



SHINING MOUNTAIN WALDORF HIGH SCHOOL

Profile For College And University Admissions

2017-2018 School Year

CEEB CODE: O60111 | K-12: 300 students | HIGH SCHOOL: 70 students



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Shining Mountain Waldorf School is a non-profit, independent, co-educational day school, Kindergarten through Grade 12, founded in 1983. Part of the worldwide Waldorf school movement which is based on the philosophical and educational insights of Rudolf Steiner, Shining Mountain provides a comprehensive education that integrates academics, the arts, and practical studies. The curriculum cultivates independent thinking and imagination and fosters a life-long love of learning. Our goal is to enable students to become balanced, vigorous, life-affirming, and compassionate individuals. **90% of our students attend a four-year college.**

ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATIONS

Shining Mountain is accredited by the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America and the Association of Colorado Independent Schools. Our college counseling team are members of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), Rocky Mountain ACAC, Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS).

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

- 4.8 years of English
- 4.6 years of Science
- 5.25 years of Mathematics
- 4 years of one world language
- 3.5 years of History
- 7 years of Fine and Practical Arts, Performing Arts, Dance & Movement
- 4 years of Physical Education

Each day begins with a "Morning Lesson," a two-hour block period which is devoted to intensive, in-depth study of an academic subject over the course of three to four weeks. The morning lesson is followed by forty-five minute long track classes meeting two to five times per week, which build skills in math, English, history, science, world languages, choral and instrumental music, practical and fine arts, and physical education.

FACULTY

High school students are taught by 12 full-time faculty, 3 part-time faculty, and 1 part-time Educational Resource Director. All faculty members have bachelor's degrees, and many hold master's or doctoral degrees. The majority of our faculty have additional Waldorf Teacher Training.

EXPLANATION OF CREDITS

Morning Lesson:

3-week course equals 2.5 credits
 3.5-week course equals 3.0 credits
 4-week course equals 3.3 credits
Note that subjects such as life sciences, physical sciences, physics, and chemistry are given credit for one block each year to total one year of course credit.

Track Classes

One period 4x/week carries 4.8 semester credits or 9.6 per year. One period 5x/week carries 6.0 credits per semester.

Pass/Fail Classes

Pass/Fail courses are designed to be student-centered. The passing standard is high and students establish personal goals to excel.

GRADING

The GPA is computed cumulatively. Grades are not weighted. Due to the small size of our high school, SMWS does not assign rank to our students.

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| 93 or greater | A | 4.0 |
| 90 or greater | A- | |
| 87 or greater | B+ | |
| 83 or greater | B | 3.0 |
| 80 or greater | B- | |
| 77 or greater | C+ | |
| 73 or greater | C | 2.0 |
| 70 or greater | C- | |
| 67 or greater | D+ | |
| 63 or greater | D | 1.0 |
| 60 or greater | D- | |

SENIOR PROJECTS

Seniors plan, design, and research a topic of strong personal interest, culminating in a formal presentation to the faculty and school community. Students find a mentor and commit to a minimum of 50 hours of work.

SHINING MOUNTAIN WALDORF HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

| | 9th Grade | 10th Grade | 11th Grade | 12th Grade |
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| Morning Lesson* 100 minutes *3-4 weeks long | Human Biology Thermal Physics Geology Descriptive Geometry Comedy and Tragedy Idealism and Humanity Modern History History of Consciousness through Art Chemistry | Embryology Chemistry Mechanics and Motion Intro to Proofs Poetics Ancient History Surveying 10th Grade Play Odyssey | Botany Chemistry Projective Geometry Parzival US History II Early Modern History History of Consciousness through Music Cartesian Geometry Electricity and Magnetism | Physics: Optics Introduction to Calculus Transcendentalists Senior Essay History of Architecture Astronomy Zoology Wilderness Solo 12th Grade Play Faust |
| Track Classes Quarter or Semester | English Algebra I German or Spanish Health | Writing a Research Paper Geometry German or Spanish Health The Greeks US History I | Medieval literature Civics - Mock Trial US History II Algebra II/Pre-calculus German or Spanish Science Skills (elective) | Calculus Topics in Mathematics German or Spanish Senior Seminar Science Skills (elective) World History Survey |
| Music, Drama and Dance *High school musical every other year | Chorus, A Cappella Orchestra, Band, Eurythmy | Chorus, A Cappella Orchestra, Band, Eurythmy | Chorus, A Cappella Orchestra, Band, Eurythmy | Chorus, A Cappella Orchestra, Band, Eurythmy |
| Arts | Light and Dark Drawing, Blacksmithing, Clay Modeling, Self-image Printing | Color Theory, Stained Glass, Copper Spoons | Figure Drawing, Clay Head Sculpting, Bookbinding | Stone Carving, Modern Art |
| Community Service 120 Hours | Biodynamic farm | Service trip to Native American Indian Reservation | Rocky Mountain National Park | 2-week Senior Community Placement |
| Electives (All Grades) | Peer Mediation, Graphic Art, Pottery, Jewelry Metalwork, Yearbook, Creative Writing, Drama, Digital Photography | | | |
| Athletics (All Grades) | Girls Volleyball, Girls & Boys Track, Cross Country & Basketball | | | |

SAMPLE OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

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| American University (DC) | George Washington University (DC) | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY) | University of Chicago (IL) |
| Antioch College (OH) | Georgetown University (DC) | Rhode Island School of Design (RI) | University of Colorado at Boulder (CO) |
| Bard College (NY) | Goucher College (MD) | Princeton University (NJ) | University of Colorado at Denver (CO) |
| Barnard College (NY) | Guilford College (NC) | Saint John's College (MD & NM) | University of Kentucky (KY) |
| Beloit College (WI) | Hampshire College (MA) | Santa Clara University (CA) | University of Massachusetts at Amherst (MA) |
| Boston University (MA) | Harvard University (MA) | Sarah Lawrence College (NY) | University of Michigan (MI) |
| Bryn Mawr (PA) | Hawaii Pacific University (HI) | Savannah College of Art & Design (GA) | University of Oregon (OR) |
| Chapman University (CA) | Ithaca College (NY) | Seattle University (WA) | University of Portland (OR) |
| Clark University (MA) | Lewis and Clark College (OR) | Simon Fraser University (BC) | University of Puget Sound (WA) |
| Colby College (ME) | Linfield College (OR) | Skidmore College (NY) | University of Redlands (CA) |
| Colgate University (NY) | Loyola University/New Orleans (LA) | Smith College (MA) | University of Rochester (NY) |
| College of Santa Fe (NM) | Manhattanville College (NY) | Southern Methodist University (TX) | University of San Francisco (CA) |
| College of Wooster (OH) | McDaniel College (MD) | Texas A & M (Corpus Christi) (TX) | University of Vermont (VM) |
| Colorado College (CO) | Middlebury College (CT) | Tufts University (MA) | Vassar College (NY) |
| Colorado School of Mines (CO) | Mills College (CA) | Tulane University (LA) | Villanova University (PA) |
| Colorado State University (CO) | Mt. Holyoke College (MA) | Union College (NY) | Warren Wilson College (NC) |
| Connecticut College (CT) | New York University (New York, NY) | University of Arizona (AZ) | Washington State University (WA) |
| Cornell University (NY) | New Mexico School of Mining and Technology (NM) | University of British Columbia (BC) | Wellesley College (MA) |
| Denver University (CO) | Northeastern University (MA) | University of California at Berkeley (CA) | Wheaton College (MA) |
| Duke University (NC) | Northwestern University (IL) | University of California at Irvine (CA) | Whitman College (WA) |
| Earlham College (IN) | Oberlin College (OH) | University of California at Santa Barbara (CA) | Willamette University (OR) |
| Eckerd College (FL) | Parsons School of Design (NY) | University of California at Santa Cruz (CA) | Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA) |
| Fort Lewis College (CO) | Pitzer College (CA) | | Yale University (CT) |
| Franklin and Marshall College (PA) | Reed College (OR) | | |
| | Regis College (CO) | | |

Shining Mountain High School

Graduation Requirements

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Italicized courses are Morning Lesson (ML) Blocks

Math

Math: 9, 10, 11, 12

Descriptive Geometry: 9

Proofs: 10

Surveying: 11

Descartes: 11

Projective Geometry: 11

Calculus: 12

Science

Health: 9, 10

Science: 10

LAB Chemistry Organic: 9

LAB Chemistry Acids & Bases: 10

LAB Zoology: 12

Advanced Science Biology

Advanced Science Chemistry

Physics: 9 - Thermal Physics

Physics: 10 - Mechanics

Physics: 11- Electricity and Magnetism

Physics: 12 - Optics

Chemistry: 9 - Organic Chemistry

Chemistry: 10 - Acids and Bases

Chemistry: 11- Chemistry of the Elements

Biology: 9- Human Biology

Biology: 10- Embryology

Biology: 11- Botany

Biology: 12- Zoology

Earth Science: 9 - Geology

Earth Science: 12 - Astronomy

English/Humanities

English: 9,10,11,12

Civics: 11

Leadership Academy: 12

Senior Seminar: 12

Advanced Humanities Literature

Advanced Humanities Economics

Idealism and Humanity: 9

Shakespeare: 11

Faust 12

Comedy and Tragedy: 9

Poetics: 10

Sophomore Play: 10

Odyssey: 10

Parzival: 11

Transcendentalists: 12

Senior Play: 12

History

US History I: 10

History: 12

Modern History: 9

History of Consciousness through Art: 9

Ancient History: 10

Early Modern History: 11

History of Consciousness through Music: 11

US History II: 11

History of Revolutions: 9

History of Consciousness through Architecture: 12

World Languages

Spanish: I, II, III, IV

German: I, II, III, IV

ESOL

Arts: Visual and Performing

2D and 3D Art

Orchestra, Band, Choir

Eurythmy

Electives

3D Art: Pottery

3D Art: Jewelry

2D Art: Graphic Art

English: Creative Writing

Peer Mediation

Yearbook

Digital Photography

Drama

A Capella

Independent Study

Senior Project: 12

Senior Placements: 12

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

1 year = 9.6 credits = 4 periods per week of instruction for 1 year

Math: 4 yrs

Sciences: 3.5 yrs

English: 4 yrs

Humanities/History: 3.5 yrs

World Language: 3 yrs

Arts: Visual and Performing: 2D & 3D

Art 3.00 yrs; Band, Orchestra, Choir

1.875 yrs; Eurythmy .875 yrs.

Independent Study: 1 year

ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

All grades 9-12: Choice of arts, movement and academics

10th grade: International Exchange

11th and 12th grade: Advanced Science or Advanced Humanities (see Science and Humanities sections)

