

# Profile for College and University Admissions

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### Who We Are

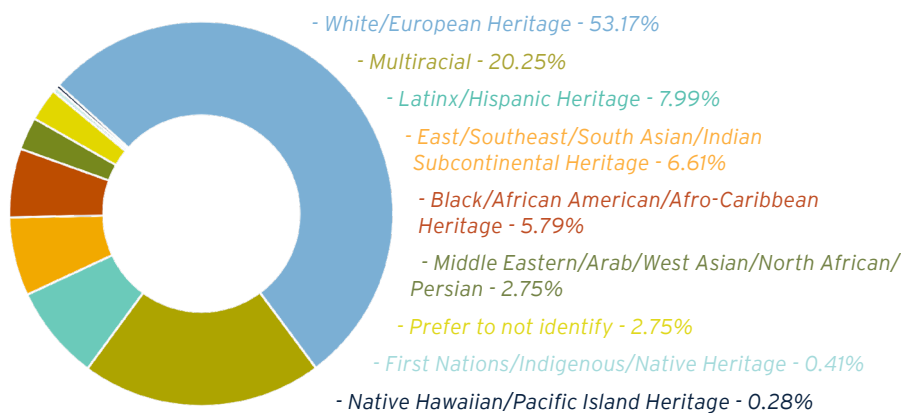
Founded in 1971, Wildwood School is an urban, coed, college-preparatory, K-12 school in West Los Angeles, enrolling approximately 740 students on two campuses. The middle and upper school was established in 2000.

For more than 50 years, Wildwood has been recognized for its innovative practices, progressive pedagogy, and commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging programming. Wildwood School is also a founding member of the Mastery Transcript Consortium.

We combine academic excellence with innovation to nurture high achieving, emotionally intelligent students who are inspired to transform their world. A Wildwood education is a dynamic experience, which prepares students for a future defined by change. More than being college ready, Wildwood students graduate as confident, empathetic, and resourceful thinkers with the ability to make an impact.

### Fast Facts and Demographics

Wildwood fosters a culture that is supportive and inclusive. Our students self-identify as:



**Class of 2025: 69 students**  
**Enrollment (Grades 9-12): 217**

**Admission to four-year college: 100%**



**27% of students participate in the Flexible Tuition program annually**

**Student/Teacher Ratio for Middle and Upper School: 16:1**  
**Average middle and upper class size varies by grade level and subject**



**93 teachers**  
**52% have advanced degrees**  
**37% identify as BIPOC\***

### Curriculum

To prepare students for success, Wildwood emphasizes project-based learning, which allows students to delve deeply into course material and merge it with their own interests. The upper school curriculum engages maturing intellects with core courses and electives.

**Honors Courses:** Honors courses are not simply about doing more work but about doing more sophisticated, challenging work. Students work independently—with teacher guidance—on more complex assignments.

**Advanced Studies:** Although not designated as an honors course, this class represents the highest level available in its discipline. Those courses for the 2024-2025 school year include the following: Calculus, Differential Equations with Linear Algebra, Mandarin 5, Spanish 5, Senior Seminars, and World Literature.

**Independent Study:** A 12th grade student may pursue an area of interest in greater depth than the curriculum provides. If approved by a faculty committee, the student designs a comprehensive outline of the study, including a bibliography of readings and sources,

units of study, a schedule of meetings with the study's supervisor, a culminating project that synthesizes the learning of the year, and a minimum of six clearly-defined standards by which the student's work will be assessed. Typically, only a handful of students' proposals are accepted each year.

Students may pursue college-level work at local colleges and universities. These courses do not fulfill Wildwood graduation requirements and are not included in a student's GPA. Wildwood does not offer Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) classes.

## Graduation Requirements

Upper school students are required to take a rigorous core curriculum of academic course.

9th: (8 credits)	10th: (8 credits)	11th: (8 credits)	12th: (7-8 credits)
Advisory (1)	Advisory (1)	Advisory (1)	Advisory (1)
Humanities (2)	Humanities (2)	Literature (1)	Literature (1)
		Modern U.S. History (1)	Senior Seminar (1)
Elective or Institute* (1)	Elective or Institute (1)	Elective or Institute (1)	Elective or Institute (1)
-	-	-	Independent Study
Mathematics (1)	Mathematics (1)	Mathematics (1)	Choice (1)
Science (1)	Science (1)	Science (1)	Choice (1)
World Language (1)	World Language (1)	World Language (1)	Choice (1)
Physical Education (1)	Community Involvement (1)	Internship/Community Involvement (1)	Internship (1)

Seniors who have completed their graduation requirements for Mathematics, Science, and World Languages may choose to take a free period by dropping either Mathematics, Science, or World Language from their course of study. They must, however, maintain a minimum of seven credits, including World Literature, Senior Seminar, Elective or Institute, Advisory, and Internship completed either over the summer or during the school year.

<b>History</b>	2 years
<b>Humanities (English and History)</b>	2 years
<b>Literature</b>	2 years
<b>Mathematics</b>	3 years (including Geometry and Algebra 2)
<b>Physical Education</b>	1 year
<b>Science</b>	3 years (including Conceptual Physics and Biology)
<b>World Languages</b>	3 years (at least 2 years of the same language through Level 2)
<b>Electives and Institutes</b>	4 years (1 year must be a UC-approved Visual or Performing Arts class)

In addition, students must complete four years of our Advisory program and three years of Community Involvement, and present a Senior Exhibition.

### University of California Freshman Admission Requirements

All Humanities, Mathematics, Science, and World Languages courses as well as most Elective and Institute courses meet UC approval.

## GPA and Grading System

- Wildwood School operates on the semester system with grades and GPA calculated at the end of each school year.
- The cumulative GPA is based on all course work completed between the 9th and 12th grades at Wildwood.
- One additional point is awarded to classes designated as honors courses.
- Wildwood uses narrative assessments which are converted to grades and grade point averages for the purpose of applying to colleges and universities.
- Students are not ranked.

The narrative conversion system is as follows:

A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C = 2.0
A- = 3.66	B- = 2.66	C- = 1.66
B+ = 3.33	C+ = 2.33	D = 1.00
Below D = No Credit		

Transfer courses taken to complete graduation requirements are noted with † on the transcript and are not included in GPA calculations.

## Accreditations and Affiliations

- Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)
- California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS)
- California Teacher Development Collaborative (CATDC)
- College Board
- Council of International Schools (CIS)
- Heads Collegiate Forum
- Independent School Alliance
- Mastery Transcript Consortium (MTC), Founding Member
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- Private School Axis
- Private School Village
- Progressive Education Network (PEN)
- SoCAL POCIS (Southern California People of Color in Independent Schools)
- The Heads Network
- Western Association for College Admission Counseling (WACAC)
- Young Eisner Scholars Program

## College Admission Offers

To view the the list of colleges and universities where Wildwood classes of 2020-2024 were accepted, visit [wildwood.org/collegelist](http://wildwood.org/collegelist). Colleges in bold indicate at least one student enrolled.

## Distinctive Wildwood Programs

### *Internships*

Students go beyond Wildwood to explore careers of their own interests, develop social skills for a professional setting, and build their professional résumés. Our program integrates the internship experience into the school-day schedule for all juniors and seniors, providing students with a consistent opportunity to gain professional experience for academic credit.

### *Senior Exhibitions*

At the end of 12th grade, students present a graduation exhibition, which is an oral defense of their academic and personal evolution to faculty, administration, family, and friends.

### *Senior Seminar*

Seminar students examine contemporary global issues while engaging in critical reading and writing, Socratic discussions, independent research, and oral and multimedia presentations.

### *Wildwood Institute Model*

The Institutes are set in real-world, authentic contexts where participants navigate best practices to create meaning and add value to the local community and to the world. Institutes are led by students with adults providing supervision.

#### *Wildwood Institute for STEM Research and Development (WISRD)*

Operating as a science and engineering lab, WISRD members define problems and conduct research to better understand the problem and add knowledge to the community.

#### *The Wildwood Institute for Social Leadership (WISL)*

Working as a collaborative agency, WISL consults with local nonprofits and organizations in order to define and address social issues. Members conduct community investigations and field research, resulting in both deep understanding and concrete plans to actively create positive change.

#### *The Wildwood Institute for Entrepreneurship (WIE)*

WIE is a startup incubator where ideas are tested and innovation is born. Its mission is to foster ideas into disruptive products and services. Members identify problems, iteratively generate and evaluate potential solutions, and translate their work into products and plans for new ventures.