



**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Crash Course:  
Westlake High School 101**

# Student Services Department

## Administration

Cecelia Johnson, Curriculum Assistant Principal

## Counselor Caseload

A – Da	Mr. Grissom (10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Counselor)
Db– I	Dr. Ford (9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Counselor)
J – O	Ms. Harrison (11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Counselor)
P – R	Mrs. Jackson (Lead Counselor)
S – Z	Mrs. Perry (12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Counselor)



# The Counselor's Role



# How can I meet with my Counselor?

- Before school from **7:50 – 8:20**
- During lunch period
- Afterschool from **3:35 – 3:50**
- Students may also complete the counselor meeting request form (located at Ms. Morgan's desk) to contact the counselor.



# Graduation Requirements

- 4 units of ENGLISH
- 4 units of MATHEMATICS
- 4 units of SCIENCE
- 3 units of SOCIAL STUDIES
- 1 unit of PHYSICAL EDUCATION:
- ½ unit HEALTH & ½ unit PERSONAL FITNESS
- 3 units in WORLD LANGUAGE, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION and/or FINE ARTS
- 4 units of additional ELECTIVES



# Typical 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

## On Level Schedule

Environ Science

9<sup>th</sup> Literature

GSE Algebra

American Govern/Health

Pathway Elective

Elective

Elective

## Honors Schedule

Biology Honors

9th Literature Honors/World Li Honors

Accelerated GSE Algebra/Geometry H

AP Government

Health

Pathway Elective

Elective

Elective



# Grading

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Grades are calculated using a system of averages

**Example:** 8th English

Semester I – 60

Semester II – 80

**Yearly Average – 70**

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Grades are NOT averaged
- Each semester counts separately

**Example:** 9th English

Semester I – 60

Semester II – 80

**NO AVERAGE...student will have to repeat a semester if a passing grade is not earned**



# Promotion/Retention Policy

- To be promoted to 10<sup>th</sup> grade – 5 credits
- To be promoted to 11<sup>th</sup> grade – 11 credits
- To be promoted to 12<sup>th</sup> grade – 17 credits





# School Clubs

## Artistic Pride

- Beta Club
- Debate Team
- Earth Tomorrow
- Fashion and Design
- Latin Club
- Last Poets Society
- Robotics Club

- FBLA
- HOSA
- JROTC
- National Art Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- Chorus
- Dance Team
- Mane Event Hype Squad
- Marching Band
- Orchestra
- Step Team



# Success at Westlake

- Select appropriate classes – BALANCE!
- Complete homework and class assignments
- Be organized, and keep an agenda
- Seek help when needed
- Study consistently
- Get involved and make connections with Westlake's programs, staff, and students

