



SCHOOL PROFILE 2016-2017

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COMMUNITY

Founded in 1969, Westlake High School is the only high school in the Eanes Independent School District. The school district includes six elementary and two middle schools, and is located in a suburban residential area in the western part of Austin, Texas.

SCHOOL

Westlake High School is a comprehensive, four-year public high school where the curriculum is primarily college preparatory. The school's total enrollment, grades 9-12, is 2668 and the size of the 2016-2017 senior class is 657 students. Westlake High School earned six of six distinctions by the Texas Education Agency, noteworthy as only 5.6 percent of Texas high schools earned all six distinctions (Achievement in Reading/ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies; Top 25 Percent Closing Performance Gaps; Post-Secondary Readiness). Westlake consistently is ranked among the top schools in *Newsweek*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Daily Beast*, *niche.com* and *The Washington Post*.

GRADING SYSTEM

Grades are recorded numerically. Transfer grades are recorded using the numerical equivalent on the grading 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

CLASS RANK and GPA

Westlake High School does not rank students below the top 10%. Texas state law requires all public schools to numerically rank the top 10% of each graduating class.

Grades are weighted in the GPA using a multiplier based on course level: 1.2 for AP courses, 1.1 for PreAP and Honors courses, and 1.0 for all other courses. The student's **weighted GPA** is reported on the transcript; only courses taken in grades 9-12 during the regular school year are calculated.

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, one of which is a lunch period. Varied course offerings allow students to meet individual needs and interests. Westlake offers 32 AP courses and exams; AP courses are open enrollment. Electives are offered in fine arts, STEM subjects, health science, business, and in each of the major disciplines. The comprehensive special education program offers all classes that are needed for students who qualify.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Westlake students graduate under one of three state-approved graduation plans: Minimum (22 credits), Recommended (26 credits), and Distinguished Achievement (26 credits, plus four advanced measures derived from AP scores, grades earned in college classes, National Merit Commended status or higher, articulated courses, or an independent research/project).

English – 4 credits	Social Studies – 4 credits	Technology – 1 credit	Health – ½ credit
Math – 4 credits	Language – 2 credits	Physical Education – 1 credit	Electives – 4 credits
Science – 4 credits	Fine Arts – 1 credit	Speech – ½ credit	

TESTING PROFILE

2016 ACT AVERAGE SCORES				2016 SAT AVERAGE SCORES			
	Westlake	Texas	USA		Westlake	TX	USA
English	26.5	19.4	20.3	CR	610	466	494
Math	27.1	20.7	20.9	Math	629	478	508
Reading	27	21	21.3	Writing	587	449	482
Science	26.3	20.7	20.8	Total	1826	1393	1484
Composite	26.8	20.6	21				

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

	Class of 2016	Class of 2015	Class of 2014
Semifinalists	28	19	21
Commended	59	48	50
National Hispanic Scholars	10	6	12
National Achievement Program		2	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

	2016	2015	2014
Total Students Taking Exams	1489	1253	1284
Total Exams Taken	3881	3277	3327
% of Students Earning 3 or Higher	75%	75%	77%

Where Are They Now?

Class of 2016 Statistics: 99% applied to at least one institution of higher learning; 84% will attend a four-year college/university, 15% will attend a two-year college or technical school, and 1% will serve in the armed forces, join the work force, or embark on a gap year. Below is a sampling of where you can find the Westlake class of 2016.

University of Alabama	Emory University	Sam Houston State University
Amherst	Florida State University	Samford University
University of Arizona	Furman University	Sarah Lawrence College
University of Arkansas	The George Washington University	Savannah College of Art and Design
The American University of Paris	University of Georgia	Sewanee: The University of the South
Austin College	Harvard University	University of South Carolina
Austin Community College	University of Houston	University of Southern California
Barnard College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Southern Methodist University
Bates College	Indiana University at Bloomington	Southwestern University
Baylor University	Johns Hopkins University	Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Blinn College	University of Kansas	St. Edward's University
Boston University	Louisiana State University	Stephen F. Austin State University
Brigham Young University	Loyola Marymount University	Stanford University
Bucknell University	University of Mary-Hardin Baylor	Tarleton State University
California Polytechnic State University	University of Miami	Texas A&M University
University of California – Berkley	University of Michigan	Texas Christian University
University of California – Santa Barbara	Middlebury College	Texas State University
Chapman University	University of Mississippi	Texas Tech University
University of Chicago	New York University	University of Texas
Clemson University	University of North Texas	University of Texas – Arlington
Cleveland Institute of Music	Northern Arizona University	University of Texas – Dallas
Colgate University	Oklahoma State University	University of Texas – El Paso
College for Creative Studies	University of Oklahoma	University of Texas – San Antonio
College of Charleston	Oregon State University	Trinity College London
University of Colorado – Boulder	Paul Mitchell Beauty School	Trinity University
Colorado School of Mines	University of Pennsylvania	Tulane University
Colorado State University	Princeton University	Vanderbilt University
Concordia University Texas	Purdue University	University of Virginia
Cornell University	Reed College	Wake Forest University
Davidson College	Regent's University – London	Washington University in St. Louis
University of Denver	Rice University	University of Wisconsin – Madison
University of Edinburgh	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Yale University