



Woodside International School of San Francisco

FOUNDED 1976



ABOUT

Woodside International School provides a rigorous and engaging individualized college preparatory education. Woodside is a WASC-accredited independent co-educational private high school in San Francisco.

MISSION

Our mission is to engage and support all of our students in becoming socially responsible critical thinkers who understand that learning is a continuous process to prepare them for life beyond high school in the modern world.

VALUES

We believe that every student can be academically successful and realize his or her potential in the nurturing environment of a school that truly cares about each student. We facilitate the development of self-reliant, confident, and compassionate individuals who become responsible citizens. Our rigorous academic approach and small class sizes help develop critical thinking skills and a broad and inclusive view of the world. Our students are global citizens, and tolerance, diversity, and mutual respect are at the forefront of Woodside's program. We believe it is essential to create a learning environment of self-expression, individualism, and understanding among our future leaders.



SCHOOL PROGRAM

Woodside International School was founded for the express purpose of providing a world-class education for American and international students learning together. We foster a collaborative community spirit, and we have been cultivating a compassionate global community one student at a time for over 40 years.

All students meet with the College Counselor on a regular basis, and international students also receive specialized academic and cultural guidance from our International Student Advisor.

We are located one block from Golden Gate Park and use our monthly field trips to explore the San Francisco Bay Area. This gives our students access to all the diverse academic, cultural, recreational and community benefits of our wonderful city.

Woodside offers the flexibility only a small program can provide to allow students involved in other endeavors, such as intense competitive sports or performing arts programs, to complete high school through the use of independent studies, varied course enrollment times, and adaptable scheduling.



Application and Financial Information

The student application and important dates are available on our website under “Admissions.” Priority applications are due in January and decisions are sent in March. After the priority application process we admit students on a rolling basis until the prospective class is full, so the earlier your application is complete, the sooner we can send you our decision.

Current tuition and fees are available on our website under “Admissions.” Woodside is introducing a new tuition structure for local students beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year. It is designed to combine academic excellence, individualized instruction, and affordability. This renewed vision for our local families, partnered with our continuing tradition of generous need-based financial aid, ensures that every student can afford a Woodside education.



QUICK FACTS

Class Size

The student:teacher ratio of 6:1 produces an average class size of 12 students.

World Languages

Unusual for a small school, Woodside teaches three different world languages: Spanish, Japanese, and Mandarin, all taught by native speakers.

College Admissions

100% of Woodside students are admitted to college and university each year.



School Motto

Magnum in parvo is Latin for “something great from something small.” It is symbolized in our school crest by a mighty oak tree growing within an acorn.



Average SAT

1360 for native English speakers, 1260 for non-native speakers (new SAT).



STEM

Offerings include AP Calculus AB, AP Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Computer Science, AP Biology, STEM projects, and Math, Science and Computer clubs.



Students

By enrolling no more than 100 students, we ensure personal attention for every student. With a worldwide focus, our alumni represent 18 different countries.



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Woodside students are admitted to top universities and colleges nationwide.

Abilene Christian University
Academy of Art University
American University of Dubai
Arizona State University
Babson College
Bard College
Boston University
Brigham Young University
California College of Arts
California State Universities: Cal Poly
Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo,
Channel Islands, Chico, East Bay,
Fresno, Humboldt, Long Beach, Los
Angeles, Monterey, Bay, Sacramento,
San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose,
Sonoma
Chapman University
College of Charleston
Colorado State University
Community Colleges: Berkeley, De
Anza, Diablo Valley, Foothill, Los
Angeles, San Francisco, San Mateo,
Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Skyline
Shoreline Community College (WA)
Connecticut College
Dominican University of California
Drexel University
Eastern Oregon University
Eugene Lang College
Evergreen State College
Hofstra University
Ithaca College
Landmark College
Lewis and Clark College

Mills College
New School University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Oberlin College
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pepperdine University
Reed College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Joseph's College
Saint Mary's College of California
San Francisco Art Institute
San Francisco Conservatory of Music
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Southern Oregon University
Syracuse University
University of Arizona
University of California: Berkeley,
Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced,
Riverside, San Diego
University of Denver
University of Hawaii
University of Miami
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
University of Vermont
Utica College
Whittier College
Williams College
Xavier University



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Rigorous Curriculum

Every student takes a comprehensive set of courses approved by the University of California to prepare students for university-level studies.

- English Language and Literature (4 years)
- Mathematics (4 years)
- Laboratory Sciences (4 years)
- History, Economics, Civics (4 years)
- World Language (2+ years)
- Visual and Performing Arts (2+ years)
- Health and Life Skills
- College Counseling
- International Student Program



English Language Development

English language learners will improve their skills with trained ESL teachers in a combination of ESL and immersion classes.

STEM

Students are prepared for college STEM courses by taking AP Calculus AB, AP Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Computer Science, STEM challenge projects, and by participating in Math, Science and Computer Science clubs.



Spotlight on Philosophy

Unique among high schools, Woodside offers 4 years of Philosophy. Because the University of California classifies these as English courses, taking Philosophy particularly helps non-native English speakers to boost their mastery of English language and literature.

OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

Field Trips

All students and faculty participate in cultural, historical, and interest-based field trips.

Community Service and Social Justice

The school organizes food drives to help those in need, beach cleanup days to protect our environment, and social justice activities to raise awareness about our nation and our world.

Athletics

Woodside is a member of the Bay Area Small Schools Athletic League. BASSAL provides opportunities for physical exercise and socializing with students from other schools in a fun and competitive way. Recent sports have included dodgeball and table tennis. Many students pursue athletics in a league, at the gym, or in a dance group.

School Traditions

- Back-to-school potluck and open house
- Winter games celebration
- Culture night potluck and international food fair
- Multi-school spring prom (dance party)
- Expo night of student projects
- Spring celebration in Golden Gate Park
- End-of-school yearbook signing



Woodside International School

Home of

- » Inquiring Scholars
- » Healthy Individuals
- » Contributing Citizens

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