



**WALDEN**   
SCHOOL

———— PARTNERSHIP WITH ————

 West End School  
Louisville, KY



Walden School's deep commitment to implementing diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives led to our partnership with Louisville's West End School (WES) in 2013. Since then, Walden has accepted a total of twelve students into the previous nine freshman classes. WES provides an extraordinary K-8 educational experience for its students who reside in the most economically-disadvantaged section of the city.

This all-boys school serves 99% students-of-color and provides a fully-funded, exceptional private-school education, including room and board. Walden and WES have much in common, including small classes, an intimate learning atmosphere, a structured supportive environment, and numerous enrichment programs, making Walden an excellent fit for WES graduates.

Funding for WES graduates has been secured primarily through Walden's absorption of tuition costs as part of its financial aid budget. In addition, each student has out-of-pocket expenses totaling about \$5,000 per year, which have been funded through various sources secured by Walden.



I respectfully ask for your help to continue our mission of supporting WES graduates. Whatever gift is meaningful to you, in any amount, will be deeply appreciated. Please help us continue our work in leading the fine young men of WES toward secure, successful futures.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Tyler". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Alison Tyler**

*Walden Head of School*



### WEST END SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

**West End School is a tuition-free independent school serving boys in Pre-K through 8th grade.**

West End School has the mission of providing a safe, structured environment in which academic rigor, character development and responsible action establish the foundation for a purposeful life. Our program seeks to level the playing field so that our students have access to quality education, enrichment opportunities and future academic and career prospects.



## WALDEN'S PURPOSE OF PARTNERSHIP

Walden strives to ensure accessibility to as many mission-appropriate students as the school can serve, regardless of their families' abilities to pay. As such, Walden began its scholarship program with West End School (WES) in 2013 to enable WES graduates to attend Walden tuition-free. The partnership with WES also supports one of Walden's major initiatives of promoting diversity, equity, and inclusivity. Walden knows that the school is enriched for all when there is greater socio-economic and ethnic diversity in its student population.

## MISSION STATEMENT

In partnership with families, Walden School provides an educational environment - both academic and social - that fosters a lifelong enthusiasm for learning and challenges individual students to reach their full potential so they may flourish in a diverse and changing world.

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## ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIP

Walden School is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the Kentucky Association of Independent Schools (KAIS), the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), and the Kentucky Association for College Admission Counseling (KYACAC).

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## DIVERSITY

Walden School fosters a community of inclusion that respects, celebrates, and compassionately champions the culture, ethnicity, race, religion, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, and gender identities of our entire community. We support the personal diversity of each member of the Walden family. Walden strives to promote cultural competency and understanding through its curriculum, instruction, programming, and community outreach.

**285**

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

**85**

TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL  
ENROLLMENT

**10:1**

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO

**87%**

TEACHERS WITH  
ADVANCED DEGREES

**11**

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

**14**

AVERAGE YEARS OF  
TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**30%**

STUDENTS ON FINANCIAL AID

**25**

AVERAGE ACT  
COMPOSITE SCORE

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Walden graduating class is required to have a minimum of 24 credits and the curriculum is exclusively college preparatory. Walden's academic year is divided into two semesters. College courses are arranged in conjunction with Bellarmine University, Spalding University, University of Louisville, and Jefferson Community College. Students are also required to complete 60 hours of community service and a Capstone Service Project.

- **English** - 4 credits required
- **Math** - 4 credits required
- **Social Studies** - 4 credits required
- **Science** - 3 credits required
- **World Language** - 3 credits required
- **Fine Arts** - 1 credit required
- **PE/Life Skills** - 1 credit required
- **Electives** - 4 credits required

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

The following AP courses are offered at Walden High School. Asterisks denote courses offered on a yearly basis.

- AP Calculus BC
- AP Computer Science
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Studio Art: Drawing
- AP Studio Art: 2-D Design
- AP Studio Art: 3-D Design
- AP United States History\*
- AP Biology\*
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- AP English Literature\*
- AP English Language\*
- AP Human Geography\*
- AP European History\*
- AP Spanish Literature\*
- AP Spanish Language\*
- AP World History

## ANNOUNCING OUR SUCCESS

- **100%** of seniors completed school service hours
- **84%** of seniors took Advanced Placement Exams
- **95%** of seniors were involved in extracurricular activities
- **Students have earned submissions and accolades** in Governor's Scholars Program, Governor's School for the Arts, and Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
- **The Class of 2022** earned over \$4.3 million in merit scholarships

## GRADING POLICY

- **A+** = 100–98
- **A** = 97–95
- **A-** = 94–90
- **B+** = 89–88
- **B** = 87–83
- **B-** = 82–80
- **C+** = 79–78
- **C** = 77–73
- **C-** = 72–70
- **D+** = 69–68
- **D** = 67–63
- **D-** = 62–60
- **F** = 59–0

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## STANDARDIZED TESTING

### Middle 50% of scores

- **SAT** (Critical Reading, Math, and Writing) 1220–1430
- **ACT** (Composite) 24–33







## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

**The following list  
represents a portion of  
colleges Walden High  
School students have  
been accepted into:**

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American University  
Bellarmine University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Centre College  
College of Wooster  
Columbia University  
(Chicago)  
Columbus College of Art  
and Design  
DePauw University  
Duke University  
Earlham College  
Emory & Henry College  
Flagler College  
Georgetown University  
Hanover College  
Indiana University

Johns Hopkins University  
King's College  
Loyola University Chicago  
Miami of Ohio (Oxford)  
Morehead State University  
New York University  
Ohio State University  
Penn State University  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Rochester Institute of  
Technology  
Samford University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Spalding University  
Thomas More University  
Transylvania University  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Denver  
University of Connecticut  
University of Evansville  
University of Kentucky  
University of Louisville  
University of San Diego  
Vanderbilt University  
Wake Forest University

The following West End School alumni are Walden graduates:



**THOMAS TOWNSEND** (*Class of 2019*)

**ATTENDS MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY**

- Environmental Club
- Basketball and Soccer
- Scholastic National Art Award (Gold Key)
- Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA)
- Published in the Walden Literary Journal

**ISAIAH CARGILL** (*Class of 2020*)

**ACCEPTED INTO MIDWAY UNIVERSITY AND  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE**

- Louisville Watershed Cleanup
- The Lord's Kitchen Food Service Volunteer
- West End School Peer Counselor
- Track and Field - Records Broken for 4x100 Meter Dash, 4x200 Meter Dash, Long Jump, and Triple Jump





**TY HIGH** (*Class of 2021*)

**FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO BEREA COLLEGE**

- Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA)
- Basketball
- Track
- Walden Black Student Union
- Walden Student Council Co-President



**CARLOS WOODS** (*Class of 2021*)

**ACCEPTED INTO THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY HONORS PROGRAM**

- Head of School Award
- Mentor at West End School
- Basketball Team Leader
- Key Club
- Walden School Student Ambassador



**MERCI NSHIZIRUNGU** (*Class of 2022*)

**FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO BEREA COLLEGE**

- 7 AP Courses
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Track and Field
- KUNA
- Walden Black Student Union



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