



SCHOOL PROFILE 2018-2019

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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 2786 and the size of the 2018-2019 senior class is 634 students. In 2018 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*.

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 or 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 in the classroom 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.

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				2017 SAT AVERAGE SCORES			
	Westlake	Texas	USA		Westlake	TX	USA
English	27	19.5	20.3	EBRW	636	512	538
Math	27.1	20.7	20.7	Math	644	507	533
Reading	27.3	21.1	21.4	Total	1281	1019	1070
Science	26.8	20.9	21				
Composite	27.2	20.7	21				

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

	Class of 2018	Class of 2017	Class of 2016
Semifinalists	27	29	28
Commended	45	48	59
National Hispanic Scholars	16	13	10
National Achievement Program			

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

	2018	2017	2016
Total Students Taking Exams	1647	1641	1489
Total Exams Taken	4239	4185	3878
% of Students Earning 3 or Higher	82%	79%	75%

Where Are They Now?

Class of 2018 Statistics: 98% applied to at least one institution of higher learning; 83% will attend a four-year college/university, 15% 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 156 schools where you can find the Westlake class of 2018.

University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of Auckland
Austin College
Austin Community College
Baylor University
Brown University
California Polytechnic State University
University of California schools
Chapman University
University of Chicago
University of Colorado – Boulder
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
University of Denver

Duke University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Georgia Tech University
Harvard University
University of Kentucky
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Michigan State University
University of Michigan
Middlebury College
University of Mississippi
New York University
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
Princeton University

Rice University
Savannah College of Art and Design
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
St. Edward's University
Stanford University
Studio School Los Angeles
Texas A&M University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
University of Texas
United States Military Academies
Vanderbilt University
University of Virginia
Washington University in St. Louis
University of Wisconsin – Madison
Yale University