



Washington Waldorf School

High School Profile 2025-2026

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Our mission is to cultivate each student's capacity to think clearly, feel compassionately, and act purposefully in the world. We are committed to the education movement inspired by the pioneering work of Austrian philosopher Rudolf Steiner and advanced by Waldorf teachers worldwide. **Our graduates are life-long learners,** who are capable, compassionate, and able to impart purpose and direction to their lives.

ACCREDITATION



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The State of Maryland requires 21 credit hours

- Math & Science (min. 2 / each) 6 credits
- English 4 credits
- History (including 1 U.S.) 2 credits
- Other Subjects 9 credits

Students are required to continue to engage the full curriculum after requirements have been met.

GRADING SYSTEM

A	90-100	B	80-89
C	70-79	D	60-69
F	Below 60	NC	No Credit
P/F	Pass or Fail	Audit	No Credit

GPA Unweighted 4.0 scale, does not include transfer credit, we do not rank students



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

The Washington Waldorf School (WWS) is an independent, non-denominational school, founded in 1969. We are one of more than 1,200 Waldorf Schools around the world.

- Located on a 6-acre campus 1 mile from the Washington, DC line in suburban Maryland
- Founded in 1969, first high school class graduated 1988
- Approximately 260 students from the greater metropolitan Washington, DC area Pre-K through 12
- High School Class size: 5-15 students, 1 teacher: 7 students average
- Students keep mobile phones in magnetically sealed YONDR pouches during the school day
- Technology viewed as a tool to be understood and used intentionally by older students
- Inclusive community, with active commitments to diversity, equity, and social justice
- Accredited by the Association of Independent Maryland & DC Schools (AIMS) & Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA)



CREDITS 1 credit = 120 hours

THROUGH JUNE 2025:

Main Lesson		0.25 block
4/week	0.25 quarter	0.50 semester
3/week	0.188 quarter	0.375 semester
2/week	0.125 quarter	0.25 semester
1/week	0.63 quarter	0.125 semester

STARTING SEPTEMBER 2025

(lengthened class periods):

Main Lesson	0.30 block
Math	0.60 semester
World Language	0.45 semester
Afternoon Intensive	0.25 quarter
Movement Ed	0.30 semester
Music	0.25 semester

CURRICULUM & PROGRAMS

- **All classes are college preparatory.**
- **Honors-level learning is our regular level** with smaller class sizes, emphasis on independent thought, engagement with primary sources, and seminar-style learning; Honors designation for math courses with a level beyond the regular level of challenge.
- **AP classes are not offered** because students prepare best for college-level work by fully engaging in collaborative, rigorous, interdisciplinary high school coursework.
- **Students are active participants in their own multi-disciplinary education**, asking, exploring and answering questions in the full range of subjects throughout high school.
- **Students write extensively**, developing analytic and expressive skills.
- **Engaged class discussions** deepen and clarify understanding of the subject matter.
- **Keen Observation** is emphasized and developed throughout the curriculum; science courses employ a phenomenological approach and continuing lab experience.
- **Digital Technology** is treated as a tool to be understood and used intentionally.
- **Fine & Practical Arts** are utilized to enhance lessons and are also offered as stand alone courses.

COURSE FORMATS

- **Main Lessons:** required, in-depth academic subjects; students start each day in this 1h 45m morning session in a block rotation of 3-4 weeks
- **Afternoon Intensives** (As of Sep 2025): students choose from STEAM course offerings that meet for 1h 45m afternoon sessions in a 9-10 week (quarter) rotation; includes Grades 11 & 12 English requirement.

Note: through June 2025, more required & fewer elective course choices offered.

- **Semester-Long:** required all 4 years
 - **Math** 4 x 55 min/week
 - **World Languages** 3 x 55 min/week
 - **Music** 2 x 50 min/week
 - **Movement Ed** 2 x 55 min/week
 - **Gd 9 & Gd 10 English** 2 x 1h 45 min/week

Notes: Sep 2025 change to longer class periods; Gd 11 & Gd 12 English in Intensives

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

- **Community** matters as students develop their own capacities as individuals, class groups, and also members of the school community.
- **Grade 12 has special events and activities with Grade 1**, and teachers look for opportunities for older and younger students to work together and learn from one another.
- **Field trips** give opportunities for service work, further classroom learning and broaden individual and shared experience.
- **Overnight trips** tie into the curriculum and are an important part of each high school year:
 - **Grade 9:** Immersive Rustic Camping
 - **Grade 10:** Biodynamic Farming
 - **Grade 11:** Camphill School - an intentional community of people with and without intellectual disabilities
 - **Grade 12:** Native America - Lakota Waldorf School or Taos Pueblo
- **Every student is required to participate on a school sports team each year.** Our teams participate actively and competitively in the Potomac Valley Athletic Conference.
- **Every student performs on stage** in an Upper School musical, as well as annual choral and orchestral concerts, and a Senior Play.
- **Every student performs individual community service** with a 501(c)(3) every school year
 - Gd 9: 10 hrs ◦ Gd 10: 15 hrs
 - Gd 11: 20 hrs ◦ Gd 12: 25 hrs
- **Internships and/or independent research projects** are possible in Gd 11 and Gd 12.
- **A Student Council** of elected representatives meets regularly to discuss topics of interest and to plan events.
- **Newspaper, yearbook, and other clubs** are offered.
- **Alums return** for annual events, like our fall bazaar and alum-high school basketball game, and to speak with students about their college experiences, their work, and their areas of expertise and passion.





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College Acceptances & Matriculations for the Classes of 2022-2025

Colleges marked in **bold** indicate where a student enrolled.

American University

American University of Rome

Arizona State University
Arts Center College of Design
Bard College

Bates College

Bennington College
Bucknell University

Catholic University of America

Central Michigan University
Central State University

Chapman University

Chicago State University
Clark University

Cleveland Institute of Art

Cleveland Institute of Music

College of the Atlantic
College of Wooster
Colorado State University
Columbia College (Chicago)
Connecticut College
Coppin State University
Denison University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University

Duke University

Eckerd College
Elizabethtown College

Elon University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.
Emerson College
Emory and Henry College
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
Furman University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Goshen College
Goucher College
Grinnell College

Haverford College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Hood College
Howard University
Humboldt University
Indiana Univ. Jacobs School of Music
Ithaca College
Kalamazoo College
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Lake Forest College

Leeds Beckett University
Lewis and Clark University
Lincoln University (PA)
Loyola University (MD)
Macalester College
Marist University
Mass. College of Art and Design
McDaniel College
McGill University
Miami University-Oxford
Montana State University

Montgomery County Comm. College

Morehouse College
Morgan State University

Mt Holyoke College

Muhlenberg College

New York Institute of Technology

North Carolina Central University

Oberlin College

Oberlin Conservatory
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Oregon State University
Otterbein University (Ohio)

Paris Saint-Germain

Soccer Academy

Penn State University
Purdue University
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University--New Brunswick
Salisbury University
Salve Regina
Sarah Lawrence College

Savannah College of Art & Design

Scripps College
Seton Hall University

Shenandoah University

Skidmore College
St. John's College

St. Mary's College of Maryland

St. Olaf College

SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Buffalo State University
SUNY Stony Brook
Susquehanna University
Sweet Briar College

Syracuse University

Temple University

The New School

The Penn State Univ.--Univ Park
Towson University

Trinity College Dublin

Tulane University

Union College

University of Arizona
University of British Columbia
University of California Santa Cruz
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Colorado
University of Colorado-Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Edinburgh

University of Florida

University of Glasgow
Univ. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Maine
University of Mary Washington

Univ. of Maryland Baltimore Co.

Univ. of Maryland-College Park

University of Massachusetts

Univ. of Massachusetts-Amherst

University of Minnesota
University of New Hampshire
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon

Univ. of Oregon (Honors College)

University of Pittsburgh

University of Puget Sound

University of Rochester
University of San Francisco

University of St Andrews

University of Tampa
University of Toronto
University of Tulsa

University of Vermont

University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
University Wisconsin-Eau-Claire
Ursinus College

US Air Force Academy

US Merchant Marine Academy

US Military Academy – West Point

US Naval Academy

Vassar College

Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia Tech

Washington College

Washington State University

Whitman College

Wilkes University

William & Mary

Winston Salem State University
Xavier University Louisiana