

# RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL NEW YORK CITY

The First Waldorf School in America

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## COVID-19

- 2021-2022: Classes were delivered solely through in-person instruction
- 2020-2021: Classes were delivered through a hybrid model; some instruction in person and some delivered through distance learning. P/F was typically awarded to students who attended classes fully remote.
- 2020-2021: Main Lesson Seminars indicated with an \* on the transcripts incorporated an artistic or laboratory component.
- 2019-2020: For the 3rd trimester, academic courses were awarded letter grades and the arts, music, and physical education were graded P/F.
- The class of 2023 was able to participate in our Foreign Exchange Program during junior year.
- Some courses were not held and are noted on the student's transcript with a grade of NH.
- Yearlong courses that were not offered during the 3rd trimester of 2019-2020 received a letter grade but were only awarded partial credit for the course.

## THE SCHOOL

- Rudolf Steiner School is a college preparatory, coeducational, independent day school located on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Founded in 1928.
- Rudolf Steiner School was the first school in the United States to be part of an international community of Waldorf Schools, based on the educational principles of the philosopher, scientist, and educator Rudolf Steiner (1861-1925). There are now more than 1,000 Waldorf Schools in eighty countries worldwide.
- Liberal Arts curriculum: Intellect, imagination and will are cultivated together in a balanced curriculum comprising academic disciplines, artistic expression, and practical work. Waldorf pedagogy nurtures healthy emotional development by conveying knowledge, experientially as well as academically. At the heart of this philosophy is the belief that education is an artistic as well as academic process.
- The school enrolls approximately 270 students in Nursery through Grade 12.
- **The graduating class of 2023 consists of 25 students.** Rudolf Steiner School is committed to small classes, rarely admitting more than 25 students to a grade level.

## WALDORF CURRICULUM

- A central feature of Waldorf education is the **Main Lesson Seminar**, a 90-120 daily class taught at the beginning of each school day over a period of several weeks, with eight to ten Main Lesson Seminars given during each academic year.
- The purpose of these intensive seminars is to explore one subject in depth through different modalities that could include lecture, laboratory work, discussion, written assignments, problem sets, and artistic projects. They are offered in the sciences, mathematics, literature, history, and history of the arts.
- Main Lesson Seminars are complemented by core courses in English, mathematics, foreign language, history, and sciences.
- Main Lesson Seminars and core courses are required.
- Students are also required to take fine and practical arts, laboratory, instrumental and choral music, and physical education each year.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

- Students in the 10th grade can participate in our **Foreign Exchange Program**, and study abroad at a Waldorf School in France, Spain, Argentina, Germany, Austria, or Switzerland.
- Living with a local family and attending school daily immerses a student in the language and culture of the host country.
- Visiting foreign students also attend Steiner during this year enriching the school community.

## ACCREDITATION

- New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS)
- Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA).
- The school follows the guidelines set forth by the National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC) in the Statement of Principles of Good Practice.

## GRADING AND STANDARDIZED TESTING

99-100	=	4.0	/	A+
95-98	=	4.0	/	A
90-94	=	3.7	/	A-
87-89	=	3.3	/	B+
83-86	=	3.0	/	B
80-82	=	2.7	/	B-
77-79	=	2.3	/	C+
73-76	=	2.0	/	C
70-72	=	1.7	/	C-
67-69	=	1.3	/	D+
63-66	=	1.0	/	D
60-62	=	0.7	/	D-
0-59	=	0.0	/	F

We provide an Academic GPA, including Main Lesson Seminars and core courses. Overall GPA includes all grades, except physical education. The highest GPA possible is 4.0. There is no weighting. Rudolf Steiner School does not rank students. Our small size makes it difficult to provide an SAT/ACT score range that would be statistically significant.

### 25 students are expected to graduate in the Class of 2023

At the end of the Junior Year, GPA distribution is as follows (25 students):

#### OVERALL GPA

Median: 3.50

Average: 3.30

Highest GPA: 3.99

#### ACADEMIC GPA

Median: 3.46

Average: 3.28

Highest GPA: 4.0

## CLASS OF 2023: JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Core courses are in bold; Main Lesson Seminars are in italics.

Junior Year Courses	Student Total	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	P	ME
<b>Advanced Chemistry</b>	12		6	4	1										
<b>Advanced Literature</b>	8		5	2	1										
<b>Advanced Physics</b>	11	2	5	2	1	1									
<i>Atomic Theory</i>	22	3	6	7			2	1	1	1					1
<b>Calculus I</b>	11		3	1	4	2	1								
<b>Computer Programming</b>	10	1	3	3		3									
<i>Embryology Seminar</i>	24		5	6	4	2	3	2							1
<b>English III</b>	25		4	8	3	6	2	2							
<b>French II/III/IV</b>	6	2		4											
<b>German III</b>	7	4		1	1			1							
<i>Hamlet Seminar</i>	25		9	11	2	1								2	
<i>History Through Music Seminar</i>	21		2	4	5	1	1	1	2			2		1	
<b>Math Applications</b>	9			4	2		1	1						1	
<i>Medieval Literature: Parzival Seminar</i>	25		9	5	2	6	3								
<i>Physics: Elec &amp; Magnet. Seminar</i>	21		7	2	1	2	6			1				2	
<b>Relations and Functions w/Linear Alg</b>	9		1	3	2	2	1								
<i>Romantic Poetry Seminar</i>	25	1	6	5	3	2	1	2	2	1					
<i>Sequences &amp; Series Seminar</i>	24		4	3	3	5	3							6	
<b>Spanish III/IV</b>	16	4	5		1	4	2								
<b>Turning Points in World History</b>	9		1	1	3	2	2								

Honors, Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes are not offered. Except for Math there is no tracking into ability groups.

## CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

All Main Lesson Seminars, and fine, practical, and performing arts are required. **CORE COURSES ARE IN BOLD.**

**English:** 4 years. **Math:** 3 years. **Calculus and Calculus II are offered as electives.**

**History/Social Studies:** 3 years. **Sciences:** 4 years. Students complete a full curriculum of biology, chemistry, and physics through Main Lesson Seminars.

**World Language:** 3 years. (French, German or Spanish). **Chorus/Instrumental Music/Physical Education/Eurythmy:** 4 years

### ACADEMIC COURSES

#### English/Humanities

English I, II, III, IV

**Advanced Literature (11/12)**

**Creative Writing (11/12)**

**Human Development (12)**

*American Literature Seminar (9)*

*Homer's Odyssey Seminar (10)*

*History Through Poetry Seminar (10)*

*Hamlet Seminar (11)*

*Medieval Literature Parzival Seminar (11)*

*Romantic Poetry Seminar (11)*

*Muses of Modernism Seminar (12)*

*Russian Literature Seminar (12)*

#### History/Social Studies

**US History & Government (9)**

**Social Studies (10)**

**Turning Points in World History (11)**

*20<sup>th</sup> Century Revolution Seminar I (9)*

*20<sup>th</sup> Century Seminar II: The Middle East (9)*

*World Civilization I Seminar (10)*

*Ecological Citizenship Seminar (12)*

#### Math/Computer Science

**Geometry with Algebra (9)**

**Technology (9)**

**Algebra with Trigonometry (10)**

**Math Applications (11/12)**

**Relations & Functions (11/12)**

**Calculus (11/12) / Advanced Calculus (12)**

**Computer Programming (11/12)**

*Combinatorics Seminar (9)*

*Conic Sections Seminar (10)*

*Introduction to Trigonometry Seminar (10)*

*Sequences & Series Seminar (11)*

#### Science

##### Biology/Life Sciences

**Physical & Biological Science (10)**

**Advanced Biology (11/12)**

*Physiology Seminar (9)*

*Botany Seminar (10)*

*Embryology Seminar (11)*

*Zoology & Evolution Seminar (12)*

##### Chemistry

**Advanced Chemistry (11/12)**

*Earth Science Seminar (9)*

*Inorganic Chemistry Seminar (10)*

*Atomic Theory Seminar (11)*

*Modern Chemistry Seminar (12)*

##### Physics

**Advanced Physics (11/12)**

**Laboratory (9/10)**

*Physics: Engines and Energy Seminar (9)*

*Physics: Statics & Dynamics Seminar (10)*

*Physics: Electricity & Magnetism Seminar (11)*

#### World Languages

**French I, II, III, IV**

**German I, II, III, IV**

**Spanish I, II, III, IV**

### THE ARTS

#### Visual Arts/Fine Arts

**Oil Painting (12)**

**Photography (11/12)**

*History Through Art Seminar (9)*

*Modern Art Seminar (12)*

*Black & White Drawing (9)*

*Clay Modeling (9)*

*2D-3D Drawing (10)*

*Watercolor Painting (11)*

#### 3 Dimensional Arts

*Metal (9)*

*Woodcarving (11)*

*Toy Making (12)*

#### Practical Arts

*Weaving (10)*

*Bookbinding (10)*

*Photography (12)*

*Printmaking (12)*

*Toy Design (12)*

#### Performing Arts

**Chorus (9)**

**Instrumental Music 9, 10, 11, 12**

*History Through Drama Seminar (9)*

*History Through Music Seminar (11)*

*Senior Play Seminar (12)*

#### Movement/Physical Education

**Physical Education 9, 10, 11, 12**

**Eurythmy (9,10,11,12)**

**Health (9)**