

# HARVARD-WESTLAKE SCHOOL



## PROFILE 2009-2010

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### DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL

An independent college preparatory day school with grades seven through twelve, Harvard-Westlake School is the result of a merger between the Harvard School (for boys) founded in 1900 and the Westlake School for Girls established in 1904. Harvard-Westlake School draws its student body from the diverse communities of Los Angeles County and is located on two campuses: the Middle School, serving grades seven through nine, is located in Los Angeles; the Upper School with grades ten through twelve is located in North Hollywood. The school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

### ENROLLMENT

Upper School: 867 (Senior Class: 281)  
Middle School: 727  
Total: 1594

### COUNSELING PHILOSOPHY

The system of counseling at Harvard-Westlake reflects the school's commitment to holistic counseling. At the beginning of the sophomore year, students are assigned to one of nine Upper School Deans who, over the next three years, advises and counsels the student in all academic and social matters, including college counseling.

### FACULTY

199 full-time teaching faculty, of whom 115 hold masters degrees and 24 hold doctoral degrees.

### GRADING SYSTEM AND RANKING POLICY

AP and Honors course grades are given an extra point when calculating a grade point average. Grade point averages can be furnished upon request.

**Harvard-Westlake School does not rank its students.**

### SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The Harvard-Westlake school year includes two semesters of approximately eighteen weeks. Each day is divided into eight 45-minute periods. Most classes meet four times weekly; all laboratory classes meet at least five times a week.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Harvard-Westlake offers 27 Advanced Placement courses. Enrollment is contingent upon departmental approval and the students are required to take the AP exam.

**In 2009, 582 students took 1,800 AP examinations.**

<b>43%</b>	<b>of the tests were scores of 5</b>
<b>33%</b>	<b>of the tests were scores of 4</b>
<b>17%</b>	<b>of the tests were scores of 3</b>

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Senior Independent Study allows seniors and faculty mentors an opportunity to work in an area of common interest. Independent study projects are designed by students; the projects are evaluated by the faculty mentors and a faculty/administrative committee.

Harvard-Westlake students may study in France, Spain, India Italy, and China with the School Year Abroad Program, the Mountain School in Veshire, VT, or the High Mountain Institute in Leadville, CO.

### DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY

Harvard-Westlake reports to colleges and other educational programs major disciplinary measures taken against a student whose infraction involves a serious breach of community standards or a potentially harmful pattern of behavior. Major disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to, suspensions and expulsions occurring while the student is enrolled in grades nine through twelve. Harvard-Westlake also reports major cases of academic dishonesty occurring in the twelfth grade. The school letter of recommendation addresses issues that meet these criteria.

# CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## CLASS OF 2010

The curriculum is strictly college preparatory. The course of study covers six years. Students are expected to carry no fewer than five academic subjects during each semester. All students are required to participate in the physical education program and to complete an arts and health/human development requirement. In addition, through Harvard-Westlake's Community Service Program, students perform service in the school and the community each year.

<b>ENGLISH – 4 years</b>	
English I: The Classical Literary Tradition	
English II: Themes in British Literature	
English III: Living America	
English III Honors: American Studies	
Shakespeare	
Creative Writing	
<b>AP English IV Language and Composition: Barriers and Bridges</b>	
<b>AP English IV Literature and Composition: In Search of Self</b>	

<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE – 3 years</b>	
Chinese I, II, III, IV	<b>AP Chinese Language</b>
Chinese III Honors, IV Honors	<b>AP French Language</b>
French I, II, III, IV, V: Culture and Communication	<b>AP French Literature</b> <b>(French Literature Honors)</b>
French III Honors	<b>AP Latin: Vergil</b>
Japanese I, II, III, IV, IV Honors	<b>AP Latin Literature</b>
Latin I, II, III, IV, V, VI	<b>(Latin Literature Honors)</b>
Latin III Honors	<b>AP Spanish Language</b>
Spanish I, II, III, IV, V: Hispanic Studies	<b>AP Spanish Literature</b> <b>Post-AP Spanish Literature</b>
Spanish III Honors	

<b>MATHEMATICS – 3 YEARS</b>	
Algebra I, II, The Fundamentals	Directed Study: Number Theory
Algebra II: Honors	Intro to Calculus Honors
Geometry, Geometry Honors	Adv. Seminar in Mathematics Honor
Mathematical Analysis Honors	<b>AP Statistics</b>
Precalculus: Trig and Functions	<b>AP Economics</b>
Precalculus	<b>AP Calculus AB</b>
Precalculus Honors - 10	<b>AP Calculus BC-11, BC 12</b>

<b>SCIENCE – 2 years</b>	
Astronomy	Studies in Scientific Research
Chemistry, Honors Chemistry	<b>AP Biology</b>
Genetics and Biotechnology	<b>AP Chemistry</b>
Geology, Honors Geology	<b>AP Environmental Science</b>
Human Anatomy and Physiology	<b>AP Physics B</b>
Meteorology	<b>AP Physics C: Mechanics</b>
Oceanography	<b>AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism</b>
Physics	
Sound & Acoustics	

<b>SOCIAL STUDIES - 3 years</b>	
American Popular Culture	World Politics
Current Topics (American History)	<b>AP Geography</b>
History & Art of Modern Europe and The World	<b>AP History of Art</b>
Assimilation and Conflict in Modern America	<b>AP US Government &amp; Politics</b>
United States History	<b>AP US History</b>
The World & Europe II	<b>AP World History</b>
	<b>AP Comparative Government and Politics</b>

<b>THE ARTS – 1 year</b>	
<b>Visual Arts:</b>	
Ceramics	3-D Art
Advanced Ceramics I, II	Sculpture
Adv. Drawing and Painting: The History & Art of Europe & World	Advanced Sculpture
Adv. Photography I, II, III	Adv. Drawing and Painting II, III
Advanced Video Art I, II	Video Art
Advanced Glass	Cinema Studies I, II
Art History Studio	<b>AP Drawing and Design</b>
The Art of the Book	<b>AP Studio Art: Drawing</b>
	<b>AP History of Art</b>
<b>Performing Arts:</b>	
The Art of Dance I, II	Adv. Dance I: Choreography
Adv. Dance II: Performance and Production	Ballet
The Actor and the Stage I, II	Advanced Dance Seminar
Adv. Performance Studies	Adv. Acting and Directing
Technical Theater I, II	Introduction to Design of Theatrical Costume I, II
Bel Canto	Wolverine Chorus
HW Jazz Singers	Chamber Singers
Sight Singing (Tutorial)	Voice Class (Tutorial)
Symphony	Concert Strings
Studio Jazz band	Jazz Band
Jazz Rhythm Section	Jazz Ensemble
Music Tutorial	Fundamentals and Perspectives in Music in the Art Tradition:
An Aural Exploration	<b>AP Music Theory</b>
Wind Ensemble	

<b>HUMANITIES</b>
Psychology
Ethics: Philosophical Traditions & Everyday Moral Issues
Women's/Gender Studies
The Self and Spirit

<b>COMPUTER SCIENCE</b>
Introduction to Programming
Web Design
Advanced Topics in Computer Science Honors
Design and Data Structures Honors
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science AB

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>
Journalism, Intermediate Newspaper Journalism
Advanced Newspaper Journalism
Advanced Newspaper Journalism: Editors
Yearbook Journalism, Intermediate Yearbook Journalism
Advanced Yearbook Journalism
Advanced Yearbook Journalism: Editors

# CLASS OF 2010 STATISTICS

## DISTRIBUTION OF ALL GRADES IN ACADEMIC COURSES THAT ENROLLED JUNIORS

Course	A	B	C	D
Cinema Studies	66	13	-	-
AP Music Theory	9	3	-	-
English III: Living in America	36	92	1	-
English III Honors	63	85	1	-
Creative Writing	17	2	-	-
Shakespeare	25	3	1	-
Chinese III	3	3	1	-
Chinese III Honors	9	3	1	-
Chinese IV Honors	9	5	1	-
French III	6	11	0	1
French III Honors	16	14	-	-
French IV	9	6	1	-
AP French Language	13	13	-	-
AP French Literature	6	7	-	-
Japanese II	8	2	1	-
Japanese III	5	5	-	-
Latin III	6	9	2	-
Latin III Honors	19	7	-	-
Latin IV	4	12	-	-
AP Latin: Vergil	13	11	1	-
AP Latin: Literature	7	5	-	-
Spanish III	20	78	19	1
Spanish III Honors	21	32	1	-
Spanish IV	29	23	0	1
AP Spanish Language	27	44	-	-
AP Spanish Literature	6	10	1	-
Precalculus: Trig & Functions	40	46	7	1
Precalculus	41	52	3	-
Introduction to Calculus Honors	29	27	1	-
AP Calculus BC	31	41	-	2

Course	A	B	C	D
Adv. Seminar in Mathematics Honors	22	-	-	-
AP Computer Science A	15	8	-	-
AP Computer Science AB	14	7	1	-
Adv. Topics in Computer Sci. Honors	11	3	-	-
Human Anatomy & Physiology	19	29	4	-
Genetics & Biotechnology	9	10	1	-
AP Biology	52	83	6	-
Chemistry	101	84	10	1
AP Chemistry	17	12	1	-
Physics	13	28	14	1
AP Physics B	36	66	11	-
AP Physics C: Mechanics	22	11	1	-
AP Physics C: E & M	10	8	1	-
Astronomy	6	12	2	-
Sound And Acoustics	4	5	-	-
Electronics	6	2	1	-
Geology Honors	4	4	3	-
AP Environmental Science	29	61	11	-
Oceanography & Marine Biology	13	12	5	1
United States History	41	100	7	-
AP United States History	51	78	-	-
AP World History	8	36	3	-
AP Geography	35	36	7	1
Assimilation and Conflict	11	11	1	-
Current Topics in American Hist.	10	3	1	-
World Politics	9	5	1	-
Ethics: Philosophical Traditions	8	1	-	-
Psychology	50	17	8	1
The Self and Spirit	24	1	-	-

## STANDARDIZED TESTING RESULTS

Average SAT Reasoning: CR 671 M 692 WR 691 Average ACT Composite: 29.2

National Merit Recognition • 42 Semi-Finalists • 72 Letters of Commendation  
 National Achievement Recognition • 1 Semi-Finalists • 8 Outstanding Participants  
 National Hispanic Recognition • 8 Scholars • 3 Honorable Mentions

## SCHOOLWIDE AP EXAMINATION RESULTS - May 2009

SUBJECT AREA	NUMBER OF STUDENTS TESTED	# WHO SCORED 5	# WHO SCORED 4	# WHO SCORED 3	# WHO SCORED 2	# WHO SCORED 1
AP English	331	114	134	57	15	11
AP Foreign Language	165	72	61	28	4	-
AP Social Science	598	215	199	126	42	16
AP Math	243	162	60	17	3	1
AP Music Theory	13	2	2	5	3	1
AP Science	431	223	128	55	18	7
AP Studio Art	8	2	2	3	1	-

# COLLEGES ATTENDED BY THE CLASS OF 2005-2009

The first column indicates the number of students who matriculated from the Class of 2009, and the second column indicates the number of students who matriculated over the past five years.

College	Class of '09	5 Yr. Total
American University	2	3
Amherst College	6	12
Arizona State	1	1
Babson College	0	1
Bard College	0	8
Barnard College	5	13
Bates College	0	1
Beloit College	0	1
Boston College	3	14
Boston University	3	20
Bowdoin College	1	1
Brandeis University	2	3
Brigham Young University	0	1
Brown University	5	46
Bryn Mawr College	0	3
Bucknell University	0	5
Cal Arts	1	3
Cal Lutheran	0	1
Cal Poly Pomona	1	1
Cal State U. Los Angeles	1	1
Cal Tech	0	1
Cambridge University	0	1
Carleton College	1	4
Carnegie Mellon University	0	4
Case Western Reserve	0	1
Chapman University	0	1
Claremont McKenna	0	5
Clark University	0	1
Colby College	1	2
Colgate University	3	7
College of the Desert	0	1
College of the Holy Cross	0	1
Colorado College	1	1
Columbia College Chicago	1	1
Columbia University	8	59
Cooper Union	0	2
Cornell University	6	34
Dartmouth College	4	16
Davidson College	2	6
Deep Springs College	0	2
DigiPen Inst. of Technology	0	1
Duke University	1	10
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.	1	1
Emerson College	0	5
Emory University	0	8
Eugene Lang College	0	2
Fashion Institute of Design	0	1
Fashion Inst. Of Technology	0	1
Fordham University	0	1
George Washington University	4	17
Georgetown University	2	14
Grinnell College	0	1
Harvard University	8	28

College	Class of '09	5 Yr. Total
Haverford College	1	4
Harvey Mudd College	1	2
Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem	0	1
Illinois Inst. of Technology	0	1
Imperial College of London	0	1
Indiana University	3	13
Johns Hopkins University	1	9
Kenyon College	8	19
Lawrence University	0	2
Lehigh University	0	5
Loyola Marymount U.	0	4
Macalester College	0	2
Maryland Inst. College of Art	0	1
MIT	1	9
McGill University	0	1
Middlebury College	1	6
Morehouse College	1	2
New York University	20	75
Northeastern University	0	1
Northwestern University	10	37
Oberlin College	1	2
Occidental College	0	2
Otis College of Art & Design	1	1
Oxford University	1	3
Parsons School of Design	0	1
Pasadena City College	1	1
Pepperdine University	1	3
Pitzer College	0	3
Pomona College	1	8
Pratt Institute	0	1
Princeton University	3	31
Reed College	2	5
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	0	1
Rhode Island School of Design	0	3
Rice University	0	4
San Jose State University	0	1
Santa Clara University	0	3
Santa Monica College	1	2
Sarah Lawrence College	1	5
School of Art Institute Chicago	0	1
Scripps College	0	1
Seton Hall University	1	1
Siena College	0	1
Skidmore College	0	2
Smith College	1	1
Southern Methodist University	3	9
Spelman College	0	2
St. John's College, Santa Fe	0	1
Stanford University	13	60
Swarthmore College	1	3
Texas Christian University	0	1
Trinity College - Connecticut	0	4
Trinity University	1	1

College	Class of '09	5 Yr. Total
Tufts University	2	21
Tulane University	1	3
University of Alabama	0	1
University of Arizona	0	7
U. of British Columbia	0	2
UC Berkeley	7	37
UC Davis	2	9
UC Irvine	1	3
UC Los Angeles	7	26
UC Riverside	0	1
UC San Diego	0	17
UC Santa Barbara	3	18
UC Santa Cruz	2	12
University of Chicago	4	12
University of Colorado	0	3
University of Illinois	0	1
University of Massachusetts	0	1
University of Miami	1	4
University of Michigan	8	48
University of Missouri - Kansas City	0	1
University of North Carolina	1	3
University of Nevada - Las Vegas	0	1
University of Oregon	1	2
University of Paris - Sorbonne	1	1
University of Pennsylvania	14	75
University of Puget Sound	0	1
University of Redlands	0	2
University of Richmond	0	1
University of Rochester	1	1
University of San Diego	1	2
University of San Francisco	1	1
USC	39	136
USC - Medical	0	2
University of Texas	0	2
University of Vermont	0	2
University of Virginia	1	6
University of Washington	1	3
University of Wisconsin	4	12
US Air Force Academy	1	1
US Military Academy	1	2
US Naval Academy	0	1
Vanderbilt University	1	9
Vassar College	1	8
Wake Forest	0	1
Washington State University	0	1
Washington University, St. Louis	10	38
Wellesley College	2	5
Wesleyan University	5	16
Wheaton College	0	1
Whittier College	0	1
William and Mary	0	4
Williams College	1	7
Yale University	8	53