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## School Profile 2018-19

San Francisco Waldorf High School is an independent, coeducational, nonsectarian secondary school established in 1997. The grade school was founded in 1979. The high school integrates intellectual inquiry and creative exploration, engaging students and preparing them for the challenges of their time. Students discover a unique, developmental curriculum, learn to value relationships and collaboration, and become active and engaged members of the community. San Francisco Waldorf School is the largest independent Waldorf school in North America and part of a worldwide educational system taught in 1,100 schools across 80 countries.

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#### Accreditations



#### The Student Body

Culturally and socially diverse, the student body of 160 is drawn from a wide geographic area around the San Francisco Bay Area. More than 40 percent identify as students of color. Roughly half arrive from San Francisco Waldorf Grade School and half come from public, parochial, and other independent middle schools. More than 40 percent of families participate in the Affordable Tuition Program, Kitch Scholars, or Diversity & Inclusion Fund.

#### The Curriculum

The curriculum is a carefully structured, broad course of study that is grounded in the classics and engaged in the modern world. Approximate yearly equivalent for our graduates:

- 4 years English (Humanities)
- 3-4 years Mathematics
- 4-5 years Science (Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- 3-4 years World Language (Spanish or Mandarin)
- 4 years History (Social Studies, World History, US History and Civics, Cultural Studies)
- 1 year Aesthetics (Art History, Poetics, Music History, Architecture)
- 4 years Art
- 4 years Music
- 4 years Physical Education

#### Community Service Program

Students spend at least 80 hours over 4 years as volunteers for nonprofit organizations, public agencies, or the school community. Through service, students learn valuable skills and become contributing members of their communities.

#### Global Exchange Program

The school has an active exchange program with Waldorf high school in Argentina, Colombia, Chile, Peru, Spain, Taiwan, China, New Zealand, and Canada. The school welcomes students from abroad and about 15 to 20 percent of our students participate in two to four month exchanges.

#### Explanation of Credits

Main Lesson is a morning period of intensive exploration into core academic subjects, lasting one-hour, forty-five minutes and rotating every 3 to 4 weeks. Main Lesson is followed by yearlong classes in mathematics, world languages, sciences, and humanities. These classes meet three to four times per week for 60- to 70-minute periods. Twice weekly, students participate in music, arts and crafts, eurythmy, and PE/movement classes.

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## Explanation of Credits (continued)

Main Lessons: 2.5 - 3.3 credits, depending on length

Yearlong Classes: 10.0 credits

## Grading Scale and Policy

Students receive letter grades in all classes except the following pass/fail courses: Health, PE, Senior Play, Senior Project. The school does not rank students. GPAs are unweighted. Honors courses are offered in mathematics (Honors Geometry; Honors Algebra II; Honors Precalculus; AP Calculus) and sciences (Honors Biology; Honors Modern Physics). The school does not confer any academic awards. It is possible for a student to earn above a 4.0 unweighted GPA based on the grading scale: A+ (4.3); A (4.0); A- (3.7); B+ (3.3); B (3.0); B- (2.7); etc.

## GPA Decile Distribution for Classes of 2014-2018

(unweighted, 170 students total)

1st Decile	4.07 - 3.88	6th Decile	3.43 - 3.36
2nd Decile	3.88 - 3.73	7th Decile	3.35 - 3.18
3rd Decile	3.72 - 3.62	8th Decile	3.17 - 3.05
4th Decile	3.61 - 3.54	9th Decile	3.04 - 2.88
5th Decile	3.54 - 3.44	10th Decile	2.81 - 2.33

## College Acceptances 2014-18:

### Partial list

American University*	Claremont McKenna College*	University of Kings College	Santa Clara University
American University of Paris*	Clark University	Knox College*	Sarah Lawrence College*
Amherst College*	Colby College*	Lawrence University*	Savannah College of Art and Design*
Bard College*	Colgate University	Lewis and Clark College*	Simmons College
Bard College Berlin*	College of William and Mary	Macalester College	Skidmore College
Barnard College	University of Colorado, Boulder*	Marlboro College	Smith College*
Beloit College	Connecticut College*	University of Michigan	Spelman College
Bennington College*	Cornell College*	Mills College	Stanford University*
Bentley University	Cornell University*	University of Montana*	Stony Brook University
Boston College*	DePaul University	University of Maryland	Swarthmore College*
Boston Conservatory*	Dickinson College*	Mount Holyoke College	Syracuse University
Boston University*	Earlham College*	Muhlenberg College	Tufts University*
Bowdoin College*	Eckerd College*	University of New Hampshire	Union College
Brandeis University	Emerson College	The New School*	University of Utah
University of British Columbia	Evergreen State College*	New York University*	Vanderbilt University*
Bryn Mawr College	Fordham University	Northeastern University*	Vassar College
Bucknell University*	Gettysburg College	Oberlin College*	University of Vermont
University of California:	George Washington University*	Occidental College*	University of Virginia*
Berkeley*	Georgetown University*	University of Oregon*	Wake Forest College
Irvine*	Goucher College*	Pepperdine University	Warren Wilson College*
Merced	Guilford College	Pratt Institute of Art & Design	University of Washington*
San Diego*	Hamilton College*	University of Puget Sound*	Wheaton College* (Mass.)
Santa Cruz*	Hampshire College*	Reed College*	Whitman College*
California College of the Arts*	Haverford College*	Regis University*	Willamette University*
California State University:	Hobart and William Smith College*	Rensselaer Polytechnic University	University of Wisconsin
Chico	Hofstra University*	Rhodes College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Humbolt*	Howard University	Rochester Institute of Technology	
San Francisco	Ithaca College	St. John's College	
San Jose	Juniata College*	University of San Diego	
San Luis Obispo*	Kenyon College*	University of San Francisco*	
Carleton College			

\*indicates matriculation

## Class of 2019 Junior Year Grade Point Average

(36 students total)

GPA Range 4.08 – 2.35 (unweighted)

GPA Mean 3.43 (unweighted)

## SAT I Mean Scores (Class of 2018):

CRW 621

M 610

## ACT Mean Scores (Class of 2018):

Composite: 25.7

English: 25.6

Math: 26.5

Reading: 25.3

Science: 24.5

## National Merit Scholarship

Three students in the Class of 2019 received recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program, two Commended and one Semifinalist.