

NEW YORK STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For The Class of 2026

REGENTS DIPLOMA

Required Courses:

English 4 credits

Social Studies 4 credits

Math 3 credits **

Science 3 credits (1 Life, 1 Physical)

World Language 1 credit*

Art/Music 1 credit

Health 0.5 credits

Physical Education 2 credits

Sequence/Electives 3.5 credits

TOTAL 22.0 credits

* Students are required to have completed one unit of credit in a World Language by the end of their Freshman year or pass the local proficiency exam.

** An integrated course in Mathematics/Science/Technology may be used as the third required unit of credit in Mathematics or Science.

Required Exams (Passing score of 65 and above)

English Language Arts Regents

1 Math Regents Exam

Global Studies Regents Exam *

U.S. History Regents Exam *

1 Science Regents Exam

* A NYS approved pathway or 2nd Science Regents Exam can replace one of the social studies exams.



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WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

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Colleges & Universities Graduates Have Been Accepted To This Past Year

Adelphi University
Alfred State College
Arizona State Univ. - Tempe
Auburn University
Bard College
Berkeley College - New York
Berry College
Binghamton University
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Case Western Reserve Univ.
Charleston Southern Univ.
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Cornell University
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Delaware Valley University
Denison University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Dominican Univ. New York
Drew University
Drexel University
East Carolina University
Eastern Connecticut State U.
Elizabethtown College
Elon University
Emmanuel College
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Metropolitan Campus
Farmingdale State College
Fashion Inst. of Technology
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida State University
Fordham University

Full Sail University
Furman University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hofstra University
Holy Family University
Hudson Valley Comm. College
Indiana University at Bloomington
Iona University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University - Providence
Kean University
Lake Forest College
Lasell University
Le Moyne College
Lehigh University
Long Island University - Post
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Lynn University
Manhattan University
Manhattanville University
Marist University
Marymount Manhattan College
Marywood University
Mercy University
Merrimack College
Miami University - Oxford
Michigan State University
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Mount Saint Mary College
Muhlenberg College
New York Inst. of Technology
New York University

North Carolina State University at Raleigh
Northeastern University
Norwich University
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Pace University
Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.
Pennsylvania Clg. of Tech.
Pennsylvania State University
Pratt Institute - Brooklyn
Princeton University
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Ramapo Clg. of New Jersey
Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.
Rochester Inst. of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rutgers Univ.-New Brunswick
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Leo University
School of Visual Arts
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Shenandoah University
Siena College
Springfield College
St. John's Univ.-New York
St. Joseph's University, New York - Long Island Campus
St. Lawrence University
St. Thomas Aquinas College
State University of New York at New Paltz
Stetson University
Stevenson University
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
SUNY at Purchase College
SUNY Brockport
SUNY Buffalo State
SUNY College at Geneseo

SUNY College at Oswego
SUNY College at Plattsburgh
SUNY College at Potsdam
Norwich University
SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill
SUNY College of Technology at Delhi
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Fredonia
SUNY Maritime College
SUNY Old Westbury
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Westchester Comm. Clg.
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.
The College of New Jersey
The George Washington University
The New School
The University of Alabama
The University of Tampa
Thomas Jefferson University
Towson University
Trinity College
Trinity University
Universita Bocconi (Italy)
University at Albany, SUNY
University at Buffalo
University of Arizona
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Hartford
University of Iowa
University of Louisville
University of Maryland- College Park
University of MA - Amherst
University of MA - Boston
University of MA - Lowell
University of MI - Ann Arbor
University of MN - Twin Cities
University of Mississippi

Univ. of Mount Saint Vincent
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of Oregon
University of Pisa (Italy)
University of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh Campus
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of Saint Joseph
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina - Columbia
University of Vermont
University of Washington - Seattle Campus
University of Wisconsin - Madison
Utica University
Vassar College
Virginia Commonwealth Univ.
Wagner College
Wesleyan University
West Virginia University
Western Connecticut State University
Western New England Univ.
Wheaton College - Mass.
Wilkes Honors College of Florida Atlantic University
Wilkes University
Winthrop University
Worcester Polytechnic Inst.
Worcester State University

2025-2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

ACCREDITED BY THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION AND MEMBER OF THE TRI-STATES CONSORTIUM

THE COMMUNITY

The Town of Mount Pleasant is a community of approximately 45,000 people located in the central portion of Westchester County, NY. The hamlets of Thornwood, Hawthorne and portions of Pleasantville and Valhalla make up the Mount Pleasant Central School District. Several large corporations have divisions or headquarters within the town. A large percentage of our professionals commute into New York City for employment. The residents of this suburban residential community hold professional, entrepreneurial, managerial and executive positions. More than 95% of Westlake's graduates go on to higher education.

THE SCHOOL

The Westlake High School student population is approximately 570, grades 9-12. The program of studies is excellent in preparing students to make a transition to college level work through our generous offering of honors, AP and college-level courses. Vocational programs are offered to students who wish to pursue the workforce immediately after high school or continue towards a trade school. Our school provides a distinctive curriculum that meets the needs of our talented student population. This includes a diverse and challenging sampling of electives that enhance the required course of study. The student to faculty ratio is: 9:1. There are four School Counselors with an average caseload of 160 that follow their students for all four years.

WHS GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING MISSION STATEMENT

We aim to support our students to become curious, knowledgeable and independent thinkers grounded in strong values and integrity. We promote our students to lead balanced lifestyles and be prepared for the real world, taking on new challenges and embracing responsible risks.

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

CEEB Code: 335-563

4-YEAR COLLEGE BOUND CLASS OF 2025

* 2025 Mean ACT Composite: 24

* 2025 Mean SAT I

Evidenced Based Reading/Writing. 573
Math. 564

2025 GRADUATION STATISTICS

Number of students in
Graduation Class of 2025 133
Percentage of students pursuing
Post High School Education 92%
Number of students
securing employment. 10
Number of students participating
in a Gap-Year Program 0
Number of students
entering Armed Services. 1
Number of colleges applied to 255
Number of states in which
colleges applied to 39
Percentage of students
attending in-state colleges. 54%
Percentage of students
attending out-of-state colleges. 46%

COLLEGE BOUND GRADUATION DATA

	<u>4 Yr. Coll/Univ</u>	<u>2 Yr. Coll/Univ</u>
Class of 2025	89%	11%
Class of 2024	91%	9%
Class of 2023	88%	12%
Class of 2022	92%	8%
Class of 2021	85%	15%

STATEMENT ABOUT NYS REGENTS EXAMS

Students are required to complete one NYS Regents Exam in Math, Science and English and two in Social Studies.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES

All subjects, including Physical Education, are used in determining grade point average. The following is the grade distribution chart.

ALPHA TO NUMERIC CONVERSION

A+ = 99, 98	C+ = 79, 78
A = 97, 96, 95, 94	C = 77, 76, 75, 74
A- = 93, 92, 91, 90	C- = 73, 72, 71, 70
B+ = 89, 88	D = 69, 68, 67, 66
B = 87, 86, 85, 84	F = 64 and below
B- = 83, 82, 81, 80	

CLASS RANK AND WEIGHTING

Weighting is used for the purpose of determining class percentile rank and National Honor Society eligibility. Only reported grades in Honors and Advanced Placement courses are weighted in accordance with district policy. These courses have a weighted factor of 5%. There are three levels of instruction offered: Regents, Honors and AP. Class percentile is calculated after the sixth and seventh semesters. It is computed using weighted factors to determine the GPA. All courses with a numerical grade are factored into the overall GPA and decile rank. **WE DO NOT DISCLOSE RANK.**

2025 AP DATA

All students enrolled in AP courses take AP exams.
AP courses offered to students, grades 10-12.

% of students grades 10-12 enrolled in AP. 51%
*Number of Students Taking AP Exams 208
*Number of AP Exams Taken 461
% of students with scores of 3 or better. 76%
Number of AP Scholars 90
Number of AP Scholars with Distinction 37
Number of AP Scholars with Honors 22
Number of AP Capstone Diplomas Awarded. 8

HONOR ROLL

Honor Roll is awarded on three distinct levels:

- *Laude*—GPA 85-89.99
- *Magna*—GPA 90-94.99
- *Summa*—GPA 95 and up

HONOR SOCIETIES

English Honor Society, Italian Honor Society, Math Honor Society, National Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Social Studies Honor Society

ADVANCED PLACEMENT, HONORS & COURSES FOR COLLEGE CREDIT

Advanced Placement

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science Principles
- Computer Science A
- English Language
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- Government & Politics: United States
- Macroeconomics
- Music Theory
- Physics
- Research
- Seminar
- Spanish Language
- Statistics
- Art (Drawing, 2D Design & 3D Design)
- United States History
- World History

Courses for College Credit

- Criminal Law
- Italian 4, Italian 5
- Oceanography
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish 4
- Science Research I,II, and III

Honors Courses

- English 9 H
- English 10 H
- English 12 H
- Global 1 H
- Biology H
- Chemistry H
- Earth Science H
- Geometry H
- Trigonometry H
- Pre-Calculus H

AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The AP Capstone program at Westlake High School is designed for qualified juniors and seniors with scholarly interests in the humanities and social sciences. Students in the program will learn the nature, purpose, and academic discourse methods associated with inquiry and research in these areas of the liberal arts. Students with interests in music, art, film, literature, theater, philosophy, psychology, sociology, economics, religious studies, history, political science, and media studies are encouraged to participate. The program is intended for only the strongest of students due to the rigorous nature, level of difficulty, expectation of time management, and ability to work independently. AP Capstone is a diploma program based on two required full year courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. To earn the Capstone Diploma, students must earn a score of 3 or higher on six AP exams: AP Seminar, AP Research, and any four additional AP exams. Please see Dr. Laterza in room 203 for more information.

CRITICAL WRITING & RESEARCH

The curriculum and program is delivered to every 9th grader in a separate class. They learn about argumentative writing, rhetoric, and research by considering different modes of argument that operate in our culture every day. The course is broken into three parts: Analyzing arguments, research arguments, and designing and delivering arguments. Direct instruction involves the protocols of formal academic research, such as assessing reliable sources and integrating technology skills.

SENIOR EXPERIENCE

The Senior Experience offers our 12th grade students an outstanding opportunity to explore their career interests in real world settings. During the last quarter of senior year, students are encouraged to seek out an internship experience that they will attend in place of their daily school schedule. In addition to the internship, they also choose a school based mentor that they meet with weekly to discuss their progress. The Senior Experience culminates in a final presentation and project about their internship.

SCIENCE RESEARCH

The Authentic Science Research course enables students to perform authentic and original scientific research in an independent manner. The program is flexible and permits students to participate for 1, 2 or 3 years. The program affords students the opportunity to participate in the community of scientific research and scholarship as part of their high school experience. This course encourages students to work in conjunction with research scientists and professionals within their chosen field of research. Students may do independent research in mathematics, science, psychology, engineering, technology or the social sciences. This program allows students to optionally obtain as many as 12 college units through the State University of New York when successfully completed.

CAREER RESEARCH ACADEMY

The Career Research Academy is a program to honor each student's intellectual interests by allowing them to pursue the valuable work of researching their passion for specific trade-related careers; and to illuminate a pathway for students so they can see the connection between an area of interest and core academic skills. The program is designed to provide a viable pathway for all students to find success in building essential competencies and skills; to build partnerships with students, parents, community businesses, and organizations, which can creatively expose all those involved to new possibilities both within and outside of school; to provide a viable pathway to post-secondary options including, but not limited to: 2- and 4-year colleges, technical and career placement.