



# THE WALDORF SCHOOL OF SAN DIEGO

A Member of the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America<sup>SM</sup>

## High School Profile 2019-2020 School Year

*"Our highest endeavor 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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High School: 55

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### **FACULTY:**

High school students are taught by 9 full-time faculty and 8 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 280, with 55 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 Oceanside to the north and San Ysidro to the south. WSSD's scholastic discipline is balanced by the ongoing integration of the fine, performing and practical arts. Although, like other Waldorf schools, we do not offer AP courses, students are rigorously 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 history, English, foreign language, math and science all four years, in addition to arts, drama, music and athletics courses. 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. English and history courses expose them to the classics and original historical texts in place of standard textbooks.

**Please contact our High School Director, Nathan Wilcox, with any questions you may have about our school, our philosophy or our practices.**

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**ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATIONS:**

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

**SAN DIEGO WALDORF HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**

	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>
<b>SEMINAR</b> <i>2 hours 3-4 weeks</i>	<b>Biology 1:</b> Human Anatomy <b>Physics 1:</b> Thermodynamics <b>Environmental Science 1:</b> Earth Science <b>Chemistry 1:</b> Organic Chemistry <b>Descriptive Geometry</b> <b>English 1:</b> History of Drama and Study Skills <b>English 1:</b> The Novel <b>History 1:</b> Modern Revolutions <b>Art History 1:</b> History through Art <b>Life Skills 1</b>	<b>Biology 2:</b> Physiology & Nutrition <b>Physics 2:</b> Mechanics <b>Environmental Science 2:</b> Sustainable Agriculture <b>Chemistry 2:</b> Acids, Bases and Salts <b>Trigonometry &amp; Surveying</b> <b>English 2:</b> Play Production <b>English 2:</b> The Holy Books <b>History 2:</b> Ancient Cultures <b>History 2:</b> Social Justice in the Community <b>Art History 2:</b> History through Poetry <b>Life Skills 2</b>	<b>Biology 3:</b> Botany <b>Physics 3:</b> Electricity & Magnetism <b>Environmental Science 3:</b> Tropical Ecosystems <b>Chemistry 3:</b> Atomic Chemistry <b>Projective Geometry</b> <b>English 3:</b> Parzival <b>English 3:</b> Shakespeare <b>History 3:</b> Latin American History <b>History 3:</b> History through Music <b>Eurythmy 3:</b> Eurythmy Play <b>Life Skills 3</b> <b>Community Service 3:</b> Costa Rica Service Trip	<b>Biology 4:</b> Zoology & Evolution <b>Biology 4:</b> Cell Biology <b>Biology 4:</b> Embryology <b>Physics 4:</b> Visual Physics <b>Introduction to Calculus</b> <b>Environmental Science 4:</b> Age of the Anthropocene <b>Chemistry 4:</b> Biochemistry <b>English 4:</b> Play Production <b>English 4:</b> Russian Literature <b>History 4:</b> Transcendentalism <b>History 4:</b> History of Architecture <b>Life Skills 4</b> <b>Eurythmy 4:</b> Performance
<b>TRACK CLASSES</b> <i>Quarter or Semester</i>	English 1 History 1 *Algebra I or Algebra I-Advanced Spanish 1 Fine Art 1 Eurythmy 1 Athletics 1	English 2 History 2 *Geometry or Geometry-Advanced Spanish 2 Fine Art 2 Practical Art 2 Eurythmy 2 Athletics 2	English 3 History 3 *Algebra II or Algebra II-Advanced Spanish 3 Fine Art 3 Practical Art 3 Eurythmy 3 Athletics 3	English 4 History 4 *Calculus or Business Math Spanish 4 Fine Art 4 Practical Art 4 Eurythmy 4 Athletics 4
<b>Electives</b> <i>(All Grades)</i>	Jazz Band, Orchestra, Percussion, Community Music, Community Service, Cooking, Integrative Movement, Self Defense/Tai Chi, Industrial Arts, Spanish for Native Speakers, Creative Writing, Insightful Gardening, Sewing, Study Skills, Sports Conditioning, Surf Team, Yoga			
<b>Electives</b> <i>(Grades 11 &amp; 12)</i>	Physics 5: Applied Mathematics, Physics 5: Advanced Methods, Biology 5: Advanced Methods, Chemistry 5: Advanced Methods, English 5: Short Story Survey, English 5: Ethnic Literature & Advanced Composition; Computer Publishing			

\*Our Math Classes are split between an honors level equivalent and a college preparatory track. See section "Beyond the Curriculum"

## COURSE CREDITS:

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

Subject	Years	Credits
English	4	42.0
Mathematics	4	49.0
U.S. History / Government	2	20.0
World History, Cultures, Geography, Econ	2	20.0
Biology	1	10.0
Physics	1	10.0
Chemistry	1	10.0
Environmental Science	1	10.0

Subject	Years	Credits
Advanced Science or Advanced English (Elective Course)	1	6.0
Spanish	4	40.0
Art / Eurythmy / Music	4	50.0
Physical Education	4	18.0
Community Service / Life Skills	4	7.0
Electives (see Curriculum Overview)	4	24.0

## GRADING SCALE:

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. We offer students opportunities to become familiar with standardized tests, but we do not emphasize standardized 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. In addition to academic competence, all courses integrate the development of the student's sense of responsibility, respect and reverence. Social service is an integral part of our community and deeply woven into the Waldorf curriculum. Social justice and environmental themes run through our entire four-year history and science curricula respectively.

Waldorf high school prepares all our students for success in college classrooms. **Our classes are all college preparatory, often exceeding the academics one would see in an AP classroom.** We pride ourselves in moving far beyond the academic bounds of a typical high school curriculum supporting students in their growth and maturity through the challenging transition from adolescence to adulthood. Our curriculum requires class participation and integrates group work to develop leadership and team work skills.

All students engage in service and learning trips, including a week of sustainable agriculture work in grade 10 and a two-week service/science/cultural immersion trip to Costa Rica in grade 11. All students perform ambitious full-length drama productions in grades 10, 11 and 12.

Math tracks in grades 9-11 are split between a college preparatory track (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II) and their advanced, honors-level equivalents. All students study geometry topics, such as projective geometry, that take them well beyond the topics seen in a typical high school. Senior year offers Business Math or Calculus track classes, with all students taking the Introduction to Calculus seminar.

Students take science courses all four years. Students read the classics in full. Among many titles 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.

Qualifying students are afforded the opportunity to study abroad and/or host an international student through our Student Exchange Program. Honors Senior Projects allow students to delve into a topic of interest in-depth, and require long-term planning and implementation, mentorship, and public presentation.

# 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.

Aberystwyth University (Wales, UK)	Clark University (MA)	Linfield College (OR)	Stetson University (FL)
Agnes Scott College (GA)	College of Idaho (ID)	Loyola Marymount University (CA)	Syracuse University (NY)
Albion College (MI)	College of the Atlantic (ME)	Macalester College (MN)	The Art Institute of Chicago (IL)
Allegheny College (PA)	Colorado College (CO)	Mannes School of Music (NY)	The College of Wooster (OH)
Am. Acad. of Dramatic Arts (CA)	Connecticut College (CT)	Marlboro College (VT)	The New School New York, (NY)
Arizona State University (AZ)	Cornell College (IA)	Marymount Manhattan Col.(NY)	Univ. of Arizona (AZ)
Acad. of Art Univ. San Francisco (CA)	Creighton University (NE)	Menlo College (CA)	Universidad Panamericana (MX)
Augsburg College (MN)	Curry College (MA)	Merrimack College (MA)	U. at Albany & Albany Law Sch (NY)
Augustana college (IL)	Denison University (OH)	Metrop. State U. of Denver (CO)	Univ. of California, Davis (CA)
Bangor University (Wales, UK)	Earlham College (IN)	Mills College (CA)	Univ. of California, Irvine (CA)
Bard College (NY)	Eastern Mennonite University (VA)	Minneapolis Col. Art & Design (MN)	Univ. of California, Los Angeles (CA)
Bard Conservatory (NY)	Eastman School of Music (NY)	Monash University (Australia)	Univ. of Cal., Merced (CA)
Beloit College (WI)	Eckerd College (FL)	Mount Holyoke College (MA)	Univ. of California, San Diego (CA)
Bennington College (VT)	Emory Univ./Oxford College (GA)	Mount Saint Mary's University (CA)	Univ. of Cal., San Francisco (CA)
Bethel College (KS)	Escuela Libre de Arquitectura (MX)	Naropa University (CO)	Univ. of California, Santa Cruz (CA)
California College of the Arts (CA)	Eugene Lang Col. Liberal Arts (NY)	Northern Arizona University (AZ)	Univ. of Colorado Boulder (CO)
California Institute of the Arts (CA)	Evergreen State College (WA)	Oberlin College (OH)	Univ. of La Verne (CA)
California Lutheran University (CA)	Fordham University (NY)	Oregon State University (OR)	Univ. of Melbourne (Australia)
Cal. Poly Pomona (CA)	Fort Lewis College (CO)	Pace University (NY)	U. of N. Carolina, Chapel Hill (NC)
Cal. Poly San Luis Obispo (CA)	Gonzaga University (WA)	Pacific Lutheran University (WA)	Univ. of Nebraska (NE)
Cal. Polytechnic State Univ. (CA)	Goshen College (IN)	Parsons Paris (France)	Univ. of Portland (OR)
Cal. State U., Channel Islands (CA)	Goucher College (MD)	Pepperdine University (CA)	Univ. of Puget Sound (WA)
Cal. State University, Chico (CA)	Grossmont Community Col. (CA)	Pitzer College (CA)	Univ. of Redlands (CA)
Cal. State Univ., Humboldt (CA)	Guilford College (NC)	Point Loma Nazarene Univ. (CA)	Univ. of Rochester (NY)
Cal. State Univ., Long Beach (CA)	Hampshire College (MA)	Pratt Institute (NY)	Univ. of San Diego (CA)
Cal. State Univ. Maritime Acad.(CA)	Hawaii Pacific University (HI)	Reed College (OR)	Univ. of San Francisco (CA)
Cal. State Univ., Monterey Bay (CA)	Hendrix College (AR)	Regent University (UK)	Univ. of Sydney (Australia)
Cal. State Univ., Northridge (CA)	Humbolt State University (CA)	Regis University (CO)	Univ. of the Pacific (CA)
Cal. State Univ., Sacramento (CA)	Hunter College (NY)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. (NY)	Warren Wilson College (NC)
Cal. State Univ., San Diego (CA)	Iberoamericana Universidad (MX)	Richmond U-Am. Intl. U London (UK)	Watson University (CO)
Cal. State Univ., San Francisco (CA)	Illinois Institue of Technology (IL)	Savannah Col. of Art & Design (GA)	Westmont College (CA)
Cal. State Univ., San Jose (CA)	Juniata College (PA)	Seattle Pacific University (WA)	Whittier College (CA)
Cal. State Univ., San Marcos (CA)	Kalamazoo College (MI)	Seton Hall University (NJ)	Whitworth University (WA)
Cal. State Univ., Sonoma (CA)	Kenyon College (OH)	Smith College (MA)	Willamette University (OR)
Cal. State Univ., Stanislaus (CA)	Kings College (TN)	Southern Utah University (UT)	Wittenberg University (OH)
CETYS Universidad (MX)	Lawrence University (WI)	St. Mary's College of California (CA)	Woodbury University (CA)
Chapman University (CA)	Lewis & Clark College (OR)	St. Olaf College (MN)	