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Profile for College and University Admissions 2018-2019

Wildwood School is a progressive kindergarten through 12th grade co-ed college preparatory school in West Los Angeles. The school's program thrives at the intersection of research and practice.

Wildwood develops discerning thinkers able to examine and assimilate a wide body of information, evaluate evidence, consider diverging perspectives, and seek connections before formulating their conclusions. These higher-order thinking skills are crucial for college success and beyond where knowledge and perspective must constantly adapt to our rapidly changing world.

Wildwood's elementary school was founded in 1971, and the middle and upper school was established in 2000. Twenty-eight percent are students of color. The upper school includes 220 students from 9th through 12th grade. There are 50 students in the class of 2019. Since its first graduating class, 100 percent of Wildwood's seniors have been accepted to colleges and universities around the world.

Habits of Mind and Heart

At the core of Wildwood's middle and upper school program are the Habits of Mind and Heart, a set of values and skills that can serve students throughout their lives. Everything from curriculum and assignments to year-end narrative assessments is based on the Habits, and they guide students' growth as learners as well as responsible citizens. Narrative assessments review student's strengths in meeting defined expectations and their adherence to the Habits of Mind and Heart. They also address each student's "stretches," or areas that need further development.

HABITS OF MIND



Perspective

Addressing questions from multiple viewpoints and using a variety of ways to solve problems

Evidence

Bringing together relevant information, judging the credibility of sources, finding out for one's self

Connection

Looking for patterns and for ways in which things fit together in order to bring together diverse material and form solutions

Convention

Meeting accepted standards in any academic area in order to be understood and to understand others

HABITS OF HEART



Collaboration

Making appropriate provisions for accepting and giving assistance

Ethical Behavior

Demonstrating how personal values influence behavior and a set of principles by which to guide one's life

Service to the Common Good

Demonstrating an awareness of the effects of one's actions upon others and a desire to make the community a better place for all

Curriculum

Wildwood students are given the confidence to be intellectually and creatively fearless. To prepare students for success, Wildwood emphasizes project-based learning, which allows students to delve deeply into course material and merge it with their own interests. Through projects, students acquire additional insights, connecting new knowledge to what they already know. Students practice and demonstrate thoughtful learning through exhibitions and portfolios. Community involvement is woven into the curriculum, and students are assessed on their community work. Wildwood's internship program allows students to investigate career options in fields of personal interest. Our unique program integrates the internship experience into the school-day schedule for all juniors and seniors, providing students with a consistent opportunity to gain professional experience for academic credit.

Graduation Requirements

Upper school students are required to take a rigorous core curriculum that includes four years each of English and history, along with three years of mathematics, Spanish, and science. Additionally, students take four years of an arts, science, or humanities elective and two years of physical education.

At the end of 12th grade, students must present a graduation exhibition, an oral defense of their academic and personal evolution that is presented to faculty, administration, family, and friends. As both an evaluation and a salute to student achievement, exhibitions reinforce the discipline and self-reflection that make for a successful college career.

G.P.A and Grading System

Wildwood School is on the semester system. The cumulative G.P.A is based on all course work completed between the 9th through 12th grades. One additional point is awarded to classes designated as honors courses. Students are not ranked.

Wildwood uses narrative assessments to provide a clear understanding of a student's progress in each subject area. Narrative assessments function in the place of letter grades. Assessments are converted to grade point averages for the purpose of applying to colleges and universities.

The conversion system is as follows:

A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C = 2.0
A- = 3.66	B- = 2.66	C- = 1.66
B+ = 3.33	C+ = 2.33	D = 1.00
		Below D = No Credit

Awards

Due to Wildwood's small size, we do not bestow any academic awards. We have had 3 National Merit Scholars and 15 National Merit Commended Students, and 2 National Hispanic Scholars.

Faculty

There are 52 middle and upper school teachers: 34 women and 18 men. Thirty-six have advanced degrees.

Discipline

At Wildwood, our community values the Habits of Mind and Heart, and we promote a culture of decency and trust. We report major disciplinary incidents to colleges such as academic dishonesty, theft, physical threats or violence, and the use and distribution of alcohol and drugs. While we do not report incidents occurring outside of school, we would not recommend a student to a college or university about whom we had a serious reservation. In cases that reflect a student's inability to participate in our program, the student will not remain at Wildwood. We instruct students who have had a disciplinary violation to answer questions honestly regarding their disciplinary history to the colleges to which they are applying.

Accreditations and Affiliations

- California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS)
- College Board
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
- Western Association for College Admission Counseling (WACAC)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
- Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)

Upper School Curriculum

Wildwood's upper school curriculum engages maturing intellects with core courses and electives. While individual student schedules can vary, the scope and sequence of required courses is mapped here for easy reference, and to illustrate the foundational curriculum.

Wildwood offers honors courses. Students also may pursue college-level work at local colleges and universities. Wildwood does not offer Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) classes.

[H] Honors course: The honors program challenges students with passion in a subject to go deeper with their work and their thinking. Honors work is added on to core courses rather than offered as separate honors classes. Honors is not simply about doing more work but about doing more sophisticated, challenging work. Students work independently—with teacher guidance—on more complex assignments.

* Although not designated as an Honors course, this class represents the highest level available in its discipline. Similarly, Senior Seminar is a capstone humanities class with no Honors designation.

Literature	Mathematics	Electives	Musicianship for Singers and Songwriters
Genre and Style [H]	Algebra I [H]	Advanced Topics in STEM	Painting
World Literature [H]	Geometry [H]	Advanced Topics in Technical Theater	Performing Arts: American Experience
	Algebra II [H]	Animation	Performing Arts: Western Heritage
History	Trigonometry	Cinema	Script, Pitch, and Produce
Modern U.S. History [H]	Pre-Calculus [H]	Creative Writing	Stagecraft I and II
	Statistics [H]	Digital Design and Media Arts	Survey of Artistic Media and Practice
Senior Seminar*	Intro to Calculus*	Digital Film	Theater: Appreciation and Performance
Global Environmental Change	Calculus*	Digital Photography	Visual Arts: Western Civilization
Politics and Government	Calculus II*	Drawing	Web Applications
Human Rights	Linear Algebra*	Economics	Women's Studies
Philosophy, Ethics, and Law	Complex Analysis*	Ceramics/Sculpture	Yearbook I and II
	Vector Calculus*	Government and Politics	
Humanities	World Languages	Graphic Design	Athletics and Physical Education
(English and History)	Coding	Human Reproductive Biology	9th Grade Physical Education
Western Heritage [H]	Mandarin I	Institute for Social Good and Community Leadership	9th Grade Health
The American Experience [H]	Spanish IA	Intro to Motion Pictures	Competitive Junior Varsity and Varsity Athletic Teams: Compete in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)
	Spanish IB	Intro to Music	
Science	Spanish 2 [H]	Intro to Theater	
Conceptual Physics [H]	Spanish 3 [H]	Jazz Ensemble	
Biology [H]	Spanish 4 [H]	Law, Individuals, and Societies	
Chemistry [H]	Spanish 5*	Marine Biology	
Advanced Physics [H]		Music: American Experience	
Advanced Biology and Biotechnology [H]		Music: Western Heritage	
		Music Production I and II	

College Acceptances

The Wildwood graduating classes of 2013–2018 were accepted into the following colleges and universities; (*) indicates at least one student enrolled.

Agnes Scott College*	Culinary Institute of America *	Pace University, New York City*	University of Denver *
American University *	Deep Springs College *	Parsons The New School for Design *	University of Hartford
American University of Paris *	DePaul University *	Pepperdine University	University of Maryland
Arizona State University *	Drexel University	Pitzer College *	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Art Center College of Design *	Duke University *	Pitzer College/Western University of Health Sciences *	University of Miami *
Bard College *	Earlham College *	Pomona College *	University of Michigan *
Barnard College *	Eckerd College	Providence College*	University of New Hampshire
Bates College *	Emerson College *	Pratt Institute *	University of Oregon *
Belmont University*	Emory University	Purdue University *	University of Pennsylvania *
Bennington College *	Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts *	Reed College *	University of Puget Sound *
Bentley University *	Evergreen State College *	Rhode Island School of Design *	University of Richmond*
Berklee College of Music *	Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising *	Rice University*	University of Redlands *
Boston College *	Fashion Institute of Technology *	Rochester Institute of Technology *	University of San Diego *
Boston University *	Fordham University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology *	University of San Francisco *
Bowdoin College *	George Washington University *	San Francisco Art Institute *	University of Southern California *
Brandeis University *	Hampshire College *	Santa Clara University	University of Texas, Austin *
Brown University *	Hampden-Sydney College *	Santa Monica College *	University of Vermont
Bucknell University *	Hampton University *	Sarah Lawrence College *	University of Virginia *
California State University: Cal Poly Pomona Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Humboldt Los Angeles* Northridge * San Diego San Francisco * San Jose Sonoma *	Hofstra University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago *	University of Washington *
California Institute of the Arts *	Howard University *	School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston *	University of Wisconsin, Madison *
California Institute of Technology *	Indiana University *	School of Visual Arts *	Vassar College *
Carleton College*	Ithaca College	Scripps College *	Villanova University *
Carnegie Mellon University *	John Hopkins University *	Skidmore College *	Virginia Tech
Centre College*	Kenyon College *	Smith College *	Warren Wilson College *
Chapman University *	Lawrence University*	Southern Methodist University *	Washington University, St. Louis *
Claremont McKenna College *	Lehigh University *	Spelman College *	Wellesley College *
Clark University *	Lewis and Clark College *	St. John's College *	Wesleyan University *
Colby College	Loyola Marymount University *	Stanford University *	Western Washington University *
Colgate University *	Macalester College	Swarthmore College *	Wheaton College *
College of Santa Fe	Massachusetts Institute of Technology *	Syracuse University *	Whitman College *
College of Wooster *	Miami University (Ohio)	Trinity College *	Whittier College *
Colorado College *	Middlebury College	Tufts University *	Williams College
Columbia College, Chicago *	Mills College *	Tulane University *	Willamette University *
Connecticut College *	Morehouse College *	University of Arizona *	Worcester Polytechnic Institute *
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art *	Muhlenberg College*	University of California: Berkeley *	Yale University *
Cornell University *	New College of Florida *	Davis *	
	New York University *	Los Angeles *	International Schools:
	Northeastern University *	San Diego *	Franklin College (Switzerland) *
	Northwestern University *	Santa Barbara *	University of British Columbia
	Oberlin College *	Santa Cruz *	University of Canterbury
	Occidental College *	University of Chicago *	University of Queensland (Australia) *
	Ohio University	University of Colorado, Boulder *	University of St. Andrews *