Wildwood School

# Profile for College and University Admission

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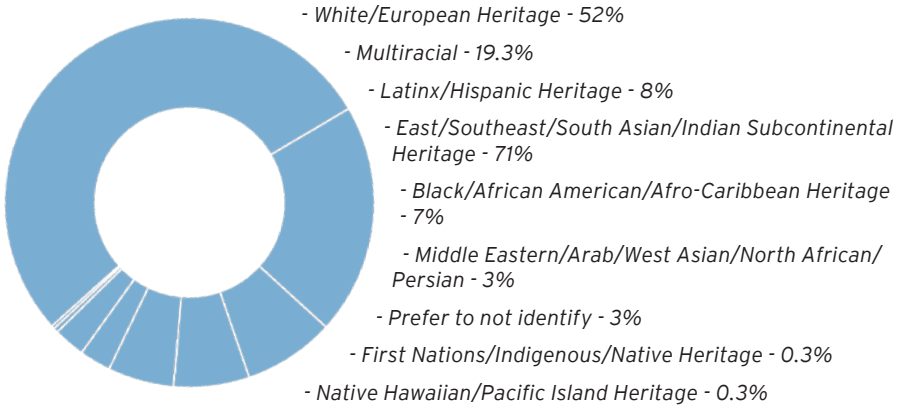

## Who We Are: Innovative. Progressive. Dynamic. Diverse.

Founded in 1971, Wildwood School is an urban, coed, college-preparatory, K-12 school in West Los Angeles, enrolling approximately 700 students on two campuses. The middle and upper school was established in 2000. Since its inception, Wildwood has been recognized for its innovative practices, progressive pedagogy, and commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging programming.

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:




***ACCREDITATION***

CAIS
WASC

***MEMBERSHIP***

CIS
Independent School Alliance
MTC (Founding Member)
NACAC
NAIS
SoCAL POCIS
WACAC

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**Class of 2026:** *40 students*
**Enrollment (Grades 9-12):** *206*

*23%* **of students participate in the Flexible Tuition program annually**

**Student/Teacher Ratio for Middle and Upper School:** *13:1*

*76* **teachers**
*53%* **have advanced degrees**
*29%* **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 2025-2026 school year include the following: Calculus I-III, Mandarin 5, Advanced Mandarin: Literature & Composition, Spanish 5, and Senior Seminars.

**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.

# SIGNATURE WILDWOOD PROGRAMS

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### *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. Members publish their data to scientific journals and present their research at poster sessions. Students chosen as principal investigators oversee the 25 WISRD labs.

#### *THE WILDWOOD INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL LEADERSHIP (WISL)*

Working as a collaborative agency, WISL consults with local nonprofits and organizations in order to problem-solve and strengthen their work. Members conduct community investigations and field research, resulting in both deep understanding and concrete plans to actively create positive change at Wildwood and within the Los Angeles community.

#### *THE WILDWOOD INSTITUTE FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP (WIE)*

WIE is a startup incubator where ideas are tested and innovation is born. Members identify problems, iteratively generate and evaluate potential solutions, and translate their work into products and plans for entrepreneurial ventures that make a positive community impact. Members develop specialized technical skills, make authentic decisions, and practice working autonomously.

## *GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS*

Upper school students are required to take a rigorous core curriculum of academic courses. Students must also complete four years of our Advisory program and three years of Community Involvement, and present a Senior Exhibition. Visit **wildwood.org/uppercurriculumguide** to view the progression of courses through upper school as well as graduation requirements.

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| **Humanities (English and History) 2 years** | **Mathematics 3 years** |
| **History 2 years** | **Literature 2 years** |
| **Science 3 years** | **Physical Education 1 year** |
| **Electives and Institutes 4 years** | **World Languages 3 years** |

## *COLLEGE ADMISSION OFFERS*

To view the the list of colleges and universities where Wildwood classes of 2021-2025 were accepted, visit **wildwood.org/collegelist**. Colleges in bold indicate at least one student enrolled.



*99% Admission to Four-Year College*

## *GPA AND GRADING SYSTEM*

- Wildwood calculates grades and GPAs at the end of each school year. Interim progress reports are provided to colleges.
- The cumulative GPA is based on all course work completed between the 9th and 12th grades at Wildwood.
- Transfer courses taken to complete graduation requirements are noted with † on the transcript and are not included in GPA calculations.
- Students are not ranked, nor does Wildwood give academic awards.
- Wildwood uses narrative assessments which are converted to grades and grade point averages for the purpose of applying to colleges and universities.

The narrative conversion system is as follows:

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

One additional point is awarded to classes designated as honors courses or §.