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COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE 2016/2017

Kimberton Waldorf School is a co-educational college-preparatory day school, nursery through Grade 12, accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA).

Kimberton Waldorf School seeks to “develop free human beings who are able, of themselves, to impart purpose and direction to their lives” (*Rudolf Steiner*). Through its curriculum, the Waldorf approach nurtures a balanced development of intellectual, artistic, and practical capacities in each student. Waldorf education was developed in 1919 by Rudolf Steiner, an Austrian philosopher and educator; Kimberton Waldorf School was founded in 1941 by H.A.W. Myrin. Waldorf Schools now comprise the largest independent school movement in the world, numbering over 900 schools worldwide.

The school is located near Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, in semi-rural Chester County. Kimberton Waldorf School enrolls about 282 students (Nursery – Grade 12) with 62 students in the high school. Approximately 90 percent of the students continue their education in four-year colleges; 10 percent continue on to artistic training, agricultural training, or other alternatives. The school has a student-teacher ratio of about 7 to 1. Fifty percent of the High School faculty members hold advanced degrees; all have Bachelor’s Degrees or specialized artistic training in their field. High School faculty members have an average of over 20 years teaching experience; most are also trained in Waldorf education.

THE WALDORF CURRICULUM

In the High School, our purpose is to develop thinking capacities which are enlivened by beauty and warmed by compassion. We seek to develop disciplined and independent intellectual capacities through a demanding program that includes artistic, literary, mathematical, scientific, and practical activity so that each student will transform ideas into deeds and develop a strong sense of self and community.

The rigorous curriculum provides a balance among the arts, humanities and sciences in which both individual subjects and their inter-connectedness are valued. All students take four years of English, mathematics, foreign language, science and history. In addition to these academic subjects, each student participates in fiber arts, woodwork, eurythmy (a form of movement), drama, visual art, and music (all students participate in chorus and an instrumental class or orchestra also), sculpture (Grade 11 or 12), gardening (Grades 9 & 10), and blacksmithing (Grade 9). Other extracurricular activities include music, musical theater, and yearbook. Students are required to play a sport in order to fulfill the PE requirement. Students help care for the buildings, grounds, and classrooms. The school requires 40 hours of community service (Grades 9 & 10), as well as participation in a yearly practicum or outdoor education experience.

In a Waldorf School, each day includes a morning seminar, or Main Lesson, that lasts 110 minutes and continues for 3 to 4 weeks. This immersion allows for in-depth exploration as well as a broad experience of different subjects and their interrelationships. Main Lesson subjects include literature, history, science, and mathematics. Humanities, social science, and science Main Lessons alternate. The rest of the day’s schedule is divided into 40 to 85 minute periods for subjects such as mathematics, English workshop, and foreign languages. The English workshop course includes the study of literature, grammar, writing and vocabulary. In the mathematics curriculum, classes are split according to ability.

The basic mathematics curriculum includes Algebra II in Grade 9, Geometry in Grade 10, Algebra and Statistics in Grade 11, and Advanced Algebra with Trigonometry in Grade 12. The advanced mathematics curriculum includes Advanced Algebra II in Grade 9, Advanced Geometry in Grade 10, Precalculus in Grade 11, and Calculus or Honors Calculus in Grade 12.

Advanced Courses: All Kimberton courses are college preparatory. In addition, Kimberton provides opportunities for advanced studies in science or the humanities, mathematics and foreign language in the senior year. The advanced course in science focuses on biology and methods of research in science. The humanities course looks

at literature, philosophy, and art to explore universal questions which have challenged human beings throughout time (the schedule does not permit seniors to take both science and the humanities).

Required Courses/Total Credits Four Years			
1. English	5.75	6. Health	0.50
2. Mathematics	4.75	7. Physical Education	2.00
3. History/Social Sci.	3.38	8. Arts and Crafts	7.50
4. Foreign Language	4.00	9. Practica	0.50
5. Natural Science		10. Gardening	0.50
a. Chemistry	1.00	Electives	
b. Physics	1.00	a. Senior Seminar	0.50
c. Biology	1.25	b. Senior Project	1.00
		c. Physics Elective	0.50
		d. Non-Academic	3.66

MAIN LESSONS

Grade 9

History: Revolutions in the East, 20th Century U.S. History, History through Art
 Literature: Tragedy/Comedy, *Moby Dick*
 Science: Overview of Organic Chemistry; Physics: Heat and Engines; Physiology: Nerve-sense, Endocrine, Exocrine Systems
 Mathematics: Number Theory: Combinations & Permutations
 Practica: One-week Agricultural Practicum

Grade 10

History: Ancient World History, U.S. Government, Navigation: Mapping, Orienteering and Geography, Entrepreneurship
 Literature: History through Poetry, Drama (10th Grade Play)
 Science: Inorganic Chemistry: acids, bases, salts; Physics: Mechanics, Astronomy; Physiology: Circulatory, Respiratory, Reproductive Systems
 Mathematics: Conic Sections
 Practica: One-week Artisan Practicum

Grade 11

History: History through Music, U.S. Civil War, Economics, *Dante*/Medieval History
 Literature: *Hamlet*
 Science: History of Chemistry, Atomic Theory; Physics: Electricity, Magnetism; Biology: Botany, Embryology
 Mathematics: Projective Geometry
 Practica: One-week Social Service Practicum

Grade 12

History: Modern World History I and II, Human Geography, History Through Architecture
 Literature: American Transcendentalists, Russian Literature, Senior Play
 Science: Quantum Chemistry; Physics: Optics; Biology: Zoology, Evolution
 Practica: One- or two-week Career Elective Practicum

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The Waldorf curriculum expands learning beyond the classroom by bringing the student into the world. Each year the curriculum includes an appropriate vocational practicum or outdoor adventure that is tied to a Main Lesson.

Foreign Exchange Program: The students can readily participate in foreign exchange programs with Waldorf Schools all over the world. During the last 20 years, Kimberton has had exchanges with schools in Europe and South America. Some Kimberton students have studied abroad in Australia and New Zealand, or in domestic Waldorf schools such as in Hawaii.

Senior Projects: During their senior year, students are given the opportunity to show personal initiative and independence in a study or project of their choice, culminating in a public presentation of their work.

Career Elective: Seniors have an opportunity to learn about a specific career by being a volunteer in that field for a 1- or 2-week period.

Electives: Physics elective: In the junior year, students may elect to take a year-long Physics course. Non-Academic elective courses meet for 2 periods weekly and last one trimester. Offerings include: Ethics, Guitar, Yearbook, Tae Kwon Do, Math Club, and various fine and applied arts.

Community Service Program: The Community Service Program starts in Grade 9 and encourages students to develop a concern and willingness to help those with needs in our society. During Grade 11, the students have a 1- or 2- week Social Service Practicum.

Agricultural Practicum: In Grade 9, students complete an Agricultural Practicum that offers an opportunity to experience work on a farm or in a garden for one to two weeks.

Outdoor Education Program: In conjunction with certain courses (Geology, *The Odyssey*, etc.), each class participates in a week-long outdoor adventure that develops themes in the academic work through experiential education.

Study Skills: The Study Skills Program in the high school is for students with learning challenges that can be met through a class which provides study skills, writing, reading and math support, and organizational skills. The purpose of the program is to enable students to participate fully and successfully in all of their classes. Some students in the program are exempt from our foreign language requirement.

GRADING SYSTEM AND CREDITS Kimberton strives to prevent grade inflation and uses a 4.0 system. The following scale for a one-credit course is used throughout the high school:

A	95 - 100	4.0 GPA	C+	77 - 79	2.3 GPA
A-	90 - 94	3.6 GPA	C	73 - 76	2.0 GPA
B+	87 - 89	3.3 GPA	C-	70 - 72	1.6 GPA
B	83 - 86	3.0 GPA	D+	65 - 69	1.3 GPA
B-	80 - 82	2.6 GPA	D	60 - 64	1.0 GPA
			F	Below 60	0.0

Grade Point Average (GPA) is based on academic as well as arts and crafts courses. Physical Education, Career Elective, Social Service, and any Pass/Fail courses are not included. The minimum average required for graduation is D or 1.00. Teachers may occasionally award an A+, which appears on the transcript but is calculated as an A (4.0) in the GPA.

AP COURSES

Because of the emphasis on critical thinking, creative problem solving, and the high academic standards offered through a broad college preparatory curriculum, KWS does not offer AP courses. Kimberton's curriculum meets students at their appropriate developmental level, thereby best preparing each student for high quality, independent work. Advanced placement examinations are available upon student request.

HONORS COURSES AND CREDIT

Kimberton provides opportunities for advanced study to seniors in science, mathematics, foreign language, and humanities. Seniors may elect to take advanced courses as honors or standard. For advanced honors courses, the GPA is weighted for a one-credit course as follows: A = 5.0; B = 4.0; C = 3.0; D = 2.0; F = 0.0. A one-credit academic course meets three times per week for, on average, 50 minutes per period, except math, which meets four times per week. Main Lessons are assigned .25 credit, as are each of the art blocks. Our Main Lesson Seminars include in-depth exploration of subject matter as well as cultivating active individual student engagement. All main lessons are taught at an honors level and as such are not weighted.

Because our senior classes are small, we do not rank students individually. Instead, we publish a Grade Distribution Sheet each year to show the number of students in Grade 11 who have made A, A-, B+, B, etc. in each major subject area in order to develop a fair picture of how our students are progressing academically.

SAT SCORES *Mid-50%*

	Class of 2014	Class of 2015	Class of 2016
Critical Reading	590 – 630	520-670	490-630
Math	490 – 500	520-650	510-650
Writing	590 - 630	540-680	510-610

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Kimberton Waldorf School does not give academic awards. However, each Senior is offered opportunities to demonstrate his or her excellence in independent work through programs such as the Senior Project.

College Matriculations for Classes of 2012–2016

Alfred University (3)	Haverford College	Penn Tech (2)
Bard College (2)	Hobart and William Smith College	Plymouth State University
Bennington College	Indiana University of PA	Prescott College
Carnegie Mellon University	Ithaca College	Sarah Lawrence College
Champlain College	Ithaca Coll. School of Music	Savannah College of Art & Design
Christopher Newport Univ.	Juniata College (4)	Smith College (3)
Clark University	Kutztown University (3)	SUNY – ESF
College of the Atlantic	Lafayette University	Sterling College
College of Wooster (2)	Lehigh University	Studien Kolleg (Germany)
Columbia College	Lewis and Clark College	Union College
Connecticut College	Lycoming College	University of Alabama
Cornell University	Macalester College (2)	University of the Arts
Dickinson College (2)	Middlebury College	University of Colorado at Boulder
Earlham College (3)	Montgomery Co. Comm. Col. (2)	University of Miami (2)
Eckerd College (3)	New College of Florida	University of Richmond (2)
Elizabethtown College	New York University	University of San Diego
Elon University (3)	Oberlin College (2)	Ursinus College (2)
Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.	Pace University	Villanova University
Franklin and Marshall College	Penn State University (2)	Wagner College
Goucher College (3)	Penn State – Brandywine	Warren Wilson College (2)
Guilford College (2)		West Chester University

College Acceptances for Classes of 2012–2016

Alfred University	Goucher College	Occidental College	University of Delaware
Allegheny College	Guilford College	Ohio University	University of Maine, Orono
American University	Hampshire College	Pace University Parsons School of Design	University of Miami
Art Institute of Philadelphia	Harrisburg University	Penn State University	University of Miami (Rosenstiel)
Bard College	Harrisburg Tech	Penn State – Brandywine	University of Mississippi
Bennington College	Haverford College	Penn State – Mont Alto	University of Missouri
Berklee School of Music	Hult International Business School	Penn Tech	University of New England
Bloomsburg Univ.	Indiana University of PA	Plymouth State University	University of New Hampshire
Boston University	Ithaca College	Polimoda Int'l Ins of Fashion (Italy)	University of Pittsburgh
Brevard College	Juniata College	Prescott College	University of Rhode Island
Bryn Mawr College	Kalamazoo College	Quest University (Canada)	University of Richmond
Butte College	King's College PA	Quinnipac University	University of San Diego
Carnegie Mellon University	Kutztown University	Rider University	University of Southern California
Cazenovia College	Lafayette University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Tampa
Champlain College	Lasell College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Vermont
Christopher Newport University	Lebanon Valley College	Rhode Island College	Ursinus College
Clark University	Lehigh University	San Diego State University	Villanova University
College of the Atlantic	Lesley School of Art	Santa Clara University	Wagner College
College of Charleston	Lewis And Clark College	Sarah Lawrence College	Warren Wilson College
College of Wooster	Lycoming College	Savannah College of Art & Design	Washington College
Columbia College	Marist College	Skidmore College	Washington and Jefferson College
Connecticut College	McDaniel College	Smith College	Webster University
Davidson College	Macalester College	Stamford Int'l Univ. Thailand	Wellesley College
Delaware Valley College	Marlboro College	Sterling College	Wells College
Dickinson College	Messiah College	SUNY – ESF	Wesleyan University
Drexel University, Westphal College of Media Arts and Design	Middlebury College	SUNY – Potsdam	West Chester University
Earlham College	Millersville University	SUNY – Stony Brook	Western Washington University
Eastern University	Montgomery Co. Comm. College	Susquehanna University	Westminster Choir College
Eckerd College	Muhlenberg College	Syracuse University	West Virginia University
Elizabethtown College	Naropa University	Studien Kolleg (Germany)	Wheaton College (MA)
Elon University	New York University Northeastern University	Temple University	Wheelock College
Eugene Lang/The New School	Northlands College	Tyler School of Art (Temple)	Whittier College
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Oberlin College	Union College	Widener University
Fordham University		University of Alabama	Wilson College
Franklin and Marshall College		University of Colorado at Boulder	York College of PA
Full Sail University			
Gettysburg College			