WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Torrance Unified School District

A SCHOOL WHERE EVERY STUDENT IS EMPOWERED TO BE A WARRIOR - CREATIVITY • CHARACTER • RESILIENCE



ADMINISTRATION

Jenna Murata, Principal
Eric Spotts, Assistant Principal
Laurie Chandley, Assistant Principal
Royce Stuckey, Assistant Principal
Keita Kadono, Dean of Students
Jason Druten, Athletic Director
Sue Eriksen, Activities Director
Alyssa Ruiz, Site Supervisor

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Tiffany Garcia (A-Fi)
Lianne Lau (Fj-Lee)
Yoko Druten (Lef-Ri)
Tania Barricklow (Ro-Z)

COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELING COORDINATOR

Joshua Maldonado

Warriors create a collaborative community where all students engage in a caring and rigorous learning environment to acquire essential skills and maximize their potential to become effective contributors to society

PROGRAMS AND RECOGNITIONS

California Distinguished School
California Exemplary Program in Arts Education School
California Gold Ribbon School
U.S. Department of Education Excellence in Education Award
National Designation of Blue Ribbon School
Academic Decathlon: 2nd-Super Quiz, 4th-LA County, 9th-State (2024-25)
Speech and Debate: California State Student of the Year (2024-25), State Qualifiers
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA): State Qualifiers
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA): State Qualifiers
CIF Finals in athletic programs: Cross Country, Esports, Football, Track and Field, Wrestling
Esports Team: Fall Open Champions, CIF State Champion (2024-25)
West Torrance Robotics: First Robotics Competition LA Regional Championship team (2024-25)
School Organization and Clubs: Over 50 academic, culture, service, and special interest clubs

SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

West High School (WHS) is a comprehensive 4-year high school with an enrollment of 1,749 students in grades 9–12, along with 148 7th and 8th graders attending early morning sessions taught by 84 certificated faculty members. Thirteen percent of students are English Learners (EL) and/or Special Education students, including those in the Basic Skills program. Located in Torrance, a thriving suburban community in the South Bay area, WHS is situated near the beautiful Palos Verdes Peninsula, along the beachfront of Southwestern Los Angeles, about 17 miles southwest of the Los Angeles Civic Center. Torrance boasts a strong economy, near-perfect weather, an extensive financial sector, and a safe, secure environment. The community surrounding WHS consists of single-family homes, small businesses, and apartments. This long-standing community support has played a vital role in sustaining the school's tradition of educational excellence, fostering an environment where students can thrive academically and personally. WHS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and has regularly received six-year accreditations.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics	20 credits
Biological Science	10 credits
Physical Science	10 credits
English	40 credits
World History	10 credits
U.S. History	10 credits
U.S. Government	5 credits
Economics	5 credits
Fine Arts/ World Language	10 credits
Physical Education	20 credits
Health	5 credits
Electives	75 credits
Total Credits Required	**220 credits**

Satisfactory citizenship as evidenced by six or more semesters of composite satisfactory or composite excellent citizenship.

GRADING / CREDIT SYSTEM

Students earn five credits for each class successfully completed at the end of each semester, with credits awarded in January and June. Classes average 30 students and meet daily for 57 minutes. Grades 9–11 must take at least six classes, including A-G courses. Zero period classes offer scheduling flexibility, allowing some students to take up to seven classes per semester. Honors, AP, and some dual enrollment courses in grades 9–12 earn an extra grade point for grades C or higher. **Valedictorian class rank is based on weighted GPA.**

A composite citizenship grade is recorded each semester based on teacher evaluations.

GPA Scale:
A=4.0
B=3.0
C=2.0
D=1.0
F=0

Citizenship Grade:
E=Excellent
S=Satisfactory
U=Unsatisfactory

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HONORS COURSES

Algebra 2 Honors
Anatomy/Physiology Honors
English 1 / 2 Honors
Geometry Honors
Honors Biology: The Living Earth
Honors Chemistry of the Earth
Honors PLTW Aerospace Engineering
Honors PLTW Engineering Design & Development
Japanese 3 Honors
Korean 3 / 4 / 5 Honors
Spanish 2 / 3 Honors

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

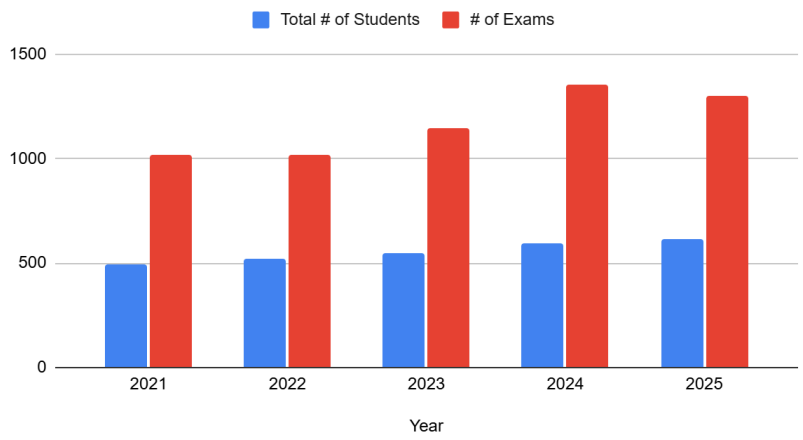
Biology
Calculus AB/BC
Chemistry
Computer Science Principles
English Language
English Literature
Environmental Science
Government
Human Geography
Japanese Language
Macroeconomics
Physics 1
Pre-Calculus
Psychology
Spanish Language
Statistics
Studio Art
US History
World History

Designated "AP" on high school transcript

Graduating Seniors Attending 4-yr / 2-yr Colleges

87%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PERFORMANCE



ON CAMPUS DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

English 1A / 1C
Child, Family, & Community
Foundations of Data Science

ADVANCED PLACEMENT QUALIFYING SCORES

Year	Score of 3 or Higher
2025	92.6%
2024	87.3%
2023	87.6%
2022	84.6%
2021	79.6%

SAT/ACT PERFORMANCE

Mean Scores (2024)	SAT	ACT
WHS	1281	29.5
State	1086	26.5
National	1024	19.4

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE - Class of 2025

Alabama State University
American University
Aoyama Gakuin University
Arizona Christian University
Arizona State University-Tempe
Art Center College of Design
Baylor University
Biola University
Brigham Young University
Cal Poly - Pomona
Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo
California State University Maritime Academy
California State University-Chico
California State University-Dominguez Hills
California State University-Fresno
California State University-Fullerton
California State University-Long Beach
California State University-Northridge
California State University-San Marcos
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
College of the Sequoias
Concordia University-Irvine
Diablo Valley College
El Camino Community College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott
Harvey Mudd College
Hosei University
Howard University
International Christian University
Keio University - GIGA program
Keiser University-Ft Lauderdale
Long Beach City College
Los Angeles Harbor College
Loyola Marymount University
Mount Saint Mary's University
Northwestern University
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Pace University
Pepperdine University
Purdue University-Main Campus
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
San Diego Mesa College
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Joaquin Valley College-Temecula
San Jose State University
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Clara University
Santa Monica College
Southern Virginia University
Spelman College
Syracuse University
Temple University Japan
The University of Alabama
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Tulane University of Louisiana
U.S. Army
University of Arizona
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-Riverside
University of California-San Diego
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Cincinnati-Main Campus
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Nevada-Las Vegas
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
University of Tsukuba
University of Utah
Waseda University
William Woods University