12TH GRADE
DESTINATION
GRADUATION
GUIDANCE LESSON

Westlake Guidance Department
STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Vacant (College Advisor)
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Mrs. Grissom, Records Coordinator
Ms. Griswold, Data Clerk
DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Graduation Requirements
- Life After High School
- HOPE Scholarship
- What are colleges looking for?
- Entrance Exams (SAT/ACT)
- Importance of Rigor
- College Application Process
- Scholarships
- NCAA
- Parchment
- FVCR/FVS Deadlines
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation Requirements

4 English
4 Math
4 Science
3 Social Studies
3 Fine Arts/Foreign Language/Career Tech
1/2 Personal Fitness
1/2 General Health
4 Elective
PLAN FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL...

Post-Secondary Options can include:

❖ 4-year college or university
❖ 2-year college
❖ Technical school
❖ Military
❖ Work
**POST SECONDARY PLAN – CLASS OF 2017 (SELF REPORTED)**

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HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

❖ HOPE Scholarship

Students must graduate from high school with a GPA of 3.0 in CORE classes (Math, Science, Social Studies, ELA, For. Lang.)

Pays a percentage of the standard TUITION charges

Middle school courses not counted

7pts removed from honors, AP and college level courses

Additional .5 granted for all AP and IB courses only

❖ Zell Miller Scholar Program

Graduate from high school with a GPA of 3.7

At least a 1200 SAT score (combined reading/math) or at least a 26 ACT score

Pays 100% of tuition (Covers full standard-rate tuition at a public college or university. Covers $4,000 per academic year at a private college or university)

❖ Hope Grant

Used for Technical Schools

Tuition, fees, & $300 book allowance

No GPA requirement
HOPE RIGOR

Students must earn at least 4.0 credits in courses from the following categories:

- **Advanced foreign language courses** (includes 2nd and 3rd year of a language);
- **Advanced math**, such as **GSE Algebra 2, GSE Pre-Calculus**
- **Advanced science**, such as **Chemistry, Physics**
- **Advanced Placement courses** in core subjects (English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language)
- **Dual Enrollment courses** in Core Subjects;
- **International Baccalaureate** courses in core subjects

For a full list of courses, visit:

WHAT COLLEGES ARE LOOKING FOR?

▪ Grades (Numeric Grade Average /NGA)
▪ SAT / ACT Score
▪ Rigorous High School Courses
▪ Co-Curricular Activities
  Leadership Activities
  Community Service
▪ Special Talent (Band, Chorus, Sport, etc.)
# Importance of Rigor

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COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Application – online
- Test Scores *(Counselors DO NOT send test scores. They must be sent by the testing agency).*
- Transcripts *(MUST be requested through Parchment)*
- Counselor Recommendations and/or School Report *(Please allow 10 business days for the counselor to complete the requested documents)*
- Teacher Recommendations *(if required)*
- Essay *(if required)*
STUDENT/PARENT ROLE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

❖ Submit the application online, directly to the college or university.
❖ Send SAT and/or ACT scores directly from the testing agency via their website.
❖ Turn in a completed Senior Resume to your counselor at least 2 weeks prior to needing a letter of recommendation.
❖ Request transcripts through Parchment
❖ Request recommendations (if required) at least 2 weeks in advance
❖ Adhere to requested deadlines:
  ❖ 2/3 day notice for paper transcripts ($3.00 per transcript)
  ❖ 2 weeks notice for letter of recommendation and/or school report (including Common App)
APPLICATION PROCESS

❖ NCAA
❖ Student requests electronic transcript via Parchment to be sent to NCAA site.
❖ Common Application
❖ SENDedu
SCHOLARSHIP

How can I find out about scholarships?

☐ Online resources

☐ Never pay for a company or website to research scholarships for you, this is a scam!

☐ Westlake Student Services website, many applications are links on the page for quick access

☐ College Advisor (Vacant)

☐ College/University websites

☐ Your (and/or your parents’) workplace

☐ Remind Me
# How Can I Ask for Help?

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