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Daily we strive to inspire learning, courage, and joy in the developing human being.

2019-2020 PROFILE FOR COLLEGES

Founded in 1980, the Seattle Waldorf School serves 385 students in Preschool through Grade 12. Our 9-12 high school division was launched in 1999, joined SWS in 2007, and is the only Waldorf high school in Washington state. Our college preparatory program follows a curriculum grounded in the teachings of Rudolf Steiner, the founder of Waldorf education.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SWS students meet life with courage and respond with initiative and creativity to the needs of the world and their fellow human beings. They learn through:

Experiential Education - Waldorf schools are rooted in the belief that students learn by doing. Whenever possible, knowledge is discovered, not delivered.

Developmental Pedagogy - Students become agile and confident thinkers through studies designed to meet the developmental stages of adolescents.

Outdoor Education - Students participate each year in two, week-long outdoor trips that link to specific science classes in hydrology, mechanics, and zoology, or focus on wilderness exploration and service projects.

Global Connection - Students learn about the world through our international program and student exchanges within the Waldorf school global network.

Arts - All students take art and music classes, every week. Drama, music, and visual arts are integral components of the high school curriculum.

Senior Project - In the senior year, each student completes an intensive Senior Project.

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM

SWS students study chemistry, physics, biology, and earth science each year. Math courses through calculus connect to physical sciences. The humanities curriculum includes courses in civics and ethics, with civic participation capping the end of the sequence. History incorporates art and architecture, in addition to literature, writing, and standard history subjects. Arts courses are interdisciplinary; students write original plays in drama and produce graphic novels in art.

SWS has made a decision to use technology intentionally. Students learn to take notes by hand and are encouraged to draw. They receive guidance in using computers for writing and research, and classroom use of technology increases as high school unfolds. Cell phone use is limited to time outside of class.

Extracurricular clubs include robotics, film club, student government, and yearbook. Intermural sports include Ultimate, volleyball, basketball, and cross country.

COMMUNITY

High school enrollment:

- 85 students in grades 9-12
- Average class size 13 students
- Students of color comprise 25% of student body
- 46% of students receive need-based financial aid

High school faculty:

- 67% of faculty members hold advanced degrees
- 13% of faculty members hold a PhD

ACCREDITATION

SWS is accredited by the Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS), the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA), and the Washington Federation of Independent Schools (WFIS).

LOCATION

SWS High School is located in Magnuson Park, a 350-acre park just north of the University of Washington. Park amenities include ball fields, waterfront areas, community gardens, theater and gym facilities. Our park neighbors include arts organizations and nonprofits, and SWS has collaborative partnerships with many of these groups.

