

WELCOME TO WESTSIDE



Westside High School is a premier comprehensive 6A urban public high school, 4th largest high school in the Houston Independent School District. Westside's core focus has been to ensure open enrollment in all advanced academic opportunities while providing extra-curriculars steeped in the arts and athletics.

Westside's remarkable staff, involved parents and committed students come together to make Westside a wonderful place to be challenged intellectually, grow socially, and develop as independent thinkers and problem solvers. Setting high academic expectations for all students paired with high standards for teaching and learning is what drives our work every single day. Be sure to explore what Westside has to offer and you will discover Westside's many distinguishing features.

Small School/House Structure and Positive Relationships: For over 20 years, Westside has provided students with what is needed for academic success through our small school/house approach. The small school/house approach allows the deans within the houses to utilize individualized counseling and instruction. This structure along with parents as our partners, enables our students to work to their fullest potential.

Advanced Academics: Students have a plethora of rigorous course options, some available exclusively at Westside High School:

- **Pre-AP® Partner School:** Unique course frameworks with emphasis on evidence-based writing, close observation and analysis, academic conversations, shared principles, and higher order questioning.
- **Advanced Placement (AP) Course Work:** Westside boasts one of the largest AP programs in Houston with 33 course options!
- **AP Capstone™ Diploma Program** based on two yearlong AP courses: The College Board developed the AP Capstone Diploma program at the request of top tier universities, who saw a need for a systematic way for high school students to develop research skills before college.
AP Seminar and AP Research is an interdisciplinary approach to develop the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills students need for college-level work; these courses are designed to complement other AP courses that the AP Capstone student may take; eligible for 10th or 11th grade students.
- **Future's Academy of Health Science (Magnet):** Students who are passionate about a medical career field can earn an associate degree at no cost.
- **Dual Credit Options:** Additional courses such as College Algebra, English and Accounting are available.

Career Pathways: In addition to core subjects, students will choose a pathway which best reflects an occupation or profession of interest or passion. Pathways allow students to pursue academically rigorous classes, explore a range of occupations, identify professional interests, and feel empowered to make informed decisions about their education and future careers.

Extracurriculars: Being involved in at least one extracurricular activity is the Westside Way! Visual and Performing Arts programming is as extensive as it is award-winning and includes multiple options for music, dance, theatre and visual arts! Likewise, Westside boasts more than 20 competitive athletic programs and over 50 different clubs and organizations, including academic honor societies, community service clubs, UIL academics teams, plus hobby and gaming clubs.