



High School Profile 2023-24)

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