



## SCHOOL PROFILE 2017-2018

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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 scenic Hill Country of Austin, Texas. Our community members are highly engaged in our schools and are generous with their time volunteering in varied capacities.

### 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 2681 and the size of the 2017-2018 senior class is 646 students. In 2017 Westlake High School achieved the highest accountability rating in all four categories, as well as earned all seven distinctions by the Texas Education Agency (Achievement in Reading/ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies; Top 25 Percent Student Progress; 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*.

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### 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	70 – 79
Failing	F	0 – 69

### CLASS RANK and GPA

Westlake High School is a non-ranking high school. However, State law requires all public schools to numerically rank the top 10% of each graduating class, so students who fall into this category have the option to report their rank.

Grades are weighted in calculating the GPA using a multiplier based on course level: 1.2 for AP courses, 1.1 for PreAP /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. Students are required to take a minimum of four non-weighted courses that calculate in the GPA over the course of their high school career.

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### 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 explore interests. Westlake offers 33 AP courses and exams; AP courses are open enrollment. Electives are offered in both the performing and visual arts, STEM subjects, health science, world languages, athletics, business, and in each of the core subject areas. Our comprehensive special education program offers all classes that are needed for students who qualify.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Westlake students graduate under the Foundation Plan (22 credits) or the Foundation Plan with an Endorsement (26 credits). Endorsements are offered in the following areas: Multidisciplinary Studies, Arts and Humanities, Public Services, STEM, and Business and Industry. Additionally, students can graduate with a Distinguished Level of Achievement (indicating completion of four years of study in the four core areas, including Algebra 2, as well as completion of an endorsement). Students can also earn Performance Acknowledgements for AP/SAT/ACT scores, National Merit recognition, college credit earned in high school, bilingualism, and industry certifications or credentials. Below are the credits required for graduation under the Foundation Plan with an Endorsement.

English – 4 credits  
Math – 4 credits  
Science – 4 credits

Social Studies – 4 credits  
Language – 2 credits  
Fine Arts – 1 credit

Physical Education – 1 credit  
Health – ½ credit  
Endorsement electives – 5½ credits

## TESTING PROFILE

2017 ACT AVERAGE SCORES				2016 SAT AVERAGE SCORES			
	Westlake	Texas	USA		Westlake	TX	USA
English	27	19.5	20.3	CR	610	466	494
Math	27.1	20.7	20.7	Math	629	478	508
Reading	27.3	21.1	21.4	Writing	587	449	482
Science	26.8	20.9	21	<b>Total</b>	1826	1393	1484
<b>Composite</b>	27.2	20.7	21				

### NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

	Class of 2017	Class of 2016	Class of 2015
Semifinalists	29	28	19
Commended	48	59	48
National Hispanic Scholars	13	10	6
National Achievement Program			2

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

	2017	2016	2015
Total Students Taking Exams	1641	1489	1253
Total Exams Taken	4181	3881	3277
% of Students Earning 3 or Higher	79%	75%	75%

## Where Are They Now?

*Class of 2017 Statistics: 98% applied to at least one institution of higher learning; 84% will attend a four-year college/university, 14% will attend a two-year college or technical school, and 2% will serve in the armed forces, join the work force, or embark on a gap year. Below is a sampling of the 151 schools where you can find the Westlake class of 2017.*

University of Alabama  
University of Arizona  
University of Arkansas  
Baylor University  
Berklee College of Music  
Brigham Young University  
Brown University  
California Institute of Technology  
University of California schools  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado – Boulder  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State University  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
University of Denver  
Duke University  
Georgia Tech University

Harvard University  
University of Houston  
Johns Hopkins University  
The Juilliard School  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
McGill University  
University of Michigan  
University of Mississippi  
New York University  
University of North Texas  
Northwestern University  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
Pepperdine University  
Princeton University  
Rice University

Ringling College of Art and Design  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Smith College  
University of Southern California  
Southern Methodist University  
Stanford University  
Tarleton State University  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Christian University  
Texas State University  
Texas Tech University  
University of Texas  
The Culinary Institute of America  
Trinity University  
United States Military Academies  
Vanderbilt University  
University of Virginia  
Washington University in St. Louis