



WESTLAKE ACADEMY

IB Continuum 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 Continuum 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 Attributes.

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.

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 2025

Subject	WA	World
GROUP 1		
English A: Literature HL	4.77 (70)	4.58
GROUP 2		
Spanish Ab Initio	3.88 (8)	4.89
Spanish B SL	4.98 (45)	4.89
Spanish B HL	5.67 (6)	5.19
French Ab Initio SL	4.67 (3)	4.72
French B SL	5.75 (8)	5.07
French B HL	n/a	
GROUP 3		
Business HL	4.74 (19)	4.94
Economics SL	4.67 (3)	4.90
Economics HL	4.05 (20)	5.14
History of the Americas HL	5.05 (60)	4.26

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

Subject	WA	World
GROUP 4		
Biology HL	4.19 (16)	4.44
Biology SL	4.25 (16)	4.25
Chemistry SL	4.63 (8)	4.34
Computer Science SL	4.90 (10)	4.30
Environmental Systems & Societies SL	4.03 (33)	4.27
Physics SL	5.40 (5)	4.24
Physics HL	6.00 (8)	4.90
GROUP 5		
Mathematics: AA HL	5.70 (10)	4.90
Mathematics: AA SL	4.76 (25)	4.49
Mathematics: AI SL	4.24 (34)	3.87
GROUP 6		
Visual Arts HL	3.83 (12)	4.25

IB Diploma Pass Rate

Graduation Year	# Diplomas Earned	WA	World
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%
2023	48 (60)	80%	79.67%
2024	47 (62)	75.8%	80.1%
2025	59 (70)	84.3%	81.3%

2025 – 2026 Course Offerings

MYP (7 – 10) Course Offerings

English – English 1, English 2

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

Science – Biology, Chemistry, Physics

Social Science – AP Human Geography, AP World History, Personal Finance/Economics, AP Government

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, French Ab SL

Group 3 – Individuals and Societies

Business Management HL, History of Americas HL, Economics HL

Group 4 – Sciences

Biology SL* & HL*, Chemistry SL*, Physics SL & HL., 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 (2019-2025)



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