

## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE 2021/2022

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 256 students (Nursery – Grade 12) with 52 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 20 hours of community service (Grade 9), 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 90-135 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 Algebra in Grade 9, Geometry in Grade 10, Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry in Grade 11, and Logic and Statistics in Grade 12. Occasionally, students may move from Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry to Calculus by completing an approved outside Pre-calculus course. 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 Chemistry with an emphasis on lab work 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). A third elective focuses on land stewardship and field work in river and stream ecology.

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.	3.50	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, Climate, and 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 (Canceled due to Covid-19)

### 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: 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: Biochemistry; 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. Most exchanges in 2020 were canceled or delayed due to Covid-19.

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.

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 Chemistry electives are offered in senior year as well as Land Stewardship and River Ecology.

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 third year of implementing a new community service requirement designed to develop ongoing commitment to a cause. This program has been 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 AP, Honors or standard. For AP and Honors, 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%**

	<b>Class of 2019</b>	<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>
<b>Reading/Writing</b>	590-610	580-670	550-660
<b>Math</b>	510-590	500-630	630-640

## **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 STATEMENT**

On March 13, 2020, Kimberton Waldorf School converted to all online instruction. Students continued in their classes and received credit and grades as usual, with a few exceptions. All academic courses continued with full credit and regular grading. Some art classes were not possible to complete, such as chorus and orchestra, and credit was reduced by 1/3 to reflect that the course could not be offered online. Some credit was optional based on a student opting in for the last trimester online or for independent work, which accounts for some variation between transcripts. Experiential immersion trips, such as the 10th grade Artisan Practicum, were cancelled.

Kimberton began the 2020-21 school year two weeks early (August 24) in three simultaneous formats: in-person, hybrid, and online. Expectations for students in all formats are mostly identical and always comparable. Most students elected in-person instruction. The school toggled online occasionally due to quarantine requirements and offered a combination of synchronous and asynchronous coursework. Other changes included: no chorus or wind instrument instruction due to health concerns; learning experiences that involved community placement were canceled, such as the community service requirement and the 11th grade service-learning trip. All team sports were suspended, with PE taking their place.

In the 2021-2022 school year, Kimberton is in-person with a hybrid option only for those quarantined due to Covid-19, and with the exception of Spanish, which is offered online as our Spanish teacher is in Peru.

Please note that the percentages reported for students attending colleges reflect a typical year, and do not reflect the unusually high number of students who elected to take a gap year in 2020 due to colleges going online as a result of Covid-19.

## **College Matriculations for Classes of 2017–2021**

American University  
Bard College  
Bard College Berlin  
Berklee School of Music  
Bryn Mawr College  
Cabrin University  
Centenary College  
Christopher Newport Univ.  
Clark University  
College of the Atlantic  
College of Wooster (3)  
Dickinson College  
Drew University  
Drexel University  
Earlham College (2)  
Eastern University  
Eckerd College (2)  
Edinboro University  
Elon University  
Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.  
Franklin and Marshall College  
George Washington Univ. (3)  
Gettysburg College  
Goucher College  
Guilford College  
Gwynedd Mercy University  
Haverford College

Hobart and William Smith College  
Ithaca College  
Juniata College (4)  
Kutztown University  
Lafayette University  
Lehigh University  
Lewis and Clark College  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
McDaniel College  
Montgomery Co. Comm. Col. (2)  
New England Conservatory  
The New School (2)  
New York University  
North Carolina Central University  
Norwich University  
Oberlin College (2)  
Parsons / The New School  
Penn State University  
Penn State – Brandywine  
Penn Tech  
Plymouth State University (2)  
Prescott College  
Quinnipiac University  
Rutgers University  
Rutgers University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Savannah College of Art & Design

Smith College (1)  
St. Louis University  
Sterling College  
Studien Kolleg (Germany)  
Syracuse University (2)  
Temple University  
Temple University—College of Public Health  
Athletic Training (BA/MS program)  
Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology  
TSA Academy  
Union College  
University of Alabama  
University of the Arts  
University of California-Irvine  
University of California-San Diego  
University of Illinois-Urbana-Champlain  
University of Miami (2)  
University of Pittsburgh (Swanson School of  
Engineering)  
University of Pittsburgh Johnstown  
University of San Diego  
University of Tennessee  
University of Pennsylvania  
Ursinus College (3)  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Virginia Military Institute  
Warren Wilson College  
West Chester University

## College Acceptances for Classes of 2017–2021

Academy of Art (CA)  
Alfred University  
Allegheny College  
American University  
Arizona State University  
Arcadia College  
Bard College  
Bard College Berlin  
Belmont University  
Beloit College  
Bennington College  
Berklee School of Music  
Berry College  
Bloomsburg Univ.  
Boston University (*Kilachand Honors College*)  
Brevard College  
Bryn Mawr College  
Cabrin University  
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  
Eastern University  
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 Mason University  
George Washington University  
Gettysburg College  
Goucher College  
Green Mountain College  
Gwynedd Mercy University  
Guilford College  
Hampton University  
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  
Le Moyne University  
Lehigh University  
Lewis And Clark College  
Lincoln University  
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  
Morehouse College  
Mount Holyoke College  
Muhlenberg College  
Naropa University  
New England Conservatory  
New York Film Academy (LA)  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northlands College  
North Carolina Central University  
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  
Rutgers University  
St. Andrews University (Honors College- Scotland)  
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  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
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  
Thaddeus Stevens Institute of Technology  
Thomas Jefferson University  
TSP Academy  
Tyler School of Art (Temple)  
Union College  
University of Alabama  
University of the Arts  
University of California- Davis  
University of California- Irvine  
University of California- San Diego  
University of California- Santa Cruise  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Hartford  
University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign  
University of Kansas  
University of Massachusetts- Amherst  
University of Mississippi  
University of Missouri  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Oregon  
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  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Virginia Military Institute  
Wagner College  
Warren Wilson College  
Washington College  
West Chester University  
Western Washington University  
West Virginia University  
Westminster University



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**Class of 2022, Grade 11,  
 Grade Distribution Sheet**

Courses	A	A-	B	B-	B+	C	C-	C+	D	Total
<b>Conversational Spanish</b>		1								1
German III	2	1	1	1						5
German III Honors	2	1								3
Spanish III	1	4			1					6
Spanish III Honors	2	2	1		2					7
<b>Foreign Language</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>					<b>22</b>
English Workshop 11A	7	3	1		1					12
English Workshop 11B	1	8			1					10
Parzival	14		1		5	1				21
<b>Language Arts</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>43</b>
Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry	4	2	4	1				1		12
Pre-Calculus	2	2	1		3		2	1		11
Projective Geometry	11	1	3	2	5					22
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>45</b>
Botany	16	4	1		1					22
Chemistry: Atomic Theory	7	5	2	2		1		3		20
Embryology	12	2	5	1		1		1		22
Physics Elective	3	2	1			1				7
Physics: Electricity	6	1	1	2	2	2	1	5	1	21
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>92</b>
Civil War	8	2	1	3	3			4		21
Economics	13	3	3	1		1		1		22
History Through Music	5	5	5		6			1		22
Math and Social Justice	4	6			2					12
Medieval History/Dante	8	5	5	1	3					22
<b>Social Sciences</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>6</b>		<b>99</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>301</b>