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Orientation

The San Francisco Waldorf High School is located in the West Portal neighborhood of San Francisco, close to San Francisco State University and the Sunset District. It is accessible by public transportation (MUNI and BART). The climate in San Francisco is generally mild, although the winters can be chilly and rainy. Temperatures may change suddenly, so plan on checking the weather forecast each day and be sure to wear layers.

The physical address is: San Francisco Waldorf High School, 470 West Portal Avenue San Francisco, CA 94127.

Parking

Parking in San Francisco can be particularly challenging to find. If you plan to drive, **please do not assume you will find street parking. Also allow time to find a parking place and to walk to the school.** We recommend that you take time to do some research regarding parking prior to starting your journey to the San Francisco Waldorf High School campus to ensure that you have the smoothest experience possible.

Metered street parking is available in the neighborhood; however, it is often restricted to 2 hours. Please double check your meter to see if there are exclusions for Sundays and Holidays as these may vary by location. If you park at a meter, you will need to move your car every 2 hours. Parking violation penalties are expensive.

For parking for longer durations, we recommend the following local lots:

West Portal / 14th Ave Public Lot (SFMTA): Located at **174 West Portal Ave**. This is a metered lot just a 4-minute walk from the school.

Ulloa & Claremont Lot: Located at **807 Ulloa St** (near the library), approximately a 6-minute walk away.

Stonestown Galleria: Located at **3251 20th Ave**. While a bit further away (~5-minute drive), it offers ample parking if the local lots are full

Parking apps such as ParkWhiz and SpotHero have been suggested by past attendees as a good way to find nearby parking at an affordable rate.

Public Transportation

There are many public transportation options to the high school campus with Muni and even BART. The **West Portal Station** (K, L, and M lines) is only a few blocks away and is often the most convenient way to reach us without the hassle of parking.

The M and K Muni lines stop right in front of the school (St. Francis Wood is the stop), and the bus lines 28, 48 and 57 drop off in a short walking distance from the campus.

Accommodations

We suggest using peer-to-peer vacation rental websites such as Airbnb or VRBO to look for rentals near the San Francisco Waldorf High School campus. Traffic from outside of San Francisco can vary drastically in either direction depending on the time of day, so please take that into consideration when planning your lodging location and transportation (whether by car or public transit) to and from the conference.

Additionally, since the San Francisco Waldorf High School campus is right near the West Portal MUNI station, attendees can easily stay in areas outside of the direct neighborhood. Below are a few options with their addresses and current average nightly rates. *Please note: Rates are subject to change based on availability at the time of booking.*

Hotel	Address	Approx. Daily Rate
Stanyan Park Hotel	750 Stanyan St, San Francisco, CA 94117	~\$147
Hampton Inn Daly City	2700 Junipero Serra Blvd, Daly City, CA 94015	~\$134
Staypineapple, Union Square	580 Geary St, San Francisco, CA 94102	~\$107
Holiday Inn Golden Gateway	1500 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco, CA 94109	~\$97
Sunset Edwardian B&B	2372 14th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116	~\$95

Stanyan Park Hotel: A beautiful, historic Victorian hotel right by Golden Gate Park. It's about 3 miles from the school and offers a very "San Francisco" experience with breakfast included.

Hampton Inn San Francisco-Daly City: A reliable and modern option located about 3 miles south of the school. It includes free hot breakfast and is very convenient for those driving.

Sunset Edwardian Bed and Breakfast: A highly-rated, boutique option near Golden Gate Park for a more residential feel.

Downtown/Union Square Hotels: For those who prefer being in the heart of the city, hotels like Staypineapple or the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway are great choices. Attendees can easily hop on the MUNI and arrive at West Portal in about 20 minutes

Transportation Tip:

For those staying downtown (like at Staypineapple or the Holiday Inn), the K, L, or M MUNI lines provide a direct and efficient 20-minute connection to the West Portal station, just steps from the school.

Emergency Services

Carbon Health (urgent care, 0.7 miles) – 3251 20th Ave, #320, San Francisco CA 94132, (415) 404-3161 | <https://carbonhealth.com/locations/san-francisco-ca-stonestown-galleria>

UCSF Emergency Department (24-hour emergency, 3.2 miles) – 505 Parnassus Ave, San Francisco, CA 94143, (415) 353-1037 | <https://www.ucsfhealth.org/clinics/emergency-department>

Food

Farmers Markets

There are several farmers markets throughout San Francisco that sell locally grown and organic produce, eggs, cheese, fish, etc. Below are some nearby options:

Stonestown Farmer's Market – Sundays: 9am-1pm, Old UA Cinema, 501 Buckingham Way, San Francisco, CA 94132 (0.8 miles) | <https://www.agriculturalinstitute.org/stonestown>

Outer Sunset Farmer's Market and Merchantile – Sundays: 9am-2pm, 1994 37th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116 (2.5 miles) | <https://sunsetmercantilesf.com/osfmm/>

Inner Sunset Farmer's Market – Sundays: 9am-1pm, 1315 8th Ave., San Francisco, California (2.8 miles) | <https://www.pcfma.org/innersunset>

Grocery Stores

Whole Foods Market – 3241 20th Ave Suite 340, San Francisco 94132 | (415) 375-4242, 8am-10pm daily

Trader Joe's – 265 Winston Dr, San Francisco, CA 94132 | (415) 665-1835, 8am-9pm daily

West Portal Produce Market – 222 W Portal Ave, San Francisco, CA 94127 | (415) 731-1817, 7:30am-7pm daily

Restaurants

San Francisco has a rich history of diverse culinary endeavors. You are bound to find whatever cuisine is at the top of your wish list. Below are a few lunch options near 470 West Portal.

Little Original Joe's: Just around the corner, excellent for Italian classics and high-quality takeout. 393 W Portal Ave, San Francisco, CA 94127

Spangler's Market: A great "grab-and-go" spot for fresh deli sandwiches and snacks. 186 W Portal Ave, San Francisco, CA 94127

Goat Hill Pizza: Perfect for a casual team lunch with their signature sourdough crust. 170 W Portal Ave, San Francisco, CA 94127

Submarine Center: Famous for hot toasted sandwiches; a local staple. 820 Ulloa St, San Francisco, CA 94127

Bursa: Excellent Turkish/Mediterranean food if you're looking for a sit-down or elevated take-out option. 60 W Portal Ave, San Francisco, CA 94127

Elena's: A popular new spot for Mexican cuisine. 255 W Portal Ave, San Francisco, CA 94127