



## **SCHOOL HISTORY**

Waldorf School of the Peninsula (WSP) was established in 1984 to provide children in the fast-paced, technology-oriented culture of Silicon Valley with a holistic education that addresses the heart and will as well as the mind. This whole-child approach, which allows young people to blossom as their physical, cognitive, emotional and moral capacities unfold, is the cornerstone of both our curriculum and environment.

**The skills children need to develop today to succeed are vastly different to those needed just a decade or so ago.** For our children to lead successful lives in any sector of our society—including technology, the arts, education and government—they will need to demonstrate “21<sup>st</sup> century skills”—capacities for creativity, flexibility and innovative thinking – all diverse skills that transcend disciplines and foster high levels of social and emotional intelligence.

These are precisely the qualities developed through Waldorf education.

Waldorf schools nurture the full range of human capacities through a rich interdisciplinary curriculum that integrates rigorous academics and hands-on learning with the fine, performing and practical arts. Each student gains a comprehensive foundation in world literature, history, math, science, a foreign language and geography, as well as skills and confidence to think independently and work together harmoniously.

WSP currently serves approximately 320 students in our nursery through high school programs. We are located on two campuses: early childhood through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Los Altos, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school in Mountain View. Since opening our high school in 2007 we have graduated three senior classes. Waldorf high school graduates have an established reputation for critical, analytical, and imaginative thinking and are highly sought after by leading colleges and universities throughout the country. Our students’ college and university acceptances have been outstanding with **95% of WSP graduates going to 4-year institutions.**

WSP is one of the 160 Waldorf Schools in North America and over 1,000 worldwide and is fully accredited by the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA) and the Western Associations of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Waldorf is the fastest-growing group of independent schools in the world. In the past few years, Waldorf education has experienced an upsurge in interest as many of its core tenets, such as the correlation between sleep and learning, the importance of activities—such as music and physical movement that integrate both the left and right sides of the brain, the perils of high-stakes testing, and the negative impacts of media on young children—have become increasing concerns in the public awareness.