



WESTLAKE ACADEMY

IB World School



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The History of Westlake Academy

Westlake Academy is located in the tranquility of Westlake, Texas. The Town of Westlake operates [Westlake Academy](#), a prestigious and innovative school, offering 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 continues to maintain an Exemplary rating, which is awarded by the Texas Education Agency. Additionally, Westlake Academy is 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 granted priority consideration for enrollment. All non-Westlake resident students are admitted through a lottery.



Mission

Westlake Academy is an IB World School where students become compassionate, life-long learners through an internationally-minded, balanced education that empowers students to contribute to our interconnected world.

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

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

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 2022

Subject	WA	World
GROUP 1		
English A: Literature HL	4.91 (64)	4.73
GROUP 2		
Spanish Ab Initio	5.00 (2)	5.05
Spanish B SL	4.92 (52)	5.04
Spanish B HL	6.00 (3)	5.55
French B SL	4.71 (7)	5.12
GROUP 3		
Business HL	4.96 (26)	5.25
Economics HL	3.68 (19)	5.40
History of the Americas HL	5.47 (54)	4.53

*Numbers in parenthesis
are the number of test
takers

Subject	WA	World
GROUP 4		
Biology HL	4.30 (10)	4.73
Biology SL	5.13 (16)	4.56
Chemistry HL	3.33 (3)	4.98
Chemistry SL	4.71 (14)	4.54
Computer Science SL	5.29 (7)	5.10
Environmental Systems & Societies SL	4.32 (22)	4.47
Physics SL	6.19 (16)	4.64
GROUP 5		
Mathematics: AA HL	5.67 (12)	5.21
Mathematics: AASL	5.44 (27)	4.99
Mathematics: AI SL	5.16 (25)	4.39
GROUP 6		
Visual Arts HL	4.20 (5)	4.45

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%
2022	58 (63)	92.1%	85.6%

2022 – 2023 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, AP 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 – 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 A: Literature HL

Group 2 – Second Language

Spanish B SL & HL, Spanish Ab, French B SL & HL

Group 3 – Individuals and Societies

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

Group 4 – Sciences

Biology 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 CORE – Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay, Creativity, Activity, & Service

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

College Admission (2010-2022)

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