

High School Profile 2022-2023

The School

- Green Meadow Waldorf School (GMWS) offers a college preparatory, honors level, enriched curriculum. Green Meadow is part of the international Waldorf school movement, with 1,092 Waldorf Schools in 64 countries.
- The school's curriculum is crafted for the development of rigorous and flexible thinking that supports student agency, principled action, discernment in service of judgment, collaboration, and being of service in the world. Social health and well developed social skills are a core part of our curriculum.
- The school enrolls approximately 275 students in Pre-Kindergarten through twelfth grade.
- The school is accredited by the New York State Association of Independent Schools, registered by the Board of Regents of New York State, and is a member of the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America. The student/faculty ratio is 9:1.

Waldorf Curriculum

- Students begin each day with an honors level 90-minute interdisciplinary seminar for three to four weeks.
- Following the morning seminar course, students take year/semester/quarter length courses, including English, mathematics, history, science, world language, computer science, music, visual and practical art and physical education.
- **Honors level** advanced courses are offered as electives.

Academic Awards and Grading

GMWS does not compute GPAs or assign class rankings. In accordance with our principles and our fundamental belief in equality, equity, and the unique and inherent value of each of our students, GMWS does not grant academic awards or honors.

95% of recent graduates entered four-year colleges, with the remainder pursuing work, travel, or volunteer experiences.

Senior Year Programs

Independent Projects

All seniors conceive their own independent senior project in May of their junior year, and then work with an outside mentor as well as a faculty mentor throughout their senior year until their school presentation in April. Some recent projects include designing a dress, game design, music composition, becoming an EMT, repurposing a van as a tiny house, and wildlife rehabilitation.

Senior Internship

Students are required to do an internship for 3-week period during the spring semester of their senior year. They are expected to have a meaningful work experience for a full working day, five days a week.

Departments Credits (minimum)

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| English | 4 |
| Languages | 3.75 |
| Math | 4 |
| Science | 4 |
| History | 4 |
| Arts, Crafts, & Music | 4 |
| Physical Education | 2 |

Grading

| <i>(Unweighted)</i> | | <i>Weighted (Honors)</i> | |
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| A+: | 4.33 | A+: | 4.83 |
| A: | 4.0 | A: | 4.50 |
| A-: | 3.67 | A-: | 4.17 |
| B+: | 3.33 | B+: | 3.83 |
| B: | 3.0 | B: | 3.50 |
| B-: | 2.67 | B-: | 3.17 |
| C+: | 2.33 | C+: | 2.83 |
| C: | 2.0 | C: | 2.50 |
| C-: | 1.67 | C-: | 2.17 |
| D+: | 1.33 | D+: | 1.83 |
| D: | 1.0 | D: | 1.50 |

HUMANITIES

All English and History courses are taught at the most rigorous level, with an emphasis on intellectual engagement and critical analysis. Junior and senior coursework is taught at the college level. History students in grades 9-11 undertake substantial independent research projects. 10th and 12th grade students stage full length, curricular theater productions.

SCIENCE

The Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Earth Science seminars provide interdisciplinary phenomenologically based advanced studies. These include:

Physics of Heat, Physics of Motion-Mechanics, Physics of Electricity and Magnetism, Organic and Inorganic Chemistry Biochemistry, Optics, Earth Science, Climatology, Astronomy, Human Biology I and II, Botany, Zoology/Evolution, and Advanced Chemistry, Physics, and Biology Electives

MATHEMATICS

The comprehensive math program offers rigorous coursework which emphasizes the writing of mathematics and incorporates statistics and data analysis. Students are challenged to work carefully and deliberately, and to justify their reasoning. An ability to discuss mathematics in a logical and coherent way is a necessary skill that students develop in every math course. The curricula in Math I and II are highly demanding and the content and level of problem solving required in Math III, IV, Linear Algebra, Calculus I, and Calculus II is comparable with college-level math coursework. Some students had Algebra I for a full or half year in 8th grade.

MODERN WORLD LANGUAGE

The Department of World Languages offers a rich and multifaceted sequence of beginning, intermediate, and advanced coursework in German and Spanish. Students may elect an honors semester-long international exchange.

Advanced German and Spanish Seminars are discussion-based classes that explore a variety of topics, including cultural identity, literature, religion, human rights, linguistics, philosophy, and history, and require a high level of meaningful participation.

They also include performing arts components such as puppetry and theatrical productions.

VISUAL/PRACTICAL ARTS

Courses include: Painting, Drawing, Black and White Drawing and Printmaking, Pottery/Ceramics and Photography. (Arts Faculty are active professionals in their respective disciplines.)

MUSICAL ARTS

The Musical Arts program emphasizes hands-on experience in performing instrumental and choral music proficiently.

EURYTHMY/ PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Classes meet twice per week.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular sports include: interscholastic cross country and track, volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball and/or baseball. We also have clinics for soccer, basketball, and volleyball.

Extracurricular activities, in addition to sports, include: Student Council, Literary Magazine, LGBTQ Alliance, Social Action Committee, Environmental Activism Club, Midnight Run, Service Committee, Yearbook, Chess Club, Photography, Coding Club, Drama Club and 3D Printing Club.