



Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs High School
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Diploma Requirements

Course	Credits
English	4
French / German	3
Math	4
Arts	4
Music	4
History	3.5
Physical Education / Eurythmy	4
Science	4
(one each of Life Science, Physics, Chemistry, and Earth Science)	

Unique aspects of the Waldorf Curriculum

EURYTHMY - a movement art that is visible music, poetry, and dramatic prose. It supports main lesson studies and the development of social skills and individual capacities.
ELECTIVES WEEK - for one week in February students in grades 8-11 choose one course as the focus of a weeklong study. Past courses range from electronics to cooking to mosaics to winter sports.
IMMERSION EXPERIENCES - students move beyond and outside of the classroom for hands-on, full-day enrichment in their course of study. We bring students to the experts and the expert's work environment.
FOREIGN EXCHANGE - in 10th or 11th grade, students have the opportunity to participate in a foreign language exchange program with other Waldorf schools in Europe for a period up to six months in German or French speaking countries.
JUNIOR INTERNSHIPS - juniors spend a week out of school exploring career possibilities working with a mentor in their business for normal business hours.
SENIOR INDEPENDENT PROJECT - a year-long capstone project, devised, planned, undertaken and presented by the seniors to the community.

GRADE 9

MAIN LESSON BLOCKS

LITERATURE: Comedy & Tragedy, Moby Dick
 HISTORY: Art History, American History, Modern History
 PHYSICS: Thermal Physics
 CHEMISTRY: Organic Chemistry
 BIOLOGY: Anatomy & Physiology
 EARTH SCIENCE: Geology
 MATHEMATICS: Geometric Transformation

ON-GOING COURSES

English Skill
 Math Skills
 French or German
 Fine and Practical Arts
 • Black & White
 • Copperwork
 • Printmaking
 • Woodworking
 • Calligraphy
 Eurythmy
 Physical Education
 Chorus
 Orchestra or Recorder or a Capella

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Immersion - Moby Dick Whale Watch
 Immersion - Electives Week
 Curriculum Field Trips
 Community Service

GRADE 10

MAIN LESSON BLOCKS

LITERATURE: Illiad & Odyssey, Bible as Literature
 HISTORY: Ancient History I & II
 PHYSICS: Mechanics
 CHEMISTRY: Stoichiometry
 BIOLOGY: Embryology
 EARTH SCIENCE: Hydrology
 MATHEMATICS: Trigonometry

ON-GOING COURSES

English Skill
 Math Skills
 French or German
 Human Development I
 Fine and Practical Arts
 • Weaving
 • Iron-working
 • Clay
 • Color I
 • Color II
 Eurythmy
 Physical Education
 Chorus
 Orchestra or Recorder or a Capella

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Immersion - Surveying in the Catskills
 Immersion - Electives Week
 Tenth-Grade Play
 Curriculum Field Trips
 Community Service

GRADE 11

MAIN LESSON BLOCKS

LITERATURE: Parzival, Shakespeare, Dante
 HISTORY: History of Music, History of Renaissance
 PHYSICS: Electricity & Magnetism
 CHEMISTRY: Atomic Chemistry
 BIOLOGY: Botany
 EARTH SCIENCE: Meteorology
 MATHEMATICS: Projective Geometry

ON-GOING COURSES

English Skill
 Math Skills
 French or German
 Fine and Practical Arts
 • Woodworking
 • Visual Design
 • Figure Drawing
 • Photography
 Eurythmy
 Physical Education
 Chorus
 Orchestra or Recorder or a Capella

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Immersion - Botany in the Northeast
 Immersion - Foreign Exchange (for some students)
 Immersion - Junior Internships
 Immersion - Electives Week
 Curriculum Field Trips
 Community Service

GRADE 12

MAIN LESSON BLOCKS

LITERATURE: Transcendentalism, Faust
 HISTORY: History through Architecture, World Culture
 PHYSICS: Physics of Vision
 CHEMISTRY: Biochemistry
 BIOLOGY: Zoology
 EARTH SCIENCE: Astronomy
 MATHEMATICS: Calculus

ON-GOING COURSES

English Skill
 Math Skills - Pre-calculus, Financial Literacy, Introductory Calculus or Computer Science
 Mathematical Physics / Quantitative Chemistry
 French or German
 Human Development II
 Fine and Practical Arts
 • Portrait Drawing
 • Stone Carving
 • Stained Glass
 • Bookbinding
 Eurythmy
 Physical Education
 Chorus
 Orchestra or Recorder or a Capella

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Immersion - Astronomy in the Adirondacks
 Immersion - Zoology on the Maine Coast
 Curriculum Field Trips
 Senior Play
 Eurythmy Solos
 Senior Projects