



Detroit Waldorf School

How We Measure Success

Students: Scholarship and Excellence

- Outstanding Attendance: 94% for entire school and 97% for middle school
- Safety and Security: level of respect between teachers and students is so high that no dismissals for violent behavior or drug use have ever occurred in the history of the school
- Academics
 - University of Michigan German Day High School Competition, 1st, 2nd, 3rd awards to DWS middle school students: 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011
 - Readers Digest Word Power Vocabulary Contest: Regional Championship, 2006
 - Scripps/Detroit News Spelling Bee, District Competition, 2007
 - Winner, 2006 America and Me Essay Contest, Farm Bureau Insurance
 - 2008 Valedictorians, Cass Tech, Martin Luther King and L'Anse Creuse High Schools
 - [Scripps/Detroit News Spelling Bee, State Champion, 2009](#)
- Music
 - American Guild of Music Competition: Championship; plus 7 students placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in individual categories
 - DSO Civic Youth Orchestra: largest group of students from any single school-14
 - DSO Sinfonia Orchestra: senior orchestra members from DWS
 - Interlochen Arts scholarships to two students, summer 2008
- Athletics
 - City Champions, Girls Basketball, 2006, 2007, 2008 Think Detroit League
 - Student athlete in top 15 students-to-watch in Southeast Michigan, 2007

Graduates Attend Highly Competitive Local High Schools:

147 of 171 Graduates Tracked from 1998-2008 (24 moved/unknown)

- 23 % attended private, high-performing high schools (e.g. Cranbrook, Liggett, Roper)
- 17% attended highly competitive Detroit magnet schools (e.g. Cass, King, Renaissance)
- 14% attended University of Detroit Jesuit or Mercy High Schools
- 14% attended High Performing Public Schools (e.g. Grosse Pointe South/North, etc.)
- 7% attended Arts Academy Charter School
- 5% attended Catholic high schools
- 19% attended local public high schools
- <1% Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor High School



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Graduates Attend Demanding Universities

Research Underway: Information available for 63 graduates (about 60% of the total)

32 graduates enrolled in State Universities (51%)

- 14 University of Michigan
- 9 Wayne State University
- 4 Michigan State University
- 5 Other

31 graduates enrolled in private universities (49%)

- 4 Center for Creative Studies
- 3 Kalamazoo College
- 2 Cooper Union
- 22 others including Columbia, American University, University of Chicago, Bauhaus in Germany, Spelman, Naropa, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Loyola

Students: Inclusiveness and Diversity

- Increasing enrollment at a time when other school enrollments are shrinking
- Sustainable Tuition Program which supports more than half of the student body with financial assistance
- Commitment of over \$300,000 for Sustainable Tuition
- Stable racial mix for the 43-year history of the school (approximately 50% African-American and 50% European-American) despite the changing demographics of the city
- Geographic mix which includes about one-third suburban enrollment
- Religious mix, including Christian, Jewish, Islamic, Hindu families, as well as non-denominational and agnostic families

Our Community

- Volunteerism: our families pledge 30 hours of service to the school and about half of the families volunteer twice that amount or more
- Fundraising: 88% of parents are involved in at least one of our major fundraisers
- Parent/Teacher Conferences: 90% of our families attend parent/teacher conferences
- Strategic Development Conversations: 97% of families participated