



High School Profile 2025

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	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, 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 2024 had 16 graduates on June 4, 2024. The highest GPA in the Class is 4.12 unweighted, with the average being 3.65.

SAT High Scores, Class of 2024: Total, 1290; Reading & Writing, 680; Math, 670. SAT Average Total: 1160.

SAT Score Averages, Classes of 2010-2024: Reading & Writing, 604; Math, 547

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 2024 are marked with an *.

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

University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Manchester
University of Mass. Boston
University of Michigan
University of Montana
University of Nevada, Reno
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 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