

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome New to Blue Parents!

August 2024



There's No Place Like Home!

E1

Engineering
Performing Arts
Networking
Dean Mayfield
Dean Cabral
Dean Tellez-Jack

E2

Humanities
Visual Arts
Business
Dean Gonzalez
Dean Johnican

S2

Computer Science
Legal Studies
Graphic Design
Dean Rioux
(Anthony)
Dean Johnson
Dean Ordaz

N1

Business
&
Culinary Arts
Dean Williams
Dean Ford

N2

Futures Academy
&
Health Science
Dean Tinker
Dean Hoy
Dean Byrd-
Williams

What Do Our Deans Do?

1

**Create Student
Schedules**

2

**Work with
Teachers and
Parents to Make
Sure Students
Receive the Best
Opportunities**

3

**Offer Safe Spaces
and Advice**

4

**Handle Discipline
and Attendance
Issues**

5

**Work to Make Sure
Students
Graduate!**



WESTSIDE 24/25 BELL SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday & Friday

1st Pd	7:45 - 8:35
2nd Pd	8:40 - 9:25
3rd Pd	9:30 - 10:15
4th Pd	10:20 - 11:05
LUNCH	11:05 - 12:05
5th Pd	12:10 - 12:55
6th Pd	1:00 - 1:45
7th Pd	1:50 - 2:35
8th Pd	2:40 - 3:25

Wednesday & Thursday

1st/2nd Pd	7:45 - 9:25
3rd/4th Pd	9:30 - 11:05
LUNCH	11:05 - 12:05
5th/6th Pd	12:10 - 1:45
7th/8th Pd	1:50 - 3:25



RISE TO YOUR POTENTIAL
LEVEL UP 

Student Entry & Dismissal

- **Doors open for students to enter at 7:25 am.**
 - **Students can wait in the Commons or in the courtyard**
- **Please pick up and drop students off at the entry on Briar Home Drive near the courtyard.**
- **NO Lunch Deliveries**
- **The front entry (horseshoe) is utilized for pick up and drop off for our students with disabilities.**
- **Students that ride the bus will enter and exit through our auditorium entrance.**



DRESS CODE

What to wear:

Students must wear ID on Lanyard

Must be visible at all times

Shirts with sleeves

Any color/pattern

Must cover fully in front & back

Jeans, joggers, leggings, pants

Worn at the waist

Shorts, skirts & dresses

Length at least to mid-thigh

Jackets & Hoodies

Worn with a shirt under it, hoods down

No sleepwear

No pajamas, slippers/house shoes, blankets

No headwear

(except for religious purposes)

No hats, caps, durags, bonnets, bandanas, etc.

No revealing clothing

No tank tops, camis, low-cut tops, crop-tops,
biker shorts, sheer or tight-fitting clothing

No sunglasses

No offensive clothing/accessories

May not represent or advocate offensive or
inappropriate activities/ideologies

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Cell Phone Policy

- ☐ Cell phones must be placed in backpack throughout the entire school day.
- ☐ Cell phones are allowed during LUNCH only
- ☐ Failure to follow these guidelines will result in consequences as outlined in the student code of conduct.



NEW!



HEADPHONES PROHIBITED at SCHOOL

**Headphones
cannot be visible
at any time at school**

Daily Steps to Success



Laptop – Bring it to school every day. Fees are waived this year.



Attendance – It is important to be in class on time every day.



Email – Check school email on a regular basis in order not to miss important messages.



Teams – Download the app. Teams is another great way to communicate and receive messages from Deans.



Laptops

- Laptops are an instructional tool for all students to use.
- The \$25 has been waived.
- The Laptop Loan Agreement is available on the Westside website in in the middle of the page marked “Laptop Deployment”
- Laptop case, charger and laptop must be turned in at the end of the year.
- There is a fee for all lost/damaged items.

Power School & Parent Connect

Follow the steps below to set up a Power School account to check grades and attendance daily. It is imperative to stay in the “KNOW” regarding attendance and grades.

- From your laptop, go to hisdconnect.houstonisd.org input credentials (student ID# and password). At this time, grades and attendance will display.
- Parents may follow the steps above to create their own Power School account.
- Download the PowerSchool APP from APP store and login with your credentials. After inputting your information, grades and attendance will display.

Lunch

- Students are **NOT** allowed to order food and have it delivered.....under any circumstance.
- Only juniors and seniors have off campus lunch privileges.
- Students have an hour for lunch, so lunch should be completed or put away prior to entering class. Students are NOT allowed to eat lunch in class when they return.

Attendance is Important

- The loss of credit includes BOTH excused and unexcused absences. This means if a student has 7 or 8 excused/unexcused absences in a semester, credit will be lost for that class.

	Total Excused	Total Unexcused	Number of absences	Loss of credit?
English 4A	4	6	10	Yes

Attendance Appeals

- All attendance appeals are handled by Dean Byrd-Williams in the **North 2 Office**.
 - If a student has an NG on their transcript from previous school years, the student must retake the class for original credit.
 - After the 1st six weeks, if there an asterisk next to the grade in any class, the student will be contacted by Dean Byrd-Williams with information on attendance appeals.
- On average, more than 6 unexcused absences will cause a student to lose credit (NG) in any course. Keep in mind, being TARDY to class (unexcused) more than 10 minutes will count as an absence.
- Attendance appeal sessions will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during lunch after the 1st six weeks.

Schedules




Schedule Changes

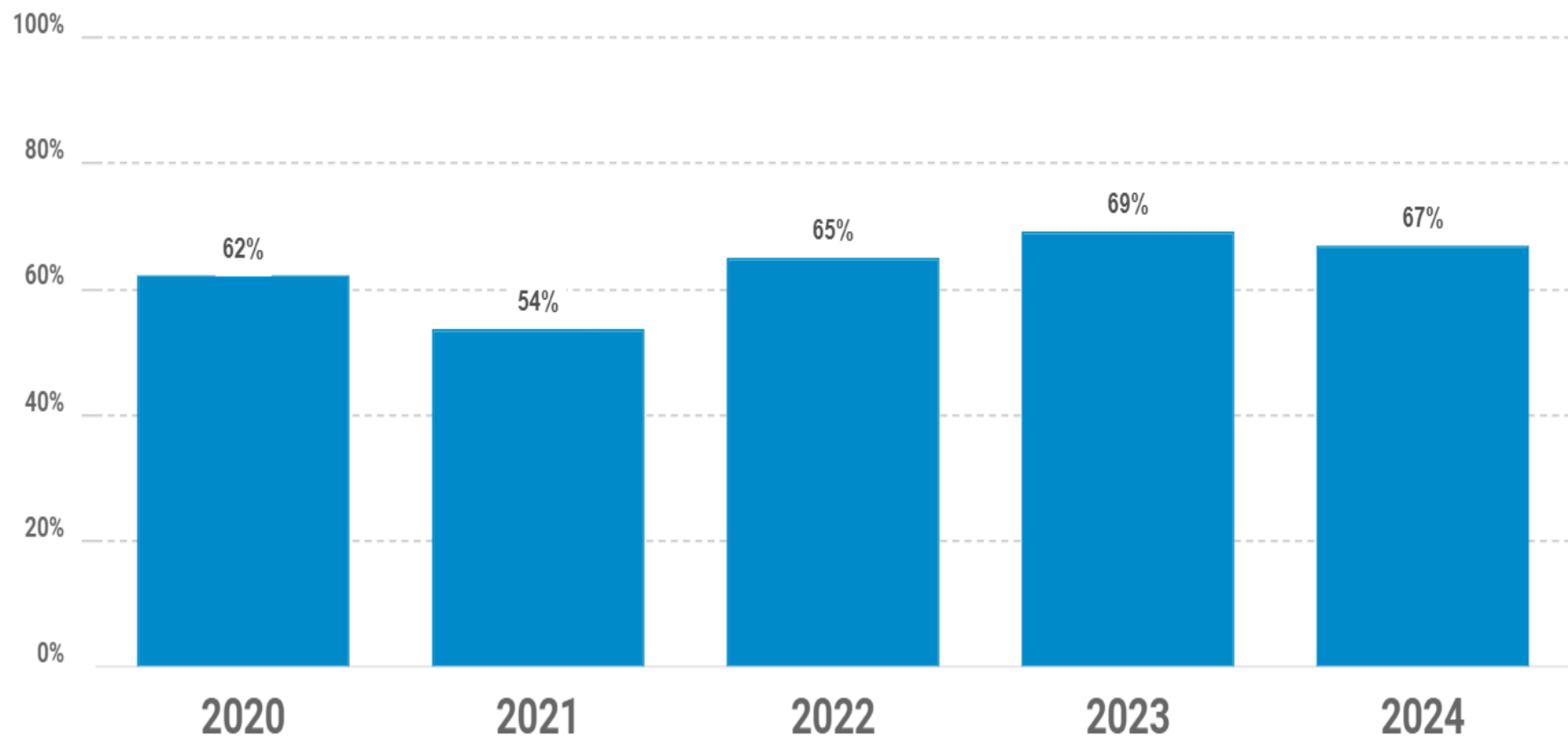
- Classes will only be change if the student is in the wrong subject, level or elective. If this occurs, students will need to inform their Dean.
- Message Dean in Teams with the name of the class to drop and the name of the class to add.
- After the 15th day of class **(August 30, 2024)** there will be NO schedule changes except for level drops.

Westside HS Data

	Approaches 2023	Approaches 2024	Meets 2023	Meets 2024	Masters 2023	Masters 2024
Algebra	70	69	26	31	08	17
English I	70	63	54	52	14	16
English II	72	74	56	59	08	08
Biology	85	88	52	58	15	21
US History	96	94	76	71	45	42

Westside HS Data

 % OF TOTAL AP STUDENTS WITH SCORES 3+



 SCHOOL SUMMARY

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total AP Students	876	784	729	867	965
Number of Exams	1,432	1,438	1,397	1,613	1,950
AP Students with Scores 3+	545	421	474	600	646
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	62.21	53.70	65.02	69.20	66.94

Finally - Westside HS ...

- Students have opportunities to participate in numerous clubs and organizations
- Westside has award winning dance teams
- We have a State Champion in Wrestling and our other athletic teams continue to thrive and represent
- Westside has amazing Fine Arts with students placing in competitions in art, band, choir, and other areas
- And we have so much more for students...

We strive to see the potential of all students realized!

Westside High School

THANK YOU!

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