THE WALDORF SCHOOL
OF SAN DIEGO

A Member of the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America℠

High School Profile
2021-2022 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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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 252, with 56 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

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
SEMINAR *2 hours* *3-4 weeks*	**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 **History 2:** Social Justice in the Community **Art History 1:** History through Art	**Physics 2:** Mechanics **Environmental Science 2:** Sustainable Agriculture **Chemistry 2:** Acids, Bases and Salts **Trigonometry & Surveying** **Codes & Computers** **English 2:** Play Production **English 2:** The Holy Books **History 2:** Ancient Cultures **History 2:** Social Justice in the Community **History 3:** Latin American History **Art History 2:** History through Poetry	**Physics 3:** Electricity & 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 **History 4:** Transcendentalism **Eurythmy 3:** Eurythmy Play **Community Service 3:** Service Trip	**Biology 4:** Zoology **Physics 4:** Visual Physics **Introduction to Calculus** **Calculus** **Modern Mathematics** **Environmental Science 4:** Age of the Anthropocene **Chemistry 4:** Biochemistry **English 4:** Play Production **English 4:** Russian Literature **History 4:** Transcendentalism **History 4:** History of Architecture **Eurythmy 4:** Performance **Art 4:** Portfolio
TRACK CLASSES *Quarter or Semester*	**English 1** **History 1** ***Algebra I or Algebra I-Advanced** **Spanish 1** **Fine Art 1** **Eurythmy 1** **Athletics 1** **Life Skills 1**	**English 2** **History 2** ***Geometry or Geometry-Advanced** **Spanish 2** **Fine Art 2** **Eurythmy 2** **Athletics 2** **Life Skills 2**	**English 3** **History 3** ***Algebra II or Algebra II-Advanced** **Spanish 3** **Fine Art 3** **Eurythmy 3** **Athletics 3** **Life Skills 3**	**English 4** **History 4** ***Calculus or Pre-Calculus** **Spanish 4** **Fine Art 4** **Practical Art 4** **Eurythmy 4** **Athletics 4** **Life Skills 4**
Electives *(All Grades)*	**Jazz Band, Gardening, Community Service, Art, Robotics, Industrial Arts, Percussion, Social Justice, Creative Writing, Yearbook, Trial and the Art of Advocacy, The Supreme Court, Sewing**			
Electives *(Grades 11&12)*	**Physics 5: Applied Mathematics, Physics 5: Advanced Methods, Biology 5: Advanced Methods, Chemistry 5: Advanced Methods, Art 5: Fine Art**			

*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 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	Credit
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 teamwork 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.

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