



# THE WALDORF SCHOOL OF SAN DIEGO

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

## High School Profile 2023-2024 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

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### **FACULTY:**

High school students are taught by 8 full-time faculty and 8 part-time faculty. All academic teachers have bachelor's degrees, and many hold master's or doctoral degrees. Most 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 275, with 53 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 Co-Chairs, Jeremiah Johnson and Chelaine Kokos, 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.

**THE WALDORF SCHOOL OF SAN DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL'S 2023-24 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>Biology 1:</b> Physiology <b>Physics 1:</b> Thermodynamics <b>Environmental Science 1:</b> Earth Science <b>Descriptive Geometry</b> <b>English 1:</b> History of Drama <b>English 1:</b> The Novel <b>History 1:</b> History Through Art <b>History 1:</b> Social Justice	<b>Biology 2:</b> Physiology <b>Physics 2:</b> Mechanics <b>Environmental Science 2:</b> Sustainable Agriculture <b>Environmental Science 2:</b> Ecology <b>Chemistry 2:</b> Acids, Bases and Salts <b>Trigonometry &amp; Surveying</b> <b>Computer Science 2:</b> Codes & Computers <b>English 2:</b> Play Production <b>English 2:</b> The Holy Books <b>History 2:</b> Social Justice <b>Practical Art 2:</b> Industrial Arts	<b>Physics 3:</b> Electricity & Magnetism <b>Biology 3:</b> Botany <b>Biology 3:</b> Genetics <b>Projective Geometry</b> <b>English 3:</b> Parzival <b>History 3:</b> History through Music <b>History 3:</b> Social Justice <b>History 3:</b> Latin American History <b>Eurythmy 3:</b> Eurythmy Performance <b>Environmental Science 3:</b> Environmental Conservation	<b>Biology 4:</b> Zoology <b>Biology 4:</b> Genetics <b>Physics 4:</b> Visual Physics <b>Math 4:</b> Introduction to Calculus <b>Chemistry 4:</b> Biochemistry <b>English 4:</b> Play Production <b>English 4:</b> Russian Literature <b>History 4:</b> Latin American History <b>History 4:</b> Transcendentalism <b>History 4:</b> History of Architecture <b>Community Service 4:</b> Honors Senior Project
<b>TRACK CLASSES</b> <i>Quarter or Semester</i>	<b>English 1</b> <b>History 1</b> <b>*Algebra I or Algebra I-Advanced</b> <b>Spanish 1</b> <b>Art 1:</b> Fine Art <b>Art 1:</b> Industrial Arts <b>Eurythmy 1</b> <b>Athletics 1</b> <b>Life Skills 1</b>	<b>English 2</b> <b>History 2</b> <b>*Geometry or Geometry-Advanced</b> <b>Spanish 2</b> <b>Art 2:</b> Fine Art <b>Art 2:</b> Costume Design <b>Eurythmy 2</b> <b>Athletics 2</b> <b>Life Skills 2</b> <b>Practical Art 2:</b> Costume Design	<b>English 3</b> <b>History 3</b> <b>*Algebra II or Algebra II-Advanced</b> <b>Spanish 3 or Spanish 3-Advanced</b> <b>Art 3:</b> Fine Art <b>Art 3:</b> Industrial Arts <b>Eurythmy 3</b> <b>Athletics 3</b> <b>Life Skills 3</b>	<b>English 4</b> <b>History 4</b> <b>*Calculus or Pre-Calculus</b> <b>Spanish 4 or Spanish 4-Advanced</b> <b>Art 4:</b> Fine Art <b>Art 4:</b> Industrial Arts <b>Eurythmy 4</b> <b>Athletics 4</b> <b>Life Skills 4</b>
<b>Electives</b> <i>(All Grades)</i>	<b>Jazz Band, Regenerative Agriculture, Community Service, Art, Orchestra Ensemble, Social Justice, Trial and the Art of Advocacy, Constitutional Law, Soccer, Yoga, Fiber Arts, Cooking</b>			
<b>Electives</b> <i>(Grades 11&amp;12)</i>	<b>Physics 5: Advanced Methods, Art 5: Advanced Techniques, Athletics 5</b>			

\*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	42.5
Mathematics	4	50.0
U.S. History / Government	2	22.0
World History, Cultures, Geography, Econ	2	22.0
Biology	1	10.0
Physics	1	10.0
Chemistry	1	10.0
Environmental Science	1	7.5

Subject	Years	Credit
Advanced Science, Art or Athletics (Elective Course)	1	6.0
Spanish	4	40.0
Art / Eurythmy	4	39.0
Physical Education	4	18.5
Community Service* / Life Skills	4	4.0
Electives (see Curriculum Overview)	4	32.0

\*see "Beyond the Curriculum"

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