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.
**Program Elements**

SWS operates on a three-term calendar. Math and World Language are taught in year-long courses. Humanities subjects rotate each term. Laboratory sciences, social studies, and literature are taught in Morning Lesson blocks of roughly four weeks. Graduates earn four or more full credits in Mathematics, Science, and Literature, and three or more in Social Studies and World Language (Spanish or Chinese-Mandarin). Students in math classes in grades 9, 10, and 11 may opt to meet honors requirements, while seniors may elect to study calculus. All students study visual arts, music, and theater arts each year for a total of between 6 and 8 credits. Students earn 0.5 credit per year in P.E. and Eurythmy, a movement class. Hikes and service trips occur in fall and spring, and a life skills series extends over four years.

**Requirements and Grades**

Students at SWS earn letter grades (A, B, C, D, F), except in ungraded movement and life skills classes. We calculate GPA based on a 4.0 scale, with A+=4, A+=3.7, B+=3.3, B+=3, B+=2.7, etc. Grading is cumulative and holistic. For the graduating classes from 2016-2019, the average GPA was 3.37. SWS participates in the Mastery Transcript Consortium.

**Standardized Tests at SWS**

At SWS, many students encounter standardized tests for the first time when they take the PSAT/10 in grade 10. Our college counseling program helps students become familiar with standardized tests, but we do not place emphasis on them or include test prep in our curriculum.

**Scores, middle 50%, 2018-2019:**

SAT (18 students tested)
- EBRW: 570-690
- Math: 525-645

ACT (13 students tested)
- Composite: 23-28

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Seattle Waldorf School graduates’ acceptances (selected) and colleges attended, 2012-2019:

- Allegheny College
- American University
- Baldwin Wallace University
- Bates College
- Beloit College
- Bennington College
- California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo
- California State University- Monterey Bay
- Carleton College
- Central Washington University
- Chapman University
- Clark University
- Colorado State University
- College of Wooster
- Concordia University-Portland
- Cornish College of the Arts
- DePaul University
- Drexel University
- Earlham College
- Elon University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emerson College
- The Evergreen State College
- Fordham University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Gonzaga University Goucher College
- Indiana University
- Kalamazoo College
- Kenyon College
- Lafayette College
- Lewis & Clark College
- Linfield College
- Long Island Univ., Brooklyn (International Program)
- Loyola Marymount University
- Lynchburg College
- Macalester College
- Marquette University
- Mount Holyoke College
- The New School-Parsons School of Design
- The New School-Eugene Lang College
- New York University
- Northern Arizona University
- Occidental College
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Portland State University (Honors Program)
- Pratt Institute
- Reed College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Saint Louis University
- San Diego State University
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Seattle University
- Smith College
- Southwestern University
- St. John’s University
- St. Olaf College
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Syracuse University
- Texas Christian University
- Tulane University
- Tuskegee University
- University of Arizona
- University of California-Davis
- U. of California-Irvine
- U. of California-San Diego
- U. of California-Santa Barbara
- University of Colorado-Boulder
- University of Denver
- University of Idaho
- University of Montana
- University of Northern Colorado
- University of Oregon (Clark Honors College)
- University of Portland
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Redlands
- University of the Pacific
- University of Utah
- University of Vermont
- University of Washington-Bothell
- U. of Washington-Seattle
- Vassar College
- Wagner College
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University (+ Fairhaven)
- Westminster College
- Whitman College
- Whittier College
- Willamette University
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Non-U.S. schools:
  - London Metropolitan University
  - London, England
  - National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland
  - University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

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