



High School Profile 2025–26

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, 60 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.

Graduates Earn the Following Credits

Grading Scale

Courses	Min Years	Credits			
History/Social Science	4+	40+	A+	4.30	Superior
English	4+	40+	A	4.00	Excellent
Math	3+	40+	A-/B+	3.70/3.33	Very Good
Science	4+	40+	B	3.00	Good
Lang other than Eng	3+	30+	B-/C+	2.70/2.30	Above Adequate
Visual/Perf Arts	4+	50+	C	2.00	Adequate
College-Prep Elective	1	5+	C-/D+	1.70/1.30	Below Adequate
Phys Ed	4	20+	D/D-	1.00/.7	Minimum Effort
Eurythmy	4	20+	F	0.00	No Effort, Failing
Farming	3+	30+			
Other Requirements	Senior Project, Apprenticeship				
Community Service	80 hours				

Extracurricular Activities: Extracurricular activities include Student Council, Lit Club, Ski Club, Journalism 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 2025 had 14 graduates in June of 2024. The highest GPA in the Class is 4.13 unweighted, with the average being 3.70.

SAT High Scores, Class of 2024: Total, 1320; Reading & Writing, 720; Math, 600. SAT Average Total: 1165.

SAT Score Averages, Classes of 2010-2025: Reading & Writing, 632; Math, 578.

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 200 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 2025 are marked with an *.

Academy of Art University	Fashion Inst of Merch & Design	Reed College
Agnes Scott University	Flagler College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.
Albright University, Canada	Franklin University, Switzerland	Rhode Island School of Design
American Academy of Dramatic Art	George Washington University	Royal Academy of Art, The Hague
American University	Glasgow School of Art	Royal Welsh College, UK
American University of Paris	Gonzaga University	Santa Clara University*
Antioch College	Goucher College	Santa Rosa Junior College*
ArtCenter College of Design	Grinnell College	Savannah College of Art & Design
Art Institute of Boston	Hampshire College	Sarah Lawrence College
Art Institute of Colorado	Harvey Mudd College	Scripps College
Arizona State University	Hamilton College	Seattle University
Bard College	Ithaca College	Seton Hall University
Bard College, Berlin	Johns Hopkins	Simmons University
Barnard College	Juniata College	Skidmore College
Bates College	Kalamazoo College	Smith College
Beloit College	Kenyon College	Southern Oregon University
Bennington College	Kettering University	Stanford University
Bentley University	Kingston University, UK	St. John's College
Berklee College of Music	King's College, UK	Saint Mary's College, California*
Birkbeck College, UK	Laguna School Art & Design	St. Mary's College, Maryland
Boston University	Lawrence University	St. Olaf College
Bowling Green University	Lesley College	Suffolk University
Brevard College	Lewis & Clark College*	Swarthmore
Brown University	Linfield College	Syracuse University
Burlington College	Long Island University, Global	The New School
California College of Art	Loyola Marymount University	Trinity University
California State University at: <i>Chico,</i>	Loyola University Chicago	Tulane University
<i>Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Monterey</i>	Manhattanville College	University of California at <i>Berkeley, Davis,</i>
<i>Bay, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San</i>	Marian University, Indiana	<i>Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside,</i>
<i>Diego*, San Marcos, San Francisco,</i>	Marist College	<i>Santa Cruz*, San Diego, Santa Barbara</i>
<i>Sonoma*, Stanislaus</i>	Marlboro College	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Cal Maritime	Miami University	University of Missouri Kansas City
Cal Polytechnic, Humboldt (as of 2023)	Michigan State University	University of Aberdeen, Scotland
Cal Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo*	Middlesex University London	University of Arizona
Cal Polytechnic, Pomona	Milligan University	University of Arkansas
Carleton College	Mills College	University of Chicago
Carnegie Mellon	Montana State University	University of Colorado, Boulder
Central Michigan University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Colorado, Denver
Chapman University	Naropa University	University of Glasgow
Claremont McKenna College	New York University	University of Hawaii, Manoa
Clark University	Northern Arizona State	University of Idaho
Colgate College	Oberlin College	University of Kentucky
College of the Atlantic	Occidental College	University of Michigan
Colorado College	Oregon State University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Colorado Mesa University	Oregon State University, Cascades*	University of Manchester
Colorado State University, Fort Collins	Oregon Institute of Technology	University of Mass. Boston
College of Marin	Otis College of Art	University of Miami
Copenhagen Hospitality College	Pace University	University of Michigan
Cornell University	Parsons School of Design	University of Montana
Dartmouth College	Pepperdine University*	University of Nevada, Reno
DePaul University	Peredur Eurythmy, England	University of Oregon
Dominican University of California	Pitzer College	University of the Pacific
Drexel University	Pomona College	University of Portland
Eckerd College	Portland State University	University of Puget Sound*
Emerson College	Pratt Institute	University of Redlands
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Prescott College	University of St. Andrews, Scotland
Eugene Lang College	Quest University, Canada	University of San Diego
Evergreen State College	Randolph College	University of San Francisco

University of Southern California
University of Southern Oregon
University of Victoria, Canada
University of Vermont
University of Washington
University of Wyoming
Vassar College
Virginia Tech
Warren Wilson College
Washington State University
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western Kentucky University
Western Washington University
Westmont College
Wheaton College
Whitman College
Whittier College
William and Mary
Willamette University
Woodbury University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
York University, Canada