

## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE 2020/2021

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 190 students (Nursery – Grade 12) with 59 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 or clay sculpture, eurythmy (a form of movement), drama, visual art, and music (all students participate in chorus and an instrumental class or orchestra), 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. Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, Kimberton has required community service for all high school students, although this was waived at the end of the 2020 school year due to Covid-19. Please see note about the effects of Covid-19 on some aspects of the curriculum.

In a Waldorf School, each day includes a morning seminar, or Main Lesson, that lasts 110-125 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 and Statistics in Grade 11, and Advanced Algebra with Trigonometry or Pre-Calculus in Grade 12. The advanced mathematics curriculum includes Advanced Geometry in Grade 9, Algebra II 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 river and stream 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	4.87	7. Physical Education	2.00
3. History/Social Sci.	3.38	8. Fine and Performing Arts	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	1.00
c. Biology	1.25	b. Senior Project	1.00
d. Earth Sciences	0.25	c. Physics Elective	0.50
		d. Math & Social Justice	0.50

## MAIN LESSONS

### Grade 9

History: Revolutions in Asia, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 (not offered in Spring 2020), *Dante*/Medieval History  
 Literature: *Parzival*  
 Science: History of Chemistry: Atomic Theory; Physics: Electricity, Magnetism; Biology: Embryology  
 Mathematics: Projective Geometry  
 Practicum: One-week Social Service Practicum (canceled due to Covid-19)

### Grade 12

History: Modern World History I and II, Human Geography  
 Literature: American Transcendentalists, African American Literature, Senior Play  
 Science: Quantum Chemistry; Physics: Optics; Biology: Zoology, Evolution  
 Practicum: One- or two-week Career Elective Practicum (canceled due to Covid-19)

**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 one week. Please see note below regarding Covid-19.

Electives: Junior elective: In the junior year, students may elect to take a year-long academic elective: *Physics or Math and Social Justice*. In all four years, Non-Academic elective courses meet for 2 periods weekly and last one trimester. Offerings include: French Language and Culture, Guitar, Personal Fitness, World Cultures and Cooking, and various fine and applied arts (not offered in 2020-21 due to Covid-19). Senior Seminar Humanities and Biology electives are 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 one week Social Service Practicum. The school is in the second year of implementing a new community service requirement designed to develop ongoing commitment to a cause. This program is on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions.

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%*

	Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Reading/Writing	600-640	590-610	580-670
Math	530-570	510-590	500-630

## 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.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

On March 13, 2020, Kimberton Waldorf School closed for in person classes and re-opened on March 16 entirely online. Students completed all academic classes and received full credit and grades for them. Some art classes were not possible to complete, such as chorus and orchestra, and these courses were given 2/3 of the original credit, which is noted on the transcript. Experiential immersion trips, such as the 11th grade service-learning practicum, were cancelled. The Class of 2021 did not take Economics. Instead, they had an expanded Botany course, as reflected in added credit. Kimberton began the 2020-21 school year in person with a hybrid and online option. All courses (in person, hybrid, or online) include equivalent content and expectations. Should the school toggle to online, students will continue in their current coursework with a combination of synchronous and asynchronous coursework. Other changes include: Chorus and wind instruments are not being taught due to health concerns. In addition, Kimberton has waived the community service requirement and eliminated some experiential components that involve placement in the community, such as the 12th grade career elective and the 11th grade service learning trip. Cross class electives have also been eliminated in an effort to create grade level learning “pods”, and all team sports have been indefinitely suspended, with PE taking their place. Please note as well that as of this writing, all SATs and ACTs in our county and the neighboring counties have been cancelled since December 2019. The November administration is full within an hour’s radius of the school.

## *College Matriculations for Classes of 2016–2020*

American University	Hobart and William Smith College	Smith College (1)
Bard College	Ithaca College	St. Louis University
Bard College Berlin	Juniata College (4)	Sterling College
Berklee School of Music	Kutztown University	Studien Kolleg (Germany)
Bryn Mawr College	Lafayette University	Syracuse University
Centenary College	Lehigh University	Temple University
Christopher Newport Univ.	Lewis and Clark College	Temple University—College of Public Health
Clark University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Athletic Training (BA/MS program)
College of the Atlantic	McDaniel College	TSA Academy
College of Wooster (2)	Montgomery Co. Comm. Col. (2)	Union College (Union College)
Dickinson College	New England Conservatory	University of Alabama
Drew University	The New School (2)	University of the Arts
Drexel University	New York University	University of California-Irvine
Earlham College (2)	Norwich University	University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign
Eckerd College (2)	Oberlin College (2)	University of Miami (2)
Edinboro University	Parsons / The New School	University of Pittsburgh (Swanson School of
Elon University	Penn State University	Engineering)
Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.	Penn State – Brandywine	University of Pittsburgh Johnstown
Franklin and Marshall College	Penn Tech	University of San Diego
George Washington University	Plymouth State University (2)	University of Tennessee
Gettysburg College	Prescott College	University of Pennsylvania
Goucher College	Quinnipiac University	Ursinus College (3)
Guilford College	Sarah Lawrence College	Villanova University
Haverford College	Savannah College of Art & Design	Virginia Military Institute
		Warren Wilson College
		West Chester University

## College Acceptances for Classes of 2016–2020

Academy of Art (CA)  
Alfred University  
Allegheny College  
American University  
Arizona State University  
Arcadia College  
Bard College  
Bard College Berlin  
Beloit College  
Bennington College  
Berklee School of Music  
Berry College  
Bloomsburg Univ.  
Boston University (*Kilachand Honors College*)  
Brevard College  
Bryn Mawr College  
Centenary College  
Christopher Newport University  
Clark University  
College of the Atlantic  
College of Charleston  
College of St. Rose  
College of Wooster  
Columbia College  
Connecticut College  
Dickinson College  
Drew University  
Drexel University  
Drexel University, Westphal College of Media Arts and Design  
Earlham College  
Eckerd College  
Edinboro University  
Elizabethtown College  
Elon University  
Emmanuel College  
Eugene Lang/The New School  
Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Fordham University  
Franklin and Marshall College  
Furman University  
George Washington University  
Gettysburg College  
Goucher College  
Green Mountain College  
Guilford College  
Hampshire College  
Hartwick College  
High Point University  
Hobart and William Smith College  
Hollins University  
Indiana University of PA  
Ithaca College  
Ithaca School of Music  
Juniata College  
Kalamazoo College  
King's College PA  
Kutztown University  
Lafayette University  
Lawrence University  
Lehigh University  
Lewis And Clark College  
Loyola University--Chicago  
Marist College  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
Marlboro College  
McDaniel College  
Millersville University  
Montgomery Co. Comm. College  
Mount Holyoke College  
Muhlenberg College  
Naropa University  
New England Conservatory  
New York Film Academy (LA)  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northlands College  
Norwich University  
Oberlin College  
Ohio State University  
Otis College of Art and Design  
Pace University  
Parsons / The New School  
Penn State University  
Penn State – Brandywine  
Penn Tech  
Plymouth State University  
Prescott College  
Purdue University  
Quest University (Canada)  
Quinnipiac University  
Randolph College  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rhode Island College  
St. Louis University  
St. Joseph's University  
St. Mary's College of MD  
St. Michael's College  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Shippensburg University  
Slippery Rock University  
Smith College  
Sterling College  
SUNY - Potsdam  
SUNY – Stony Brook  
Susquehanna University (Honors Col)  
Syracuse University  
Studien Kolleg (Germany)  
Temple University  
TSP Academy  
Tyler School of Art (Temple)  
Union College  
University of Alabama  
University of the Arts  
University of California-Irvine  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Hartford  
University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign  
University of Kansas  
University of Mississippi  
University of Missouri  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh (*Honors College*)  
University of Pittsburgh Bradford  
University of Pittsburgh Johnstown  
University of Richmond  
University of San Diego  
University of Vermont  
Ursinus College  
Valley Forge Military Academy  
Villanova University  
Virginia Military Institute  
Wagner College  
Warren Wilson College  
Washington College  
West Chester University  
Western Washington University  
West Virginia University



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THE ART OF EDUCATION

**Class of 2021, Grade 11, Grade Distribution Sheet**

Courses	A+	A	A-	A-*	B+	B+*	B	B*	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	Total
Conversational Spanish			3				1								4
German II		1													1
German III													1		2
German III Honors			3		1		1								5
Spanish III					1		1								2
Spanish III Honors		1													1
<b>Foreign Language</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>						<b>1</b>		<b>15</b>
English Workshop 11	1	3	4		3	1	3			1					16
Parzival		8	1		1		3	1	2						16
<b>Language Arts</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>					<b>32</b>
Advanced Algebra and Statistics		2	2				4		1			1			10
Pre-Calculus		1	2		1				2			1			7
Projective Geometry		7	3		1		2				1				14
<b>Mathematics</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>6</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>31</b>
Botany	1	7	3		1		1		3						16
Chemistry III	1	2	4		2	1	3		1					1	16
Embryology		1	4		2		4		2		2	1			16
Physics Elective		1	1		1										3
Physics: Electricity		2	3				4		1	3	1		1		16
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>67</b>
Civil War		4	3	1	1		1		2	1		1			14
History Through Music		1	4		2		6			1	1	1			16
Math and Social Justice															15
Medieval History/Dante		5	2	1	1		2		2	1					14
<b>Social Sciences</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>59</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>204</b>

\* Denotes ESL Accommodation