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COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE 2018/2019

Kimberton Waldorf School is an independent, 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 1000 schools worldwide.

The school is located near Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, in semi-rural Chester County. Kimberton Waldorf School enrolls about 245 students (Nursery – Grade 12) with 65 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 6 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), 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. This year Kimberton will require community service for all high school students.

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, foreign languages, and the Arts. 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 Intro to Algebra in Grade 9, Geometry in Grade 10, Advanced Algebra with Statistics in Grade 11, and Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry in Grade 12. The advanced mathematics curriculum includes Algebra in Grade 9, Advanced Geometry in Grade 10, Pre-Calculus in Grade 11, and Calculus, Honors Calculus, or AP Calculus AB 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		6. Health	0.50
1. English	5.75	7. Physical Education	2.00
2. Mathematics	4.87	8. Fine and Performing Arts	7.50
3. History/Social Sci.	3.38	9. Practica	0.50
4. Foreign Language	4.00	10. Gardening	0.50
5. Natural Science		Electives	
a. Chemistry	1.00	a. Senior Seminar	1.00
b. Physics	1.00	b. Senior Project	1.00
c. Biology	1.25	c. Physics Elective	0.50
d. Earth Sciences	0.25	d. Math & Social Justice	0.50
		e. Non-Academic	1.83

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, and Exocrine Systems

Mathematics: Number Theory: Combinations & Permutations

Practicum: One-week Agricultural Practicum

Grade 10

History: Ancient World History, U.S. Government, Navigation: Mapping, Orienteering and Geography, Entrepreneurship

Literature: History through Poetry

Science: Inorganic Chemistry: acids, bases, salts; Physics: Mechanics, Astronomy; Physiology: Circulatory, Respiratory, Reproductive Systems

Mathematics: Conic Sections

Practicum: One-week Artisan Practicum

Grade 11

History: History through Music, U.S. Civil War, Economics, *Dante*/Medieval History

Literature: *Parzival*

Science: History of Chemistry: Atomic Theory; Physics: Electricity, Magnetism; Biology: Botany, Embryology

Mathematics: Projective Geometry

Practicum: 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

Practicum: 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: Students can readily participate in foreign exchange programs with Waldorf Schools all over the world, including in Europe, South America, and Japan. 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: Junior elective: In the junior year, students may elect to take a year-long academic elective: Physics or *Math and Social Justice*. Non-Academic elective courses meet for 2 periods weekly and last one trimester. Offerings

include: Ethics, Guitar, Personal Fitness, World Cultures and Cooking, and various fine and applied arts. Senior Seminar Humanities and Biology electives offered in senior year.

Community Service Program: The Community Service Program starts in Grade 9 and encourages students to develop a concern and willingness to help those in need. During Grade 11, the students have a 1- or 2- week Social Service Practicum. This year the school was implementing a new community service requirement designed to develop ongoing commitment to a cause.

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 week.

Outdoor Education Program: In conjunction with certain courses (Zoology, *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. 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, with the exception of AP Calculus AB. 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%* (*Includes concord scores from old SAT)

	Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Reading/Writing	490-630	580-650*	600-640
Math	510-650	500-570*	530-570
Writing	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 2014–2018

Alfred University (2)	Hobart and William Smith College	Prescott College
American University	Ithaca College	Quinnipiac University
Bard College	Juniata College (4)	Sarah Lawrence College
Carnegie Mellon University	Kutztown University (3)	Savannah College of Art & Design
Centenary College	Lafayette University	Smith College (2)
Christopher Newport Univ.	Lehigh University	St. Louis University
College of the Atlantic	Lewis and Clark College	Sterling College
College of Wooster (2)	Maryland Institute College of Art	Studien Kolleg (Germany)
Columbia College	Middlebury College	Syracuse University
Dickinson College	Montgomery Co. Comm. Col. (2)	Union College
Earlham College	The New School (2)	University of Alabama
Eckerd College (2)	New York University	University of the Arts
Elon University (3)	Oberlin College	University of Miami (2)
Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.	Pace University	University of Pittsburgh Johnstown
Franklin and Marshall College (2)	Parsons / The New School	University of Richmond (2)
George Washington University	Penn State University (2)	University of San Diego
Gettysburg College	Penn State – Brandywine	Ursinus College (2)
Goucher College (3)	Penn Tech (2)	Villanova University
Guilford College (2)	Plymouth State University	Wagner College
Haverford College		West Chester University

College Acceptances for Classes of 2014–2018

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