NEW YORK STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For The Class of 2027

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

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.*

** 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.*

Colleges & Universities Graduates Have Been Accepted To This Past Year

Adelphi University
Alfred State College
American University
Auburn University
Averett University
Bard College
Bennington College
Bentley University
Binghamton University, SUNY
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bryant University
Buffalo State University, SUNY
Caldwell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Charleston Southern University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Coker University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Cornell University
CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College
CUNY Brooklyn College
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
CUNY Lehman College
CUNY Queens College
CUNY School of Medicine/The Sophie Davis Biomedical Education Program
CUNY The City College of NY
Dominican University
Drexel University
Dutchess Community College
East Carolina University
Elizabeth City State University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach
Empire State University
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Farmingdale State College
Flagler College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin Pierce University
Furman University
Geneva College
Gettysburg College
Hamilton College
Hartwick College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hofstra University
Hunter College, CUNY
Indiana University Bloomington
Iona University
Iowa State University of Science and Technology
Ithaca College
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University, Providence
Kent State University
Lafayette College
Le Moyne College
Lehigh University
Long Island University- Post
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Lynn University
Manhattan University
Manhattanville University
Marist University
Marywood University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mercy University
Merrimack College
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Molloy University
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Nassau Community College
New York Institute of Technology
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Ohio University
Pace University
Pace University, Westchester Campus
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Penn State University Park
Providence College
Purchase College, SUNY
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rider University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rowan University
Rutgers University - Camden
Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick
Rutgers University - Newark
Rutgers Univ. School of Nursing
Sacred Heart University
Salve Regina University
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
School of Visual Arts
Seton Hall University
Siena University
Skidmore College
Springfield College
St. John's University
St. Lawrence University
SUNY at Albany
SUNY at Buffalo
SUNY at Fredonia
SUNY at New Paltz
SUNY at Oswego
SUNY Brockport
SUNY College at Cortland
SUNY College at Geneseo
SUNY College at Old Westbury
SUNY College at Oneonta
SUNY College at Potsdam
SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
SUNY College of Technology at Delhi
SUNY Maritime College
SUNY Plattsburgh
SUNY Polytechnic Institute
SUNY Stony Brook University
SUNY Westchester Community College
Stetson University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
The Catholic University of America
The City University of New York, CUNY
The College of New Jersey
The George Washington University
The Ohio State University at Columbus
The University of Alabama
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of Scranton
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee
Thomas Jefferson University
Towson University
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Bridgeport
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hartford
University of Illinois at Urbana-' Champaign
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Massachusetts Lowell
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of Pittsburgh
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina-Columbia
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Southern Maine
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Washington State University - Pullman
Wesleyan University
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
West Virginia State University
West Virginia University
Western Connecticut State University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

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2026–2027 SCHOOL PROFILE

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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 580, 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 2026

*** 2026 Mean ACT Composite: 24**

*** 2026 Mean SAT I**

Evidenced Based Reading/Writing. 550
Math. 590

2026 GRADUATION STATISTICS

Number of students in Graduation Class of 2025 141
Percentage of students pursuing Post High School Education 94%
Number of students securing employment. 12
Number of students participating in a Gap-Year Program 0
Number of students entering Armed Services. 0
Number of colleges applied to 268
Number of states in which colleges applied to 35
Percentage of students attending in-state colleges. 38%
Percentage of students attending out-of-state colleges. 62%

COLLEGE BOUND GRADUATION DATA

	4 Yr. Coll/Univ	2 Yr. Coll/Univ
Class of 2026	87%	13%
Class of 2025	89%	11%
Class of 2024	91%	9%
Class of 2023	88%	12%
Class of 2022	92%	8%

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

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.**

2026 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. 52%
*Number of Students Taking AP Exams 222
*Number of AP Exams Taken 473
% of students with scores of 3 or better. 78%
Number of AP Scholars 91
Number of AP Scholars with Distinction 41
Number of AP Scholars with Honors 16
Number of AP Capstone Diplomas Awarded. 13

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 101
- Spanish 4
- Science Research I,II, and III
- Intro to Film & Media Arts

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.