



## High School Profile 2023

Igniting young minds and hearts to be engaged and resilient citizens of the world.

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Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm is a small, independent pre-k through 12th-grade school founded in 1974. Our High School was founded in 1987, graduating its first Senior Class in 1991. Currently, 70 students are enrolled in our selective High School. Our 38-acre campus is located on rolling farmland between Santa Rosa and Sebastopol in Northern California. We have a working, certified biodynamic farm and a strong commitment to eco-biodiversity and conservation efforts.

**Waldorf Education:** Based upon the educational principles of philosopher Rudolf Steiner, Waldorf education strives to educate the whole person with a developmentally appropriate and integrated curriculum that challenges the student intellectually, physically, socially, artistically, and spiritually. To support these goals, the Summerfield High School curriculum immerses students in a variety of disciplines including drama, music, the arts, language, mathematics, humanities, sciences, and physical education.

### Seven Learning Goals

Summerfield graduates will have:

- A clear sense of their strengths and weaknesses, gifts and challenges, and will have developed the tools to work with them.
- A solid understanding of the methods and contemporary issues in science, mathematics, history, and the English language, as well as proficiency in a foreign language.
- Explored various fields of artistic expression and gained proficiency in at least one of these.
- Gained a sense of contemporary social issues as well as an understanding of how they have come into being. Ideally, the two together have come to life within the soul of each student, creating a sense of social responsibility and the tools to live accordingly.
- Had the opportunity to explore, in-depth, those questions that lie at the foundation of human experience: life, death, friendship, spirituality, and vocation.
- Acquired life skills needed for interpersonal communication and conflict management, decision-making, parenting, time management, the art of entertainment, and the ability to play.
- Gained the ability to form judgments independently. This means that they will have acquired the skills of thinking and can apply these to enhance their understanding. This thinking should be as richly textured and as individually colored as possible. Students are now able to take on the task of self-education.

High standards of writing, critical thinking, and independent research help students acquire the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in post-secondary education and in life.

**Accreditation:** Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm holds full, dual accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA). Our Farm is certified Biodynamic through the Demeter Association.

**Faculty:** Summerfield Faculty are highly trained and experts in their field. A majority of them hold master's degrees in the subject(s) they teach.

**Curriculum:** Our program is complex and enriching. Classes with a (P) designation are approved college-preparatory courses that meet or exceed college requirements. Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Earth Sciences all have full labs. Due to the depth and rigor of our curriculum, 11th and 12th-grade academics are on par with Honor courses. Because of the challenging nature of our curriculum, however, we offer no AP classes. Student GPAs are unweighted, with no extra grade points designated for honors or college classes. SWHS does not rank its students. Community Service and some pre-designated electives are not graded. Main Lesson blocks begin every three to four weeks for a total of nine blocks through the year and are reported under the trimester in which they are taken. Credit distribution is 3.33 or 2.5 depending on classroom hours.

#### Graduates Earn the Following Credits

#### Grading Scale

Courses	Years	Credits			
English	4	44	A+	4.30	Superior
Mathematics	4	40	A	4.00	Excellent
History/Social Studies	3	32	A-/B+	3.70/3.33	Very Good
Sciences	3.75	30	B	3.00	Good
Language other than English	3+	30+	B-/C+	2.70/2.30	Above Adequate
Visual & Performing Arts	4	60+	C	2.00	Adequate
Physical Education/Movement	4	45	C-/D+	1.70/1.30	Below Adequate
College Prep Electives	4	30	D/D-	1.00/.7	Minimum Effort
Community Service	4	20hrs/yr	F	0.00	No Effort, Failing
Total Credits		300+			

**Extracurricular Activities:** Extracurricular activities include Student Council, Lit Club, Entrepreneurial Club, LGBTQIA+ Safe Space, student-initiated activities, the Green Team, as well as a full after-school circus program that includes a seasonal Big Top Tent with a flying trapeze. Students must complete a total of 80 hours of community service before they graduate.

**Mustang Sports:** Summerfield offers a balanced sports program, competing in the Small School Bridge League. Athletic offerings include soccer, volleyball, basketball, tennis, baseball, and track and field and include several league wins for the basketball teams. Summerfield athletes are student-athletes who are held to the same high standard in sports as they are in academics.

**Facilities:** In addition to classrooms, our facilities include a library, science labs, movement room, pottery studio, black-smith forge and art studios, weaving and woodworking studios, performance hall, music practice rooms, outdoor basketball court, running track, soccer field and outdoor volleyball court, full-sized circus tent, and working biodynamic farm.

**Recent Graduates:** The class of 2023 had 13 graduates on June 11, 2023. The highest GPA in the Class is 4.11 unweighted, with the average being 3.50. **SAT Score Averages:** Reading & Writing, 612; Math, 543

**College:** Over the last 5 years, close to 83% of Summerfield Graduates have directly attended four-year colleges, 14% have attended two-year/vocational colleges, and 3% took gap years before starting college.

**Colleges Accepting Summerfield Graduates:** Summerfield High School graduates have attended over 140 colleges all over the world! The list of colleges on the next page includes both acceptances and those attended. Schools attended by the SWSF Class of 2023 are marked with an \*.

Academy of Art University  
Albright University, Canada  
American Academy of Dramatic Art  
American University\*  
American University of Paris  
Antioch College  
ArtCenter College of Design  
Art Institute of Boston  
Art Institute of Colorado  
Arizona State University  
Bard College  
Bard College, Berlin\*  
Barnard College  
Bates College  
Beloit College  
Bennington College  
Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music  
Birkbeck College, UK  
Boston University  
Brown University  
Burlington College  
California College of Art  
California State University at: *Chico, Fresno, Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach, Monterey Bay,, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, Sonoma\*, Stanislaus*  
Cal Maritime  
Cal Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo  
Cal Polytechnic, Pomona  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon  
Chapman University  
Claremont McKenna College  
Clark University  
Colgate College  
College of the Atlantic  
Colorado College  
Colorado State University  
College of Marin  
Copenhagen Hospitality College  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
DePaul University  
Dominican University  
Drexel University  
Eckerd College  
Emerson College  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Eugene Lang College  
Evergreen State College  
Fashion Inst of Merch & Design  
Franklin University, Switzerland  
Glasgow School of Art  
Goucher College

Grinnell College  
Hampshire College  
Harvey Mudd College  
Hamilton College  
Ithaca College  
Johns Hopkins  
Juniata College  
Kalamazoo College  
Kenyon College  
Kettering University  
Kingston University, UK  
Kings College, UK  
Laguna School Art & Design  
Lawrence University  
Lesley College  
Lewis & Clark College  
Linfield College  
Long Island University, Global  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Manhattanville College  
Marist College  
Marlboro College  
Middlesex University London  
Mills College  
Montana State University  
Mount Holyoke College  
Naropa University  
New York University  
Northern Arizona State  
Oberlin College\*  
Occidental College  
Oregon State University  
Oregon Institute of Technology  
Otis College of Art  
Pace University  
Parsons School of Design  
Peredur Eurythmy, England  
Pitzer College  
Pomona College  
Portland State University  
Pratt Institute  
Prescott College  
Quest University, Canada  
Randolph College  
Reed College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Royal Academy of Art, The Hague  
Royal Welsh College, UK  
Santa Clara University  
Santa Rosa Junior College\*  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Scripps College  
Seattle University

Seton Hall University  
Simmons University  
Skidmore College  
Smith College  
Stanford University  
St. John's College  
Saint Mary's College, California  
St. Mary's College, Maryland  
St. Olaf College  
Suffolk University  
Swarthmore  
Syracuse University  
The New School\*  
Tulane University  
University of California at *Berkeley, Davis\*, Los Angeles, Merced,, Riverside, Santa Cruz, San Diego, Santa Barbara*  
University of Missouri Kansas City  
University of Aberdeen, Scotland  
University of Arizona  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
University of Colorado, Denver  
University of Glasgow  
University of Hawaii  
University of Idaho  
University of Manchester  
University of Mass. Boston  
University of Oregon  
University of the Pacific  
University of Portland  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Redlands  
University of St. Andrews, Scotland  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California  
University of Victoria, Canada  
University of Vermont  
University of Washington  
Vassar College  
Warren Wilson College  
Washington State University  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Western Washington University  
Wheaton College  
Whitman College  
Whittier College  
William and Mary  
Willamette University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
York University, Canada