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Profile for College and University Admissions 2021-2022

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. Thirty-one percent are students of color. The upper school includes 241 students from 9th through 12th grade. There are 58 students in the class of 2022. Since its first graduating class, 100 percent of Wildwood's seniors that applied to college have been admitted 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

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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, World Languages, and science. Additionally, students take three to four years of an elective and one year 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.

GPA and Grading System

Wildwood School is on the semester system. The cumulative GPA 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 16 National Merit Commended Students, and 3 National Hispanic Scholars.

Faculty

There are 50 middle and upper school teachers: 34 women and 16 men. Thirty 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
- Mastery Transcript Consortium (MTC)
- 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.

Humanities (English and History)	Pre-Calculus [H]	Arts	Survey of Artistic Media and Practice
Western Heritage [H]	Statistics [H]	Digital Photography 1 and 2	The Band
The American Experience [H]	Calculus*	Drawing	Theater and Performance
	Calculus II*	Economics	Theater and Advanced Performance
	Complex Analysis*	Ceramics/Sculpture	Theater: Appreciation and Performance
Literature	Vector Calculus*	Graphic Design	Yearbook 1, 2, and 3
Genre and Style [H]		Human Reproductive Biology	
World Literature [H]	World Languages	Introduction to Band	
	Mandarin 1	Introduction to Jazz Ensemble	The Institutes at Wildwood
History	Mandarin 2 [H]	Intro to Motion Pictures	Institute for Entrepreneurship
Modern U.S. History [H]	Mandarin 3 [H]	Intro to Music	Institute for Social Leadership
	Mandarin 4 [H]	Intro to Theater	Institute for STEM Research and Development
Senior Seminar*	Spanish 1	Jazz Ensemble	
Global Environmental Change	Spanish 2 [H]	Law, Individuals, and Societies	
Politics and Government	Spanish 3 [H]	Marine Biology	Athletics and Physical Education
Philosophy, Ethics, and Law	Spanish 4 [H]	Music: American Experience	9th Grade Physical Education
Social Problems in America	Spanish 5*	Music: Western Heritage	9th Grade Health
		Music Production I and II	Competitive Junior Varsity and Varsity Athletic Teams: Compete in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)
Science	Electives	Musicianship for Singers and Songwriters	
Conceptual Physics [H]	The Actor and the Stage 1 and 2	Painting	
Biology [H]	Advanced Drawing	Performing Arts: American Experience	
Chemistry [H]	Advanced Digital Photography	Performing Arts: Western Heritage	
Advanced Physics [H]	Advanced Painting	Script, Pitch, and Produce	
Advanced Biology and Biotechnology [H]	Advanced Topics in STEM	Stagecraft I and II	
	Advanced Topics in Technical Theater		
Mathematics	Animation		
Algebra I [H]	Cinema		
Geometry [H]	Creative Writing 1, 2, and 3		
Algebra II [H]	Digital Design and Media		
Trigonometry			
Math Analysis			

College Acceptances

The Wildwood graduating classes of 2015–2021 were accepted into the following colleges and universities; (*) indicates at least one student enrolled.

Agnes Scott College*	Drexel University	Ohio University	University of Colorado Denver
American University*	Duke University*	Oregon State University*	University of Denver*
American University of Paris*	Earlham College	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Florida
Arizona State University*	Eckerd College	Pace University*	University of Hartford
Art Center College of Design*	Emerson College*	Parsons School of Design*	University of Illinois
Bard College*	Emory University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Maryland
Barnard College*	Eugene Lang College The New	Pepperdine University*	University of Massachusetts
Bates College*	School for Liberal Arts*	Pitzer College*	Amherst*
Belmont University*	Evergreen State College	Pomona College*	University of Miami*
Beloit College	Fairfield University	Pratt Institute*	University of Michigan*
Bennington College*	Fashion Institute of Design &	Providence College*	University of New Hampshire
Bentley University*	Merchandising	Purchase College, Conservatory of	University of North Carolina
Berklee College of Music*	Fashion Institute of Technology*	Music*	Greensboro
Binghamton University	Fisk University	Purdue University	University of Oregon*
Boston College*	Fordham University	Quinnipiac University	University of Pennsylvania*
Boston University*	Franklin & Marshall College	Reed College*	University of Pittsburgh*
Bowdoin College*	George Washington University*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Puget Sound*
Bradley University	Goucher College	Rhode Island School of Design*	University of Redlands*
Brandeis University	Grinnell College*	Rice University*	University of Rhode Island
Brown University*	Hamilton College*	Rochester Institute of Technology*	University of Richmond*
Bucknell University*	Hampshire College*	Rose-Hulman Institute of	University of San Diego*
California State University:	Hampden-Sydney College	Technology*	University of San Francisco*
Channel Islands*	Hampton University*	Rutgers University	University of South Carolina
Cal Poly Pomona	Hawaii Pacific University*	Santa Clara University	University of Southern California*
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*	Hofstra University	Santa Monica College*	University of Texas at Austin *
Long Beach	Howard University*	Sarah Lawrence College*	University of Vermont
Los Angeles*	Hult International Business School*	Savannah College of Art and	University of Virginia*
Monterey Bay	Indiana University*	Design*	University of Washington
Northridge*	Ithaca College*	School of the Art Institute of	University of Wisconsin-Madison*
San Diego*	Johns Hopkins University*	Chicago*	Vassar College*
San Francisco*	Kalamazoo College	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	Villanova University
Sonoma*	Kenyon College*	(Boston)	Virginia Tech
California Institute of the Arts*	LA Film School*	School of Visual Arts*	Wagner College
California Institute of Technology*	Lafayette College*	Scripps College*	Wake Forest University*
Carleton College*	Lake Forest College*	Simmons College	Warren Wilson College
Carnegie Mellon University*	Lawrence University*	Skidmore College*	Washington University in St. Louis*
Centre College*	Lehigh University*	Smith College*	Wellesley College*
Champlain College*	Lewis & Clark College*	Southern Methodist University	Wesleyan University*
Chapman University*	Loyola Marymount University*	Southern Oregon University	Wheaton College
Claremont McKenna College	Loyola University New Orleans	Spelman College	Whitman College*
Clark Atlanta University	Lynn University	St. John's College	Whittier College*
Clark University	Macalester College*	Stanford University*	Willamette University
Colby College	Manhattanville College	Suffolk University	Williams College*
Colgate University*	Marist College*	Swarthmore College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
College of Wooster	Maryland Institute College of Art	Syracuse University*	Yale University*
Colorado College*	Massachusetts Institute of	Trinity College	
Colorado School of Mines	Technology*	Tufts University*	International Schools:
Colorado State University*	Menlo College*	Tulane University*	American International University
Columbia College Chicago*	Miami University (Ohio)	University of Arizona*	(London)
Columbia College Hollywood*	Michigan State University*	University of California:	Bard College Berlin*
Columbia University*	Middlebury College*	Berkeley*	Dalhousie University (Canada)
Connecticut College	Mills College*	Davis*	Franklin College (Switzerland)*
Cooper Union for the Advancement	Morehouse College	Irvine*	University of British Columbia
of Science and Art*	Muhlenberg College*	Los Angeles*	University of Canterbury
Cornell University*	New College of Florida	Riverside	University of College Cork
Cornish College of the Arts*	New York University*	San Diego*	University of Queensland
Culinary Institute of America*	Northeastern University	Santa Cruz*	(Australia)*
Deep Springs College*	Northern Arizona University	Santa Barbara*	University of St. Andrews*
DePaul University*	Northwestern University*	University of Chicago*	University of Victoria
DigiPen Institute of Technology	Oberlin College*	University of Connecticut*	
Drew University	Occidental College*	University of Colorado Boulder*	