9th Grade Crash Course: Westlake High School 101
Student Services Department

Administration
Cecelia Johnson, Curriculum Assistant Principal

Counselor Caseload

A – Da  Mr. Grissom (10th Grade Activity Counselor)
Db– I  Dr. Ford (9th Grade Activity Counselor)
J – O  Ms. Harrison (11th Grade Activity Counselor)
P – R  Mrs. Jackson (Lead Counselor)
S – Z  Mrs. Perry (12th 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 TECHINAL EDUCATION and/or FINE ARTS
- 4 units of additional ELECTIVES
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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 10th grade – 5 credits
• To be promoted to 11th grade – 11 credits
• To be promoted to 12th 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