



SWSF High School Profile 2026–2027

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

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Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm is an 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, 55 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.

Waldorf Education: Based upon the educational principles of 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, fine and practical 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 or PhD's 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, 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 four weeks for a total of eight blocks through the year and are reported under the trimester in which they are completed. Credit distribution is 3.33 or 2.5 depending on classroom hours.

Graduates Earn the Following Credits

Grading Scale

Courses	Min Years	Credits		A+	4.30	Superior
History/Social Science	4+	40+		A	4.00	Excellent
English	4+	40+		A-	3.70	Very Good
Math	3+	50+		B+	3.30	Very Good
Science	4+	40+		B	3.00	Good
Lang other than Eng	3+	30+		B-	2.70	Above Adequate
Visual/Perf Arts	4+	50+		C+	2.30	Above Adequate
College-Prep Elective	1	5+		C	2.00	Adequate
Phys Ed	4	15+		C-	1.70	Below Adequate
Eurythmy	3	10+		D+	1.30	Below Adequate
Farming	3+	5+		D	1.00	Minimum Effort
Other Requirements	Senior Project, Apprenticeship			D-	.7	Minimum Effort
Community Service	80 hours			F	0.00	No Effort, Failing

Extracurricular Activities: Extracurricular activities include Student Council, Lit Club, Entrepreneurial Club, HS Inclusion, student-initiated activities, 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, 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, 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 biodynamic farm.

Recent Graduates: The class of 2026 had 12 graduates on June 6, 2026. The highest GPA in the Class is 3.95 unweighted, with the average being 3.7.

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 graduates have attended over 200 colleges both domestically and abroad. The list of colleges on the next page includes both acceptances and schools attended by the SWSF Classes of 2025 and 2026.

Schools attended by the Summerfield Waldorf High School Classes of 2025 and 2026 are marked in bold.

American University

Bard College

California State University at: Channel Islands, *Chico, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Monterey Bay, Sacramento, **San Diego**, San Marcos, **Sonoma**, Stanislaus*

California Polytechnic, Humboldt

California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo

California Polytechnic, Pomona

Colorado College

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University, Fort Collins

Cornell University

Dominican University of California

Drexel University

Eckerd College

Evergreen State College

Feather River College

George Washington University

Hampshire College

Howard University

Lewis & Clark College

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University Chicago

Montana State University

Mount Holyoke College

New York University

North Carolina Agricultural and Technology State University

Oregon State University

Pepperdine University

Pitzer College

Pratt Institute

Rhode Island School of Design

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Santa Clara University

Santa Rosa Junior College

Seattle University

Soka University of America

Saint Mary's College, California

Trinity University

University of California at *Berkeley,*

***Davis**, Irvine, Merced, Riverside,*

***Santa Cruz**, San Diego,*

Santa Barbara

University of Colorado, Boulder

University of Hawaii, Manoa

University of Idaho

University of Michigan

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Montana

University of Montana, Western

University of Nevada, Reno

University of Oregon

University of Puget Sound

University of Redlands

University of San Francisco

University of Southern California

University of Tennessee

University of Utah

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin, Madison

University of Wyoming

Utah State University

Virginia Tech

Wellesley College

Western Washington University

Westmont College

Willamette University

Michigan State University

University of Kentucky