

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.
- The class of 2024 was able to participate in our Foreign Exchange Program during sophomore year.

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 265 students in Nursery through Grade 12.
- **The graduating class of 2024 consists of 16 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.
- Students who participated in Foreign Exchange and missed coursework receive a grade of FE.

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. **16 students are expected to graduate in the Class of 2024.** At the end of the Junior Year, GPA distribution is as follows (15 students):

OVERALL GPA

Median: 3.55

Average: 3.4

Highest GPA: 3.98

ACADEMIC GPA

Median: 3.52

Average: 3.42

Highest GPA: 3.97

CLASS OF 2024: JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Full year 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
<i>Art in History Seminar</i>	14		3	5	2	1	2					1			
Biochemistry	6	3	3												
Calculus	7		4	1	2										
Creative Writing	8		5	3											
<i>Chemistry Seminar</i>	15		5	1	3	2	1	1	1			1			
Computer Science	5		1	3		1									
<i>Electricity & Magnetism</i>	14		5	2	1	1	1	1	2			1			
<i>Embryology Seminar</i>	14	1	4	2	2	1	3	1			1				
English III	15	4	3	2	1	3	1	1							
French II/III/IV	5		1		4										
Functions & Relations	4			1	1		2								
German III	1			1											
<i>Hamlet Seminar</i>	14		10	1	3										
<i>History Through Music Seminar</i>	14	2	2	2	5	1	1	1							
Math Applications	4		2	1		1									
<i>Medieval Literature: Parzival Seminar</i>	15	10	1	3	1										
<i>Romantic Poetry Seminar</i>	14	2	2	5		1	2			1				1	
Spanish III/IV	8	1	4	1	1		1								
<i>Trigonometry, Cartography, Geodesy Seminar</i>	15		2	5	4	1	2							1	
World History	9		2	1	1	1	1	3							

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 Arts & Crafts (AC) Blocks are required.

English: 4 years. Math: 3 years. Calculus and Discrete Math are offered as electives. History/Social Studies: 3 years.

Sciences: 4 years. Students complete a full curriculum of biology, chemistry and physics through Main Lessons.

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

Math/Computer Science

Geometry with Algebra (9)

Algebra with Trigonometry (10)

Math Applications (11/12)

Functions & Relations (11/12)

Calculus (11/12)

Advanced Calculus (12)

Computer Programming (11/12)

Combinatorics Seminar (9)

Conic Sections Seminar (10)

Trigonometry, Polar Coordinates, Conic Sections (10)

Trigonometry, Cartography, Geodesy Seminar (11)

Math: Numbers & Values Seminar (12)

Science

Biology/Life Sciences

Physical & Biological Science (10)

Physiology Seminar (9)

Botany Seminar (10)

Embryology Seminar (11)

Zoology & Evolution Seminar (12)

Chemistry

Biochemistry (11/12)

Earth Science Seminar (9)

Inorganic Chemistry Seminar (10)

Chemistry Seminar (11)

Nuclear Chemistry Seminar (12)

Physics

Advanced Physics (11/12)

Laboratory (9/10)

Physics: Engines & Energy Seminar (9)

Physics: Kinematics & Mechanics (10)

Physics: Statics & Dynamics Seminar (10)

Physics: Electricity & Magnetism Seminar (11)

Light & Modern Physics Seminar (12)

English/Humanities

English I, II, III, IV (9, 10, 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)

World History (11)

20th Century Revolution Seminar I (9)

World Civilization I Seminar (10)

World Civilization II Seminar (10)

Art in History Seminar (11)

Ecological Citizenship Seminar (12)

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)

Fine Line Drawing (9)

Watercolor Painting (10)

Fine Arts (11)

3 Dimensional Arts

Woodcarving (9)

Toy Making (12)

Practical Arts

Weaving (10)

Photography (11/12)

Printmaking (11)

Toy Design (12)

Performing Arts

Chorus (9)

Instrumental Music 9, 10, 11, 12

History Through Drama Seminar (9)

Drama (10)

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)