

Tuition 2018-19

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 \$10,795
Three-day: Tuesday - Thursday \$ 6,345
Two-day: Thursday - Friday \$ 4,110

Kindergarten

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

Five-day: Monday - Friday \$10,795
Three-day: Tuesday - Thursday \$ 6,345

Elementary & Middle School

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

\$12,310

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.

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.

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Waldorf Education

The principles of Waldorf education, as based on the insights of 20th century philosopher and spiritual scientist Rudolf Steiner, evolve from a profound understanding of human development that addresses the needs of the growing child. These principles inspire and guide teachers, administrators, trustees and parents to this day.

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 freethinkers in 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 behavior-based rewards, replacing them with motivation that arises from within. Waldorf students graduate with a zest for lifelong learning and a desire to fully develop their unique capacities.



Established in 1985, Olympia Waldorf School is a non-profit organization. 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. Located just 15 minutes from downtown, 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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*"Receive the children in reverence,
educate them in love, let them go
forth in freedom."*

~ Rudolf Steiner

The Curriculum

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.



Elementary Grades 1 - 5

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 Main Lesson 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.

Middle School Grades 6-8

As they enter adolescence, the emotional, academic and social needs of students evolve. The Waldorf curriculum addresses these needs with deeper studies of morality (through study of Roman law) phenomenology (through physics, geology and mineralogy), and governance (through the lens of the French, Industrial and American revolutions). Housed in their own building on campus, OWS middle schoolers also encounter more rigorous language arts and verbal presentation, while continuing to build on the expressive arts as a means of engagement with the curriculum.



OWS Early Childhood Program (Preschool and Kindergarten)

Young children live in a dreamlike consciousness where inner and outer worlds are still united. Honoring this, the OWS preschool 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. Classroom activities include creative play, rhythm and movement, meaningful work, finger plays, and 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.

Learn more at waldorfeducation.org.

