



WILLITS CHARTER SCHOOL

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Willits Charter School Profile 2021-2022

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Community

Willits is located in rural Mendocino County, California, along U.S. Highway 101, approximately 75 miles north of Santa Rosa. Willits is a small town (2.8 square miles) with a population of under 5,000 people within city limits, though several thousand additional people live in surrounding unincorporated areas. Nestled in the Little Lake Valley of the California Coast Range, Willits is at the southern end of redwood country. Eighty-seven percent of Willits residents over the age of 25 have a high school diploma and nearly 20% have a Bachelor's degree or higher. Retail, health services, and educational services are the primary sources of employment in the region. Approximately 27% of the population lives below the poverty level.

School

Willits Charter School was granted its charter in October of 1998 by the Willits Unified School District and first opened its doors to students in August 1999. Now in its 22nd year of operation, WCS serves approximately 115 students in grades 6-12 from Willits and the surrounding communities. WCS is a member of the California Charter School Association and is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

In 2020-2021, 58.1% of WCS students were white, 6.4% were American Indian or Alaska Native, 25.0% were Hispanic or Latino, 0.8% were African American, and 8.9% were two or more races. Sixty-four percent of WCS students were considered socioeconomically disadvantaged.

Curriculum

Willits Charter School offers a comprehensive high school program which operates on a semester system, with quarterly reporting periods. There are six classes throughout the day Monday-Thursday. Classes offered Monday through Thursday include both core and electives. On Fridays, students take four 60-minute classes. The Friday Academy classes change semesterly and are generally project, research, or support based.

WCS curriculum is aligned with Common Core and California State Standards. All students have access to a robust college preparatory curriculum. Honors level classes are offered in Biology. AP Environmental Science and AP U.S. History are also offered. Many of our students take additional classes at nearby Mendocino College.

Grading and Ranking

A	Excellent: 90-100%	4
B	Above Average: 80-89%	3
C	Average: 70-79%	2
F	Failure: Below 70%	0

WCS does not calculate student rank.

Grade Point Average Calculation

GPA is computed using the above quality points. WCS does not issue the grade of D; nor do we issue plusses and minuses on letter grades. Beginning with grade nine, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. For the class of 2022, a minimum of 240 credits is required for graduation.

Post High School Placement

WCS students have matriculated to a variety of colleges, universities, academic institutions, and branches of military service upon graduation including (in alphabetical order):

Brown University
Cabrillo Community College
Chico State University
College of the Atlantic
College of the Redwoods
Cornish College of the Arts
Empire College
Evergreen State College
Humboldt State University
Lake Forest College
Mendocino College
Mills College
Northern Arizona University
Pacific University
Pitzer College
San Francisco School of the Arts
San Francisco State University

Santa Rosa Cosmetology
Santa Rosa Junior College
Sarah Lawrence College
Smith College
Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology
Switzerland Massage School
Tacoma Community College
UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz
US Army
US Air Force
US Marines
University of San Francisco