

Westlake Academy

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The History of Westlake Academy

Westlake Academy is located in the tranquility of Westlake, Texas. The town of Westlake owns and operates [Westlake Academy](#), a prestigious and innovative school that offers all three programs of the rigorous International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum - Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme, and the Diploma Programme. The International Baccalaureate Organization in Geneva, Switzerland and the IBNA authorizes the Diploma Programme. Westlake Academy has continued to maintain the rating of Exemplary, which is awarded by the Texas Education Agency. Additionally, Westlake Academy has been nationally ranked by US News & World Report, Newsweek, and the Washington Post.

Westlake Academy is a K – 12th Texas public charter school, which is accredited by the Texas Education Agency. Over 850 students attend Westlake Academy. All Westlake residents are eligible to enroll at Westlake Academy. All non-Westlake resident students are admitted through a lottery.



Mission

Westlake Academy is an IB World School whose mission is to provide students with an internationally minded education of the highest quality, so they are well-balanced and respectful life-long learners.

Vision

Westlake Academy inspires college bound students to achieve their highest individual potential in a nurturing environment that fosters the traits found in the IB Learner profile: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced, and Reflective.

Values

- Maximizing Personal Development
- Academic Excellence
- Respect for Self and Others
- Personal Responsibility
- Compassion and Understanding

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International Baccalaureate Curriculum

The IB Diploma Programme is a rigorous pre-university course of study for the academically talented and highly motivated secondary student.

Designed and administered by the home office in Cardiff, Wales, the program encompasses internationally based standards of achievement and has gained a reputation for its rigorous external assessment which is welcomed by universities worldwide.

The curriculum is designed to provide a broad liberal arts experience for the college bound student. The Programme provides an education that balances subject breadth and depth and considers the nature of knowledge across disciplines through the unique Theory of Knowledge course.

An IB curriculum encourages international mindedness, which starts with a foundation in their language and culture. Every student at Westlake Academy takes courses in preparation for the IB diploma in grades 11 and 12.

GPA & Weighting Scale

If a student receives a 70% or higher in a course, then the weighting scale below is used to calculate the cumulative GPA.

Grade Level	Type of Course	Weighting (Quality Points)
MYP 9 – 10	(Pre-IB)	5
DP 11 – 12	SL & AP	10
DP	HL	12

Numerical Grades	Letter Grades
90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
<70	F

Grading and Ranking Policy

The academic year is divided into 4 nine-week grading periods. One credit is awarded for each yearlong course earning 70% or higher.

Weighted grades are used **ONLY** in computing the cumulative GPA. **Numerical grades (Semester and Year end average grades) DO NOT reflect the weighting.**

Westlake Academy does not rank its students.

All semester course grades earned in Grades 9-12 at Westlake Academy (and other accredited schools) are included in the cumulative GPA.

Due to COVID-19 Westlake Academy altered the grading methodology for the 4th quarter of the spring semester of the 2019 – 2020 school year. For students in grades 6-12, teachers assigned a Pass or Fail grade for each student at the end of the quarter. Performance was regularly assessed by teachers to ensure student progression. Students had a Q3 grade and a Q4 Pass/Fail grade. The Q4 Pass/Fail grade was translated to a numerical value at the end of the quarter (Pass = 100%, Fail = 69%).

Finals Exams and Second Semester Grade

Final exams were **not** administered in May 2020. The semester grade was an average of their third quarter grade and their fourth quarter grade.

Grades and Course Credit

Students received course credit for two semesters for 2019 - 2020 academic year. Semester 1 credit had already been posted on student's academic records. Semester 2 credit will consist of the Q3 and Q4 grades without any semester exams. In order to pass for the year, a student must pass average for semesters 1 and 2.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

The GPA calculation for grades 9-12 secondary students followed the existing board policy. The Pass (100%) or Fail (69%/50%), earned in the fourth nine-week period was averaged with third quarter grades to achieve the second semester grade. Second semester grades for this year will be calculated into a student's cumulative GPA. Students who receive weighted credit for AP and IB courses will receive the additional GPA points as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook.

IB Score Distribution for Class of 2021

Subject	WA	World
GROUP 1		
English A: Literature HL	4.98	4.86
GROUP 2		
Spanish Ab Initio	4.24	5.3
Spanish SL	5.09	5.28
Spanish HL	7.00	5.89
French SL	4.00	5.21
GROUP 3		
History of the Americas HL	4.85	4.50
Economics HL	4.46	5.62
Economics SL	4.00	5.34
Business HL	5.50	5.52

**Numbers in parenthesis are the number of test takers*

Subject	WA	World
GROUP 4		
Biology HL	4.73	5.03
Biology SL	4.82	4.68
Chemistry SL	4.20	4.99
Computer Science SL	5.00	5.35
Environmental Systems & Societies SL	4.39	4.68
Physics SL	5.43	4.91
GROUP 5		
Mathematics: AASL	5.09	5.18
Mathematics: AI SL	4.92	4.75
GROUP 6		
Visual Arts HL	4.75	4.56

IB Diploma Pass Rate

Graduation Year	# Diplomas Earned	WA	World
2015	34 (51)	66.7%	80.8%
2016	38 (61)	62.3%	79.3%
2017	45 (64)	70.3%	78.4%
2018	50 (62)	80.6%	78.2%
2019	57 (63)	90.5%	77.4%
2020	67 (74)	90.5%	85.2%
2021	53 (59)	89.8%	88.9%

2021 – 2022 Course Offerings

MYP (7 – 10) Course Offerings

English – English 1, English 2

Math – Algebra 1*, Geometry, Algebra 2, Precalculus

Science – Biology, Chemistry, Physics

Social Science – AP Human Geography, MYP World Geography
AP World History, MYP World History

Foreign Language – Spanish 1*, Spanish 2A*, Spanish 2B,
Spanish 2, Spanish 3, French 1*, French 2A*, French 2B, French
2, French 3

Fine Arts – Art 1, Art 2, Theatre 1, Theatre 2

Physical Education

Electives – Digital Communications; Principles of Applied
Engineering; Principles of Information Technology; Principles of
Business, Marketing, & Finance; AP Computer Science
Principles, Project Based Research

*Courses taken in 7th and 8th Grade that receive high school credit are not calculated in the cumulative GPA.

DP (11 – 12) Course Offerings

Group 1 – Language A

English HL

Group 2 – Second Language

Spanish HL, Spanish SL, Spanish Ab, French SL

Group 3 – Individuals and Societies

Business Management HL, History of Americas HL (US History & Gov't), Economics HL

Group 4 – Sciences

Biology HL*, Chemistry HL*, Chemistry SL*, Physics SL*,
Environmental Systems & Societies SL, Computer Science SL

Group 5 – Mathematics

Mathematics: Applications & Interpretations SL,
Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches SL & HL

Group 6 – The Arts and Electives

Visual Arts HL

IB DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS – Theory of Knowledge,
Extended Essay, Creativity, Activity, & Service

*IB Chemistry, and IB Physics courses taken in 12th grade are titled Scientific Research & Design (SCRID). IB Biology taken in the 12th grade is entitled Anatomy and Physiology.

College Admission (2010-2021)



Abilene Christian University	Lamar University	Texas Women's University
American University	Langston University	The New School
Angelo State University	Lewis & Clark College	Trinity University
Arizona State University	Liberty University	Tulane University
Art Institute of Dallas	London Metropolitan University	The Citadel
Auburn University	Long Island University Global	Union College
Austin College	Louisiana State University	United States Air Force Academy
Barry University	Louisiana Tech University	United States Military Academy
Baylor University	Loyola University (Chicago)	United States Naval Academy
Belhaven University	Loyola Marymount University	University of Alabama
Bentley University	Marymount Manhattan College	University of Alabama in Huntsville
Blinn College	Marquette University	University of Alaska - Anchorage
Bradley University	Mary Baldwin College	University of Arkansas
Brandeis University	Miami University	University of California, Berkeley
Brigham Young University	Michigan State University	University of California, Davis
Brigham Young University – Hawaii	Midwestern State University	University of California, Irvine
Brigham Young University – Idaho	Missouri University of Science & Technology	University of California, Los Angeles
Boston College	Montana State University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Boston University	New York University	University of California, Santa Cruz
Brown University	New York University-Shanghai	University of Central Florida
Bucknell University	North Carolina A&T University	University of Chicago
Butler University	Northern Arizona University	University of Colorado - Boulder
California Institute of Technology	Northeastern University	University of Dallas
California Northstate University	Northwestern University	University of Delaware
Carleton College	Occidental College	University of Denver
Carnegie Mellon University	Oklahoma Baptist University	University of Florida
Clemson University	Oklahoma Christian University	University of Georgia
College of Charleston	Oklahoma State University	University of Houston
Colorado Ballet	Oral Roberts University	University of Illinois
Colorado College	Oregon State University	University of Kansas
Colorado School of Mines	Pace University	University of Kentucky
Colorado State University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Maine
Columbia College	Pepperdine University	University of Mary Hardin Baylor
Columbia University	Pomona College	University of Miami
Concordia University	Poznan School of Medical Sciences	University of Michigan
Cornell University	Princeton University	University of Missouri
Dallas Baptist University	Purdue University	University of Mississippi
Dartmouth College	Reed College	University of Nebraska
Davidson College	Regent's University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
DePaul University	Regis University	University of North Texas
Dillard University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of North Texas at Dallas
Drew University	Rhodes College	University of Notre Dame
Drexel University	Rice University	University of Oklahoma
Drury University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Oregon
Duke University	Sam Houston State University	University of the Pacific
Elon University	San Diego State University	University of Pennsylvania
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Santa Clara University	University of Pittsburgh
Emory University	School of Art Institute of Chicago	University of Richmond
Fashion Institute of Technology	Seattle University	University of San Diego
Florida Atlantic University	Seton Hill University	University of San Francisco
Florida Southern University	Simmons College	University of Sheffield
Florida State University	South Dakota State University	University of South Carolina
Fordham University	Southern Methodist University	University of Southern California
Furman University	Southern University	University of the South - Sewanee
George Washington University	Southwestern University	University of Tampa
Georgetown University	Spelman College	University of Tennessee
Georgia Institute of Technology	Swarthmore College	University of Texas at Arlington
Hampton University	St. Edwards University	University of Texas at Austin
Hardin Simmons University	St. John's University	University of Texas at Dallas
Harding University	St. John's College	University of Texas at Tyler
Harvard University	St. Mary's University	University of Tulsa
Hawaii Pacific University	Stephen F. Austin State University	University of Utrecht
Hendrix College	Stanford University	University of Virginia
High Point University	Syracuse University	University of Winchester
Hillsdale College	Tarleton State University	University of Wisconsin
Hofstra University	Tarrant County College	Vanderbilt University
Houston Baptist University	Texas A&M University – College Station	Villanova University
Howard University	Texas A&M University – Commerce	Wake Forest University
Indiana University	Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi	Washington & Lee University
Ithaca College	Texas A&M University - Galveston	Washington University in St. Louis
Jacobs University	Texas Christian University	Westminster College
Jagiellonian University Medical College	Texas State University	Westmont College
Johns Hopkins University	Texas Southern University	West Texas A&M University
Kings College	Texas Tech University	Wheaton College
Lake Forest College	Texas Wesleyan University	Yale University