

Tuition 2017-18

Parent-Tot

Steady walkers and parent/caregivers.

Six-week sessions \$195

Visit olympiawaldorf.org for session dates.

Preschool

Ages 3-5, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Five-day: Monday - Friday \$9,810

Three-day: Tuesday - Thursday \$5,765

Kindergarten

Ages 3-6, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Five-day: Monday - Friday \$9,810

Three-day: Tuesday - Thursday \$5,765

Elementary & Middle School

Grades 1-8, 8:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Mon-Fri \$11,190

Application Fee

Per Student \$50

Enrollment Fee

First Student \$200

Additional siblings \$100

Tuition Adjustment

For more information or an application, see the Tuition Adjustment page of our website, olympiawaldorf.org.

Tuition adjustment is available only to students who are six years old by April 1, 2018 and older.

Sibling Discount

Families with two or more children enrolled in the school are eligible for a 10% tuition discount for younger siblings of the oldest enrolled sibling.

Extended Care

We offer a broad range of before and after school care, and break care to help families balance the demands of work, school, and home life.

Olympia Waldorf School does not discriminate on the basis of race, economic status, religion, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender in the administration of its admission and academic policies.

Contact our Enrollment Manager to learn more or schedule a visit: 360 493 0906 or enroll@olympiawaldorf.org.

"When children relate what they learn to their own experience, they are interested and alive, and what they learn becomes their own. Waldorf schools are designed to foster this kind of learning."

Henry Barnes



About OWS

Established in 1985, Olympia Waldorf School is a non-profit organization serving families in greater Olympia. Situated on several acres of field, garden, and woodland in rural East Olympia, our campus includes historic Prairie Hall, built in 1914, a modern Middle School building, and a charming Kinderhaus on wooded acreage. OWS is located just 15 minutes from downtown Olympia. Olympia Waldorf School is Washington state certified, and received accreditation from the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America in January 2012.

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OLYMPIA WALDORF SCHOOL



Parent-Tot | Preschool | Kindergarten
Grades 1-5 | Middle School 6-8



The Curriculum

Waldorf Education

Olympia Waldorf School offers a developmentally appropriate, experiential approach to education. We integrate the arts and academics for children from parent-child classes through eighth grade. Waldorf education aims to inspire lifelong learning in all students and to enable them to fully develop their unique capacities.

Founded in the early 20th century, Waldorf education is based on the insights of Rudolf Steiner. The principles of Waldorf education evolve from a profound understanding of human development that address the needs of the growing child. These principles inspire and guide teachers, administrators, trustees and parents today.

The Waldorf curriculum is broad and comprehensive. Waldorf stresses the importance of fully comprehending the development of the human being, and bringing age-appropriate content that nourishes healthy growth for the student. Music, dance, theater, writing, literature, legends and myths are not simply subjects to be studied—they are experienced. Through these experiences, Waldorf students cultivate their intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual capacities to be individuals certain of their paths and to be of service to the world.

Teachers in Waldorf schools are dedicated to generating enthusiasm for learning within every child. This eliminates the need for competitive testing, academic placement, and behavioristic reward to motivate learning and allows motivation to arise from within. It helps nourish the capacity for joyful lifelong learning.

Preschool and Kindergarten

Our Waldorf Early Childhood program is warm and welcoming and utilizes a full range of creative activities appropriate to the young child, such as creative play, rhythm and movement, meaningful work, finger plays, singing and circle games. A weekly rhythm is established in which the children experience bread baking, modeling with beeswax, watercolor painting, beeswax crayon drawing and seasonal crafts. Fairy tales and nature stories are told and are further enlivened through puppet plays and simple drama. The program is pre-academic, allowing for the essential work of the young child—to play, to learn to interact socially, to function in a rhythmic way, and to grow into their bodies so they are ready for the academics of the grades. Early Childhood teachers provide a solid foundation for academic learning by developing and protecting the child's imagination, inspiring a sense of wonder, and instilling a reverence for life.

Grades 1 - 8

The creative methodology and unique curriculum of Waldorf education is committed to academic and artistic excellence in order to foster the capacities of thinking, feeling and willing. A broad range of subjects, including language arts, science, mathematics, history and geography, are taught by the class teacher in blocks of three to four weeks.

Our program cultivates academics artistically through practical activities to awaken each student's thinking, creativity and will. This includes movement, foreign language, handwork, painting, beeswax or clay modeling, music, drawing, games and drama.

Early Childhood Fairy tales, folk tales and nature stories; imaginative play; singing and finger plays; drawing and Wet-on-Wet Watercolor; meaningful work (baking, cleaning, repairing); handwork; outdoor play.

Grade 1 Fairy tales, folk tales and nature stories; pictorial introduction to letters; form drawing; preparation for reading through writing; qualities of numbers; introduction of the four processes in arithmetic; lower multiplication tables; German; handwork.

Grade 2 Legends and animal fables; continued work in language (phonics, reading, writing, punctuation, spelling) and arithmetic (the four math processes, odd/even, times table, place value); cursive writing introduced; form drawing; German; handwork.

Grade 3 Stories from Old Testament history; composition and grammar; study of practical life (farming, housing and clothing); higher multiplication tables; weight, measure and money; form drawing; German; lyre ; gardening.

Grade 4 Norse mythology; Native American mythology; letter writing, language arts (composition and spelling); local geography and map making; study of the animal kingdom, arithmetic and fractions; form drawing; German; string orchestra (violin, viola or cello).

Grade 5 Ancient history and myths through Greek times (Indian, Persian, Egyptian); North American geography; botany; decimals, ratio and proportion; language arts; form drawing; German; string orchestra.

Grade 6 Roman and medieval history; geography; astronomy; geology; physics; beginning algebra; geometry and geometric drawing; business math ; language arts; German; string orchestra.

Grade 7 Arthurian legends, Renaissance history; voyages of discovery; physics; chemistry; physiology; health and nutrition; algebra; geometry; business math; language arts; German; string orchestra.

Grade 8 Epic and dramatic poetry; world geography; industrial revolution; French Revolution; modern history; physiology; physics; nutrition and hygiene; algebra; geometry; language arts; elementary chemistry; meteorology; German; string orchestra.

Learn more about the Waldorf curriculum at waldorfeducation.org.