



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 *.

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| 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