



WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE (2008-2009)

Westlake High School
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Community

Westlake High School, founded in 1969, is the only high school in the Eanes Independent School District. The district includes 6 elementary and 2 middle schools. The school is located in a suburban residential area in the western part of Austin, Texas. The school places a strong emphasis on academic learning. The majority of Westlake students continue their education after graduation.

School Description

Westlake High School is a comprehensive, four-year public high school. The curriculum is primarily college preparatory. The school's total enrollment, grades 9-12, is 2444. Size of the 2008-2009 senior class is 574. Westlake has 235 faculty and staff members. The school is accredited by the Texas Education Agency which gave Westlake High School an exemplary rating in 2008 making it the only Texas 9-12 comprehensive 5A high school with this rating. Westlake is also ranked number 52 by Newsweek's list of top 1,300 schools in America.

Grading System

Grades are recorded numerically. Transfer grades are recorded using the numerical equivalent on the grade scale of the sending school.

Superior	A	90-100
Good	B	80-89
Average	C	75-79
Passing	D	70-74
Failing	F	0-69

Curriculum

The school year consists of two 18-week semesters. All classes meet five days a week for 50-minute periods. The regular school day consists of eight class periods. Varied course offerings allow students to meet individual needs and interests. Electives are offered in fine arts, business, technology, graphics, home economics, and in each of the major disciplines. Other elective options are offered through career-based programs. The comprehensive special education program offers all classes that are needed for students who qualify. 34 Advanced Placement courses are taught in English 3 and 4, Calculus, Computer Science, Statistics, World History, U.S. History, European History, Psychology, Government, Economics, Human Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Latin, German, French, Spanish, Art History, Studio Art, and Music Theory.

2008 Senior Class Follow-Up

80.4%	4-year public and private university/college
14.2%	2-year community/junior college/technical school
5.4%	Armed Services/employment/other

Statistical Profile

SAT REASONING TEST

Mean Scores (2007-2008)

86% of 2008 senior class took the SAT

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Total
Westlake	585	611	572	1768
Texas	488	505	480	1473
National	502	515	494	1511

ACT

Composite Average (2007-2008)

Westlake	26.3
Texas	20.7
National	21.1

Graduation Requirements

Students may choose from 2 state approved graduation plans:

24 Credit Recommended Plan

24 Credit Distinguished Achievement Plan

(The Distinguished Achievement Plan also requires four additional advanced measures, i.e. AP scores of 3 or better; National Merit Commended Scholar or higher; Dual Credit course grades B or higher; approved independent research and/or project, articulated courses.)

Class Rank/GPA

WHS assigns each student an exact class rank. Class rank is cumulative and is based on the weighted semester grades of specified courses within the foundation areas of English, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Languages other than English. Grades are weighted by assigning a course multiplier based on the level of difficulty. 1.2 for AP courses (*with exception of AP Art History, AP Music Theory, and AP Studio Art*), 1.1 for Pre-AP and Honors courses, and 1.0 for Regular courses.

The student's GPA is unweighted, and is calculated using semester grades in all courses, grades 9-12.

Advanced Placement Program

2660 tests were given in the spring of 2008 to 1,006 students.

79% of the scores were 3 or above.

National Merit Competition

2008-2009

28 Semifinalists

49 Commended

Subject	24 Recommended	24 Distinguished
English	4.0	4.0
Mathematics	3.0	3.0
Science	3.0	3.0
Social Studies	4.0	4.0
Speech	0.5	0.5
Health	0.5	0.5
PE	1.5	1.5
Technology	1.0	1.0
Foreign Lang.	2.0	3.0
Fine Arts	1.0	1.0
Electives	3.5	2.5
Total	24	24

Athletics, Clubs, and Organizations,

Students at Westlake participate in a range of sports, clubs, and organizations, including:

Art Club	Featherduster (Newspaper)	Physics Club
Band	Final Draft	Robotics
Baseball	(Literary Magazine)	Soccer
Basketball	Football	Softball
Business Club	German Club	Spanish Club
Chaps in Service	Golf	Student Council
Cheerleading	Hyline (Dance Team)	Swimming
Chemistry Club	Lacrosse	Technical Theater
Chess Club	Latin Club	Tennis
Choir	Mu Alpha Theta	Theater
Color Guard	National Forensics	Track
Computer Club	League	Volleyball
Cross Country	National Honor Society	Wrestling
Debate	Orchestra	Yearbook
Environmental Club		



A SAMPLE OF COLLEGE ADMISSIONS FOR WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

American University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Austin College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Berklee College of Music
Birmingham-Southern College
Boston College
Boston University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
California Institute of Technology
Carnegie-Mellon University
Clemson University
Colgate University
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Drexel University
Duke University
Emory University
Fordham University

George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Tech University
Harvard University
Haverford College
Harvey Mudd
Hendrix College
Indiana University
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Lewis and Clark College
Louisiana State University
Loyola-Marymount University
New York University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma State University
Penn State University
Pepperdine University
Pitzer
Pomona College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rhodes College

Rice University
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art & Design
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
St. Edward's University
Stanford University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
Trinity University
Tufts
Tulane University
U.S. Air Force Academy
U.S. Naval Academy
University of Arizona
University of California-Berkeley
Univ. of California-Los Angeles
Univ. of California-San Diego
Univ. of California-Santa Barbara
University of Chicago
University of Colorado-Boulder
University of Dallas

University of Denver
University of Georgia
University of Houston
University of Illinois-Urbana
University of Kansas
University of Maryland
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
Univ. of Southern California
University of Texas-Arlington
University of Texas-Austin
University of Texas-Dallas
University of Texas-San Antonio
University of Tulsa
University of Virginia
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Wake Forest University
Washington Univ. in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Yale University