical Education | 4 years | 18.0 Credits |
| Electives | | 12.0 Credits |

*Elective Course

GRADING SCALE:

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| A+, 4.30, Superior | A, 4.00; Excellent | A-, 3.70; Very good | B+, 3.30, Very good |
| B, 3.00, Very good | B-, 2.70, Above adequate | C+, 2.30, Above adequate | C, 2.00, Adequate |
| C-, 1.70, Barely adequate | D+, 1.30, Not adequate | D, 1.00, Not adequate | D-, 0.70, Not adequate |
| F, 0.00, Fail | | | |

Grades are not weighted. Due to the small size of our high school, WSSD does not assign rank to our students.

STANDARDIZED TESTS AT WSSD:

Waldorf schools typically do not incorporate standardized tests.

At WSSD, many of our students encounter multiple-choice tests for the first time when they take the PSAT as juniors. We offer students opportunities to become familiar with standardized tests, but we do not emphasize test-taking skills.

BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

Our AWSNA and WASC accredited Waldorf high school is dedicated to awakening each student's capacities for independent thinking, love of learning and heartfelt service to the world.

We pride ourselves in moving far beyond the academic bounds of a typical high school curriculum. Waldorf high school prepares all our students for success in college classrooms. Our classes are all college preparatory and for us that means often exceeding the academics one would see in an AP classroom.

All students engage in service and learning trips, including a week of sustainable agriculture work and a two-week service/science/cultural immersion trip to Costa Rica in grade 11. All students perform in ambitious drama productions in grades 10 and 12. Social Service is such an integral part of our community that our most popular elective is Community Service.

Social justice and environmental themes run through our entire four-year history and science curricula respectively. Math tracks are split between an honors level equivalent (Algebra 1, Geometry 1, Algebra 2 and Precalculus/Calculus) and a college preparatory track (Math 1-4). Students study projective geometry and take all four sciences all four years. In addition, students read the classics in full. Students read *The Grapes of Wrath* in ninth grade, *The Odyssey* in tenth grade, *Dante's Inferno* in eleventh grade and *The Brothers Karamazov* in twelfth grade.

Most seniors choose to complete a Senior Project, for which they earn honors credit. For example, this year's projects include a study of Lakota oral tradition done on-site in South Dakota; an original concept album and the coding of a mobile app; and assisting with the Chinese publishing of Richard Clayderman's collected piano scores.

The Waldorf School of San Diego

College Acceptances

Since our first high school class graduated in 2012, The Waldorf School of San Diego alumni have continued their studies in a wide variety of colleges and universities.

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| Aberystwyth University (Wales, UK) | Denison University (OH) | Reed (OR) |
| Allegheny College (PA) | Earlham College (IN) | Regent University (UK) |
| Agnes Scott College (GA) | Eastern Mennonite University (VA) | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY) |
| American Academy of Dramatic Arts (CA) | Eastman School of Music (NY) | Regis University (CO) |
| Arizona State University (AZ) | Emory University/Oxford College (GA) | Richmond, The American International University in London (UK) |
| The Art Institute of Chicago (IL) | Escuela Libre de Arquitectura (MX) | Sacramento State University (CA) |
| Augsburg College (MN) | Evergreen State College (WA) | Savannah College of Art and Design (GA) |
| Bangor University (Wales, UK) | Fordham University (NY) | St. Mary's College of California (CA) |
| Bard Conservatory (NY) | Goshen College (IN) | Seattle Pacific University (WA) |
| Bard College (NY) | Guilford College (NC) | St. Olaf College (MN) |
| Bethel College (KS) | Hampshire College (MA) | Syracuse University (NY) |
| California Maritime Academy (CA) | Hawaii Pacific University (HA) | The College of Wooster (OH) |
| California State University, Chico (CA) | Hendrix College (AR) | University of the Pacific (CA) |
| California State University, Channel Islands (CA) | Juniata College (PA) | Universidad Panamericana (MX) |
| California State University, Humboldt (CA) | Kalamazoo College (MI) | University of California, Davis (CA) |
| California State University, Long Beach (CA) | Lawrence University (WI) | University of California, Irvine (CA) |
| California State University, Sacramento (CA) | Lewis & Clark College (OR) | University of California, Merced (CA) |
| California State University, Sonoma (CA) | Linfield College (OR) | University of California, Santa Cruz (CA) |
| California State University, San Diego (CA) | Loyola Marymount University (CA) | University of Colorado, Boulder & Colorado Springs (CO) |
| California State University, San Francisco (CA) | Macalester College (MN) | University of Laverne (CA) |
| California State University, San Jose (CA) | Mannes School of Music - The New School (NY) | University of Nebraska (NE) |
| CETYS Universidad (MX) | Marlboro College (VT) | University of Puget Sound (WA) |
| Chapman University (CA) | Menlo College (CA) | University of Redlands (CA) |
| Clark University (MA) | Metropolitan State University of Denver (CO) | University of Rochester (NY) |
| Curry College (MA) | Minneapolis College of Art & Design (MN) | University of San Francisco (CA) |
| College of Idaho (ID) | Mills College (CA) | Warren Wilson College (NC) |
| College of the Atlantic (ME) | Mount Holyoke College (MA) | Watson University (CO) |
| Colorado College (CO) | Mount Saint Mary's University (CA) | Westmont College (CA) |
| Connecticut College (CT) | Naropa University (CO) | Whittier College (CA) |
| Cornell College (IA) | Northern Arizona University (AZ) | Whitworth University (WA) |
| | Oberlin College (OH) | Wittenberg University (OH) |
| | Pace University (NY) | |
| | Pacific Lutheran University (WA) | |
| | Pepperdine University (CA) | |
| | Point Loma Nazarene University (CA) | |
| | Pomona College (CA) | |