

Westlake High School School Profile 2017/2018

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Westlake High School
Today's Dreams;
Tomorrow's Reality



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- **2016 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**
- **2017 CALIFORNIA GOLD RIBBON SCHOOL**
- **WASHINGTON POST 2017 RANKED WHS #43 STATE & #381 NATION**
- **US NEWS & WORLD REPORT 2017 RANKED WHS "GOLD STATUS"***
- *** #68 STATE & #394 NATION**
- *** STEM RANKING: #131 OUT OF TOP 500 SCHOOLS IN THE NATION**
- **CADAVER-BASED ADVANCED ANATOMY HONORS CLASS**
- **ACADECA VENTURA COUNTY CHAMPIONS 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016**

School District

The Conejo Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) is located fifty miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles in Ventura County. Approximately 22,000 students are enrolled in grades K—12. The district consists of twenty elementary schools, five middle schools, three comprehensive high schools, one continuation school, an online college prep school, and an adult school.

Community

CVUSD includes Westlake Village, Thousand Oaks, and Newbury Park. Our community holds high expectations for students in all domains. As a result, students hold themselves accountable for monitoring their own achievement and they take responsibility for their behavior, choices, academic progress, achievement and future plans. Our community is composed mainly of middle/upper income families. Growth in the Conejo Valley in the past fifteen years has been among the fastest in the State of California. This rapid growth has changed the fabric of the community from agrarian to commuter residential. Employment opportunities available within the community are biotechnology, computer technology, light manufacturing, finance, professional interests, and recreation.

Our School

Westlake High School (WHS) is a comprehensive suburban public high school, large enough to have diversity and range, but small enough to be friendly. WHS takes pride in the accomplishments of its students. The staff supports and encourages high expectations for all students. The emphasis of the curriculum is on academics, which is a reflection of the communities' values, and academic courses which are offered at multiple levels to accommodate the needs of all students. In addition, WHS offers technology training and opportunities for enrichment in business, industrial technology, consumer/family studies, art, and music. The band, orchestra, choir, and drama classes offer exciting opportunities for student participation, as do the numerous on-campus clubs. A wide range of athletic activities, including league competitions, are also a part of our course offerings. WHS has an active PTSA, School Site Council, and Scholarship Foundation. The community members, businesses, and agencies interact with the school and our students to enhance the learning process.

Mission Statement: provide a comprehensive education in a safe and positive learning environment; prepare students to function academically, vocationally, culturally and socially as responsible citizens; encourage personal integrity, pride and the life-long pursuit of knowledge and well-being; prepare students to make a meaningful contribution to an ever-changing society.

Special Programs

- **Westlake Academy**, a school within a school concept, supported by a California Partnership Academy grant.
- **Career Majors Program** allows students to focus on college and career exploration in a particular career pathway through job shadowing, internships, and community service.
- **Career Technical Education Pathways Program**, a pathway is a sequence of 3 courses that deliver relevant and rigorous academic and technical experiences that enable the student to acquire the depth of knowledge and skill linked with specific post-secondary programs that will lead to a certificate or degree and/or career.

⇒ **Graduation Requirements**

230 Total Credits

40 credits	English
30 credits	Mathematics
30 credits	Social Science
20 credits	Science
20 credits	Physical Education
10 credits	Visual/Performing Arts or World Language*

5 credits Health
75 credits Electives

(30 credits of the elective requirement must include courses offered in the following subject areas: visual/performing arts, world language, science, mathematics, social science, industrial arts, business, consumer/family studies.)

* All 10 credits must be in either fine arts or world language

⇒ **Course Level Descriptions**

Advanced Placement

Follows the prescribed Advanced Placement curriculum, assessment, and instruction

Honors

Designed for the student with strong writing skills, an ability to work independently, and who is self-motivated

College Preparatory

Designed for the student who has proficiency in communication and critical thinking skills

⇒ **GPA/Class Rank**

Cumulative GPA

The GPA earned for all high school courses attempted by dividing the total number of points received from grades by the total number of courses taken using a 4.0 scale.

Scholastic GPA

Computed using grades in all coursework, excluding Physical Education classes, earned by students in grades 9 through 12.

Weighted

Based on Scholastic GPA, all Honors and AP courses use a GPA calculation of 5.0 and 4.0 for grades of A or B. Grades of C and D do not earn extra weight. The Weighted GPA is used for rank by decile only, as our school does not publish individual class rank.

Credits

Five credits are granted for each course that meets the equivalent of five days per week, 54 minutes per day for one semester. Exceptions are Careers and Personal Computing which meet for 9 weeks and are worth 2.5 credits.

⇒ **GPA Decile Rank Distribution: September 2017**

<u>Decile Rank</u>	<u>12th Grade Weighted GPA Range</u>
1	4.5000 to 4.9730
2	4.2031 to 4.4706
3	3.9667 to 4.2000
4	3.7368 to 3.9592
5	3.4545 to 3.7353
6	3.2222 to 3.4516
7	3.0000 to 3.2206
8	2.5645 to 2.9848
9	2.1806 to 2.5588
10	Below 2.1714

⇒ **National Merit Program**

⇒	2017-18 Semi-Finalists: 7	Commended: 25
⇒	Finalists: TBA	
⇒	2016-17 Semi-Finalists: 21	Commended: 41
⇒	Finalists: 21	
	2017-18 National Hispanic Scholar: TBA	
	2016-17 National Hispanic Scholar: 2	

2017 SAT Reasoning Test Mean Scores

49% of 2017 seniors took the SAT with an average of 1282

	2016 WHS	2016 STATE	2017 WHS	2017 STATE
Evidence Based Rdg. & Writing	577	491	637	540
Mathematics	597	500	645	539
Writing	576	485	637	540

2017 Score Distributions— Westlake High School

<u>Score Range</u>	<u>Total Students</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1400-1600	74	29%
1200-1300	94	37%
1190-1000	77	31%
990-800	7	30%
790 & Below	0	0%

⇒ **2017 SAT Subject Tests Mean Scores**

**N = Number of WHS test takers as of September 2017*

	<u>WHS</u>	<u>N*</u>
Literature	672	14
US History	710	36
Math Level 1	703	3
Math Level 2	725	61
Biology—Ecological	685	15
Biology—Molecular	693	12
Chemistry	771	7
Physics	709	7
Spanish	645	11

⇒ ACT College Readiness Test Mean Scores

50% of 2017 Seniors took the ACT; 60% met all four benchmarks

	2016	2016	2017	2017
	WHS	STATE	WHS	STATE
English	26.3	22.1	26.4	22.5
Mathematics	26.1	22.7	26.1	22.7
Reading	26.1	22.6	25.9	23.1
Science	25.3	22.1	24.9	22.2
Composite	26.1	22.6	26.0	22.8

⇒ AP Exam Results 2017

942 AP Students and 829 Scored a 3 or higher on one or more exams

Test Title	Total	#>2	%>2
Art History	80	61	76%
Biology	91	86	95%
Calculus AB	58	51	88%
Calculus BC	64	61	95%
Calculus BC (AB Sub)	64	63	99%
Chemistry	40	30	75%
Chinese Language	17	16	94%
Computer Science A	73	63	86%
Computer Sci Prin	22	21	95%
English Language	142	138	97%
English Literature	161	147	91%
Environ Science	111	100	90%
European History	204	173	85%
French Language	7	4	57%
Human Geography	107	95	89%
Micro Economics	190	160	84%
Physics 2	46	39	85%
Physics C Mech	99	82	85%
Psychology	192	179	93%
Spanish Language	61	61	100%
Statistics	122	87	71%
Studio Art Drawing	6	6	100%
Art: 2-D Design	7	3	43%
Art: 3-D Design	14	8	57%
US Gov't & Pol	71	43	61%
US History	110	106	96%
2017 TOTALS	2105	1852	86%
2016 TOTALS	2258	1987	88%
2015 TOTALS	2234	1943	87%
2014 TOTALS	2191	1829	83%
2013 TOTALS	2128	1808	85%

⇒ 2017 AP Awards **

AP Scholars 126

Grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams

AP Scholars w/ Honor 71

Avg. grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams & grade of 3 or higher on 4+ exams

AP Scholars w/ Distinction 237

Avg. grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams & grades of 3 or higher on 5+ exams

National AP Scholars 83

Avg. grade of at least 4 on all AP exams & grades of 4 or higher on 8+ exams

****59% of our graduated seniors earned a 3 or higher on at least one AP Exam**

⇒ Honors/AP Courses

<u>English</u>	English 9 Honors English 10 Honors AP English Lang/Comp AP English Lit/Comp
<u>World Language</u>	AP Spanish Language AP French Language AP Chinese Language
<u>Mathematics</u>	Geometry Honors Algebra 2 Honors Math Analysis Honors Computer Sci Ind Proj Honors AP Statistics AP Calculus AP Computer Science AP Computer Principles
<u>Science</u>	Biology Honors Chemistry Honors Physiology Honors H Enviro Field Studies ROP Advanced Anatomy Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics 2 AP Physics C (Mech) AP Environmental Science
<u>Social Science</u>	AP European History AP United States History AP Gov't & Politics, U.S. AP MicroEconomics AP Human Geography AP Psychology H Comparative Religions H Current World Issues
<u>Art</u>	AP Art Portfolio/2-D AP Art History AP Art Drawing AP Ceramics
<u>Performing Arts</u>	Chamber Orchestra H H Stage Production ROP Vocal Ensemble H Wind Ensemble H

Total of Honors/AP = 41

Co-Curricular Classes

Full Athletic Program (24 varsity sports)
Full Band and Orchestra Program
Full Choir Program
Full Theater Program
Academic Decathlon
Dance Team
Journalism 1CP & Advanced Journalism
Mock Trial
Spirit Cheer
Journalism Design/ Yearbook
Associated Student Government
Academic Peer Mentor

Enrollment by Grade:

	2017/2018 school year	
9th grade	530	
10th grade	557	
11th grade	557	
12th grade	509	Approximately 13% of our students live outside the district attendance areas and desire to attend on permit
Total Students	2154	

Post-Graduate Destinations

36% Attending 2 year colleges
 57% Attending 4 year colleges*
 1% Attending Trade/Technical College
 1% Joining the Armed Forces
 5% Undecided/Employed
 93% WHS seniors attending some form of college

*Of those students attending 4 year colleges, 25% are attending University of California/California State University schools

2016-17 Enrollment Data

Less than 1.0% American Indian
 34.7% Asian
 22.2% Hispanic or Latino
 Less than 1.0% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 Less than 2.0% Filipino
 3.5% Black or African American
 56.6% White
 3.8% Two or more Races
 6.0% Students with Disabilities
 6.0% English Language Learners
 6.0% Free & Reduced Lunch

The Class of 2015, 2016, 2017– Attending These Fine Institutions

ALL UC Campuses	Florida State University	Penn Sylvania State University	Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst
ALL CSU Campuses	Fordham University	Pepperdine University	University of Miami
Academy of Art University	George Brown College	Pierce College	University of Michigan
Adrian College	George Washington University	Pitzer College	University of Minnesota
American Academy of Dramatic Arts	Georgia Inst. Of Technology	Point Loma Nazarene	University of Mississippi
American University	Glendale Community College	Pratt Institute	University of Missouri, Columbia
Arizona State University	Gonzaga University	Princeton University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Art Center College of Design	Grand Canyon University	Purdue University	Univ. Of Nevada, Reno
Art Institute	Grossmont College	Queen's University	University of New Mexico
Auburn University	Harvard University	Rhodes College	University of North Carolina
Aurora University	Harvey Mudd College	Rice University	University of North Dakota
Azusa Pacific University	Hofstra University	Ringling College of Art & Design	University of North Texas
Babson College	Idaho State University	Rochester Inst. of Technology	Univ. of Northern Colorado
Baldwin Wallace University	Illinois Institute of Technology	Saddleback College	University of Notre Dame
Barnard College	Indiana University	Saint Mary's College of CA	University of Oregon
Baylor University	Jacksonville University	Salisbury University	University of Oxford
Biola University	Johns Hopkins University	Salt Lake CC	University of Pennsylvania
Boise State University	Johnson & Wales	San Diego Mesa College	University of Portland
Boston University	Juniata College	Santa Barbara City College	University of Puget Sound
Bradley University	King's College London	Santa Clara University	University of Redlands
Brandeis University	Lafayette College	Santa Monica College	University of Rhode Island
Brewster Academy	Laguna College of Art & Design	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Rochester
Brigham Young University	Lehigh University	Savannah College of A&D	University of San Diego
Brown University	Lewis & Clark College	School of the Art Institute Chicago	University of San Francisco
Bucknell University	Los Angeles Valley College	Scripps College	University of South Carolina
California Aeronautical University	Loyola Marymount University	Seattle Pacific University	University of Southern California
California Baptist University	Loyola University Chicago	Seattle University	University of Tampa
CA College of the Arts	Marist College	Siena College	Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville
California Institute of the Arts	Marquette University	Simi Valley Adult Ed	University of Texas, Austin
California Institute of Technology	Massachusetts College of P&H	Simmons College	University of the Pacific
California Lutheran University	Massachusetts Inst. Of Tech.	Southeastern University	University of Toronto
CA Northstate University	Michigan State University	Southern Methodist University	University of Utah
Carnegie Mellon University	Monmouth University	Southern Utah University	University of Washington
Cerro Coso Community College	Montana State University	Stanford University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Chaminade University of Honolulu	Monterey Peninsula College	Syracuse University	US Air Force Academy
Chapman University	Moorpark College	Taft College	US Merchant Marine Academy
Citrus College	Mt. San Antonio College	Technische Universitat Munchen	Utah Valley University
Claremont McKenna College	National Taiwan University	Texas A&M University	Vanderbilt University
Clemson University	Newmont University	Texas Christian University	Vanguard University
College of Saint Benedict	New Mexico Military Inst..	The New School Eugene Lang	Vassar College
College of Southern Nevada	The New School	Trinity University	Ventura College
College of the Canyons	NY Conservatory for Dram. Arts	Tulane University	Victoria University of Wellington
College of the Holy Cross	NY Film Academy	Universal Technical Inst. of CA	Victor Valley College
Colorado Mesa University	New York University	University of Alabama	Villanova University
Colorado School of Mines	North Carolina State Univ.	University of Arizona	Wagner College
Colorado State University	Northeastern University	University of Arkansas	Washington & Lee University
Columbia College Hollywood	Northern Arizona University	University of British Columbia	Washington State University
Columbia University	Norwalk Community College	University of Chicago	Washington University in St. Louis
Concordia University, Montreal	Oberlin College of Arts & Science	University of Colorado, Boulder	Weber State University
Cornell University	Ohio Northern University	Univ. of Colorado, Colorado Springs	Western Kentucky University
Cornish College of the Arts	Ohio State University	Univ. of Colorado, Denver	Western Washington Univ.
Creighton University	Ohio University	University of Connecticut	Westmont College
Cuesta College	Oklahoma State University	University of Delaware	Whitworth University
Dartmouth College	Orange Coast College	University of Denver	William Paterson University of NJ
DePaul University	Orange County CC	University of Findlay	Williams College
Dixie College	Oregon Institute of Technology	University of Georgia	Yale University
Dixie State University	Oregon State University	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Yeshiva University
Drexel University	Otis College of Art & Design	University of Illinois	
Duke University	Oxnard College	University of Kansas	
Emerson College	Palananui Community College	University of La Verne	
FIDM	Pasadena CC	University of Manchester	
Florida Atlantic University	Patrick Henry College	University of Maryland	
	Peninsula College		