

2022-2023 PROFILE



HARVARD
WESTLAKE
S C H O O L

UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY / DEANS

Richard B. Commons
President and Head of School

Laura Ross
Associate Head of School

Beth Slattery
Head of Upper School

Jonathan Wimbish
Head of Middle School

Celso Cárdenas - ccardenas@hw.com

Jamie Chan - jchan@hw.com

Sharon Cuseo - scuseo@hw.com

Erik DeAngelis - edeangelis@hw.com

Adam Howard - ahoward@hw.com

Chris Jones - cjones@hw.com

Nia Kilgore - nkilgore@hw.com

Sara Miranda - smiranda@hw.com

Teneice Wesson - twesson@hw.com

Coordinators of the Deans' Office:

Camille da Santos cdasantos@hw.com • **Lynn Miller** - lmiller@hw.com

UPPER SCHOOL

3700 Coldwater Canyon Avenue, Studio City, California 91604
(818) 487-6525 • CEEB Code 052159

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL

An independent college preparatory day school for 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 Studio City. The school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

ENROLLMENT:

874

UPPER SCHOOL
(Senior Class: 291)

763

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1637 TOTAL

COUNSELING PHILOSOPHY

Harvard-Westlake is committed to **holistic counseling**. At the beginning of the sophomore year, each student is assigned to one of nine Upper School Deans who, over the next three years, advises the student in academic matters and counsels the student in the college application process.

210

FULL-TIME
TEACHING FACULTY

of whom **134** hold masters degrees
and **33** hold doctoral degrees.

GRADING SYSTEM AND RANKING POLICY

Harvard-Westlake School reports unweighted grade point averages on official transcripts.

Harvard-Westlake School does not rank its students.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The Harvard-Westlake school year includes **two semesters** of approximately **eighteen weeks each**. Harvard-Westlake operates on a block schedule, with most classes meeting every other day within a **six-day cycle**.

REMOTE LEARNING GRADING POLICY

When Harvard-Westlake moved to remote learning in March 2020, in response to the COVID pandemic, we determined that, because students had completed three of four academic quarters and because our year-long grades are cumulative, teachers would be able to issue year-end letter grades that reflected their students' accomplishments. Students returned to full-day, in-person learning in August 2021.

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Harvard-Westlake offers 2 Advanced courses (within the Mathematics Department), 29 Honors courses, and 25 Advanced Placement courses. Advanced, Honors and AP designations all denote high-rigor courses that require departmental approval. Some departments offer post-AP courses that are considered honors courses (see below). Beginning with the Class of 2022, there are AP maximums designed to encourage students toward a healthy workload balance and toward our wide variety of elective course options. **Tenth graders may take up to 2 AP courses, eleventh graders may take no more than 3 AP courses, and twelfth graders may take no more than 4 AP courses.**

POST-AP COURSES

The following is a list of courses that students can take after completing AP courses in some departments; these courses are honors-level classes: Honors Senior English Seminar (AP Literature or AP Language are co-requisites), Post-AP Spanish Seminar, Honors Post-AP Chinese Literature and Culture, Honors French Literature and Arts, Honors Latin Literature, Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, Honors Design and Data Structures, and Honors Topics in Computer Science.

SPECIAL COURSE OFFERINGS

Senior Independent Study allows seniors and faculty mentors an opportunity to work together 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.

Directed Study courses allow students the opportunity to explore topics beyond our standard curricular offerings through courses that meet twice per cycle and highlight various areas of expertise within our teaching faculty.

Several courses are offered through our **Kutler Center for Interdisciplinary Studies and Independent Research**. These courses offer students opportunities for research, in-depth study, and immersion across disciplines and beyond those available in traditional offerings.

SEMESTER- AND YEAR-AWAY PROGRAMS

Harvard-Westlake students may study in France, Spain, China, and Italy with the School Year Abroad Program, in Vermont at Mountain School, in Maine at the Maine Coast Semester, in Washington DC at the School for Ethics and Global Leadership, or in Colorado at High Mountain Institute.

DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY

Harvard-Westlake reports major disciplinary measures taken against a student to any college, university, scholarship program or educational program that requests such information. Harvard-Westlake will report this information at the time of application. Major disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to, suspensions and expulsions occurring while the student is enrolled in grades nine through twelve. When such measures have been taken against a student after an initial application has been sent, Harvard-Westlake will send updated information reflecting this change in the student's status.

CURRICULUM GUIDE

To view a list of Harvard-Westlake course offerings, please click here:

<https://www.hw.com/academics/Curriculum-Guide/Course-Descriptions>

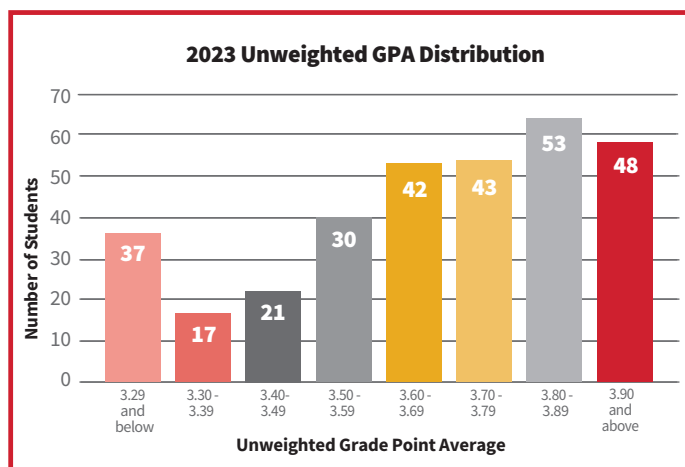
CLASS OF 2023

STATISTICS

Distribution of all Grades in Academic Sections that Enrolled Juniors

SCHOOLWIDE AP EXAMINATION RESULTS – May 2022

SUBJECT AREA	TOTAL EXAMS	AP EXAM SCORE				
		5	4	3	2	1
2-D Art and Design	26	1	11	12	2	-
Art History	2	-	1	-	1	-
Biology	11	5	4	2	-	-
Calculus AB	122	69	34	16	2	1
Calculus BC	103	75	14	12	1	1
Chemistry	30	27	2	1	-	-
Chinese Language and Culture	30	10	6	14	-	-
Computer Science A	85	46	22	14	2	1
Computer Science Principles	1	-	-	1	-	-
Drawing	17	3	9	5	-	-
English Language and Composition	50	19	18	10	2	1
English Literature and Composition	52	37	12	2	1	-
Environmental Science	93	7	49	24	13	-
European History	23	19	2	1	1	-
French Language and Culture	25	13	12	-	-	-
Human Geography	8	2	-	3	2	1
Italian Language and Culture	1	1	-	-	-	-
Japanese Language and Culture	2	2	-	-	-	-
Latin	27	7	9	9	2	-
Macroeconomics	35	9	11	4	6	5
Microeconomics	35	16	15	1	1	2
Music Theory	17	8	1	4	3	1
Physics 1	3	1	-	1	1	-
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	17	11	5	1	-	-
Physics C: Mechanics	42	24	13	4	1	-
Psychology	17	4	8	3	2	-
Spanish Language and Culture	70	31	27	11	-	1
Spanish Literature and Culture	10	5	4	1	-	-
Statistics	74	16	26	17	7	8
United States Government and Politics	29	5	2	12	7	3
United States History	138	48	53	28	7	2
World History: Modern	2	2	-	-	-	-



STANDARDIZED TESTING RESULTS

714 AVERAGE OF HIGHEST SAT CR

735 AVERAGE OF HIGHEST SAT MATH

33 5 YEAR AVERAGE OF HIGHEST ACT COMPOSITE

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

41
SEMI-FINALISTS

STATISTICS

The first column indicates the number of students who matriculated from the Class of 2022, and the second column indicates the number of students who matriculated over the past five years.

COLLEGE	CLASS OF '22	5 YR. TOTAL
American University	2	2
American University of Paris	0	5
Amherst College	3	17
Avon Old Farms Prep School (PG Year)	0	1
Babson College	0	1
Bard College	1	2
Barnard College of Columbia University	4	16
Bates College	2	5
Bennington College	0	1
Berklee College of Music	1	3
Boston College	5	14
Boston University	2	14
Bowdoin College	1	7
Brandeis University	2	3
Brigham Young University	0	2
Brown University	6	27
Bucknell University	0	3
California College of the Arts	0	1
California Institute of Technology	0	2
California Institute of the Arts	0	1
California Lutheran University	0	1
California Polytechnic State Univ Pomona	0	1
California Polytechnic State Univ San Luis Obispo	0	2
California State University Fullerton	1	1
California State University Long Beach	0	1
California State University Northridge	0	2
Carleton College	0	3
Carnegie Mellon University	2	11
Case Western Reserve University	4	8
Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design	0	1
Chapman University	0	8
Cheshire Academy (PG Year)	0	1
Claremont McKenna College	0	10
Clemson University	0	1
Colby College	1	5
Colgate University	4	25
Colorado College	1	3
Columbia University	5	28
Columbia University and Tel Aviv Univ Dual Degree Program	0	1
Columbia University-Trinity College Dublin Dual Degree	1	2
Columbia-Sciences Po Dual BA	0	1
Connecticut College	1	4
Cooper Union	0	1
Cornell University	8	39
Culinary Institute of America	1	1
Dartmouth College	3	16
Denison University	1	1
DePaul University	0	2
Duke Kunshan University	1	1
Duke University	1	14
Durham University	0	1
Eckerd College	1	1
Elon University	0	3
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach	0	1
Emerson College	0	3
Emory University	1	16
Fordham University	2	3
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	0	1
George Washington University	4	11
Georgetown University	7	32
Georgia Institute of Technology	0	1
Gonzaga University	0	2

COLLEGE	CLASS OF '22	5 YR. TOTAL
Grinnell College	1	5
Hamilton College	0	2
Harvard University	10	46
Harvey Mudd College	0	2
Haverford College	0	1
Holy Cross College	1	1
Indiana University	1	10
Jewish Theological Seminary	1	1
Johns Hopkins University	1	9
Kenyon College	4	17
King's College London	0	1
Lewis & Clark College	0	2
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College	0	1
Los Angeles Valley College	0	1
Louisiana State University Baton Rouge	0	1
Loyola Marymount University	0	5
Loyola University Maryland	1	1
Marist College	0	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2	10
McGill University	1	3
Miami University Oxford Campus	0	1
Middlebury College	0	1
Morehouse College	0	1
Muhlenberg College	0	1
New York University	12	89
Northeastern University	5	10
Northwestern University	6	22
Oberlin College	0	1
Occidental College	0	2
Oxford College of Emory University	1	6
Pace University	1	1
Parsons School of Design	1	4
Pepperdine University	1	7
Phillips Academy Andover (PG Year)	1	1
Phillips Exeter Academy (PG Year)	0	1
Pitzer College	1	4
Pomona College	1	7
Pratt Institute	0	1
Princeton University	4	19
Principia College	0	1
Purdue University	1	2
Reed College	0	3
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1	1
Rhode Island School of Design	0	1
Rice University	0	5
Richmond Intl. American University in London	0	1
Rochester Institute of Technology	0	1
Salisbury University	0	1
San Francisco State University	0	1
Santa Barbara City College	0	1
Santa Clara University	0	3
Santa Monica College	2	8
Sarah Lawrence College	0	5
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1	3
Scripps College	1	5
Skidmore College	0	2
Smith College	1	2
Southern Methodist University	4	18
Southwestern University	0	1
St. Mary's College - Moraga	0	1
Stanford University	6	28
Stevens Institute of Technology	0	1
Swarthmore College	2	6
Syracuse University	1	7
Temple University	0	1
The New School	2	3

COLLEGE	CLASS OF '22	5 YR. TOTAL
Trinity College - Connecticut	0	5
Trinity University	0	1
Tsuji Culinary Institute in Osaka	0	1
Tufts University	5	22
Tulane University	2	24
Union College	0	1
United States Military Academy	0	3
United States Military Academy Preparatory School	0	1
United States Naval Academy	0	1
University of Arizona	0	3
University of British Columbia	0	2
University of California Berkeley	8	30
University of California Davis	1	3
University of California Irvine	0	1
University of California Los Angeles	4	15
University of California San Diego	1	9
University of California Santa Barbara	2	6
University of California Santa Cruz	3	6
University of Chicago	18	68
University of Colorado at Boulder	2	12
University of Edinburgh	0	2
University of Georgia	0	1
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	0	1
University of Kentucky	0	1
University of Manchester	1	1
University of Miami	0	5
University of Michigan	11	58
University of Missouri at Columbia	0	2
University of Nevada at Las Vegas	0	1
University of Notre Dame	0	3
University of Oregon	0	4
University of Oxford	0	1
University of Pennsylvania	12	42
University of Portland	0	1
University of Redlands	2	2
University of Richmond	1	7
University of Rochester	1	1
University of San Francisco	0	1
University of Southern California	11	59
University of St Andrews	3	11
University of Texas at Austin	6	15
University of Texas Dallas	0	1
University of the Arts London	0	1
University of the District of Columbia, UDC	0	1
University of Utah	0	1
University of Virginia	0	6
University of Washington	0	3
University of Wisconsin at Madison	2	13
Vanderbilt University	2	10
Vassar College	4	8
Villanova University	1	1
Virginia Tech	0	1
Wake Forest University	0	3
Washington University - St. Louis	5	52
Wellesley College	0	6
Wesleyan University	5	18
Whitman College	0	1
William & Mary, College of	1	2
Williams College	0	10
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	1	1
Yale University	8	31