

The Northwest School



Greetings!

The Northwest School is located in the historic Capitol Hill neighborhood in downtown Seattle, one of the most beautiful cities in America and home to Microsoft, Starbucks, Boeing, Amazon, Expedia, Costco and other world-renowned companies. The city has a friendly and highly educated population, world-leading universities, a vibrant arts and culture scene, and top athletic teams.

Established in 1980, The Northwest School is a co-ed middle and high school with a student population of about 500 day and boarding students. We offer a unique college preparatory experience, thriving arts and athletic programs, and a friendly and supportive environment. The school has been recognized by the U.S Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and our graduates attend some of the top universities in the nation and overseas.





Our Campus

The school's urban campus occupies one city block and is surrounded by many art studios, museums, concert halls, and theaters. It's just a few minutes' walk from the shore of the Pacific Ocean, famous Pike Place Market, the first Starbucks coffee shop, the Paramount Theater, the Space Needle, and many other cultural landmarks and recreational activities that offer students ample opportunity to learn and enjoy themselves while studying in the U.S.

The main school building was built in 1905 and is a registered National Historic Landmark. In addition to classrooms and offices, it hosts visual arts, ceramics, and dance studios, a common area, the library, a black-box theater, and a photo lab.

The newly-built school complex contains a dining hall, a 175-seat theatre, and a regulation-size gymnasium with a basketball/volleyball court and fitness mezzanine. On the roof of the building is an athletic field, the highest rooftop sports field of any school in Seattle.











Our Dormitory

We are the only school in Seattle with a co-ed international boarding program. The dormitory is located on campus and hosts about 60 students living on gender-specific floors in comfortable rooms for two students. The dormitory offers a safe environment in which faculty and students work together to create a community that supports personal growth. The students enjoy full housing amenities, weekend outings, in-school celebrations throughout the year, and are provided nutritious meals in the new dining hall.













Our Programs

The Northwest School offers a unique interdisciplinary program of studies, consisting of an integrated Humanities program, applied mathematics, science, language study, visual and performing arts experiences, and athletic competition.

Our art program consists of 57 art courses in Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts, taught by professional artists. In addition, we field 30 teams in Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, Track and Field, and Ultimate Frisbee.

For those international students who need to improve English language skills, we offer an integrated English language support program.











Off Campus

Our school provides many opportunities for students to experience the natural environment beyond the city, through sea kayaking, rock climbing, skiing, hiking, biking, and camping. Our Outdoor Program offers a schedule of day and weekendlong trips throughout the year. In the spring, we also organize annual trips to Spain, France, China, El Salvador, and Taiwan.















