



WESTRIDGE SCHOOL

2022-2023 School Profile

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DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL

Westridge is an independent school for girls in Pasadena, CA, committed to educating intellectually adventurous thinkers and courageous, compassionate leaders. Inspired by our founder, who in 1913 dedicated herself to empowering girls and expanding their access to college preparatory education, today we strive to prepare young women to live lives of meaning, contribution, and impact.

The Westridge program provides challenging academics designed to foster habits of mind and character that enable students to engage with the subjects they study with depth, nuance, and balance. Immersed in an environment specifically for girls where social emotional learning (SEL) and leadership development are prioritized, Westridge students are empowered as students and young women who are comfortable being themselves, making themselves heard, and jumping headfirst into making a mark on this world.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM UPDATE: ADVANCED COURSES

This year Westridge began moving beyond the AP program with the introduction of the first four **Westridge Advanced Courses**: Crisis and Courage in Global History, Full Stack Web Development, Advanced Cultural Studies in Spanish, and Vergil: From the Underworld to Olympus.

These courses replace or supersede previous AP course offerings and represent the highest academic level possible in their respective disciplines. New Advanced Courses will be introduced each year until the final AP offerings are retired by the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

EXPANDING MEANINGFUL RIGOR

Westridge Advanced Courses are designed to inspire deeper learning in students than traditional AP and honors-level courses. Based on significant research into how girls learn best and how adolescent brains develop, these courses will capture and showcase student passions, encourage self-directed learning, and emphasize 21st century skills—creativity, curiosity, critical thinking, collaboration, problem-solving, and empathy. The curricula honor experiences and understandings beyond the classroom so students can apply and transfer their learning to the real world.

With a focus on synthesizing diverse perspectives, requiring deep disciplinary mastery, and drawing out interdisciplinary connections, Westridge Advanced Courses will be the new curricular standard in the upcoming years.

FACULTY

Westridge employs **68** faculty; **70%** hold advanced degrees, of which **13%** hold doctoral degrees.

ENROLLMENT

Full enrollment **540** Average class size **15**
High school enrollment **295** Student/faculty ratio **7:1**
Senior Class of 2022 **67**



CLASS OF 2020

Class size	63
GPA (unweighted)	3.647
GPA (weighted)	3.829
SAT EBWR*	680-740
SAT Math*	660-720
ACT*	30-34

CLASS OF 2021

Class size	74
GPA (unweighted)	3.69
GPA (weighted)	3.97
SAT EBWR*	690-780
SAT Math*	710-760
ACT*	31-35

CLASS OF 2022

Class size	67
GPA (unweighted)	3.717
GPA (weighted)	4.053
SAT EBWR*	630-700
SAT Math*	600-710
ACT*	26-31

*mid-50% range

GRADING

Grading is done on an A to F scale, plus or minus, for core course and Pass/Fail for the school's "H Block" electives. Human Development and Physical Education are not included in GPA calculations. The **unweighted GPA** is computed on A=4, D=1, plus and minus used, with no grade of A+. The **weighted GPA** includes +0.5 for Honors courses and +1.0 for AP courses taken in 10th-12th grades.

As of the 2022-2023 school year, Westridge School will not weight grades. All previously completed coursework will maintain its weighted status. Westridge does not rank.

In response to the COVID-19 health crisis, Westridge transitioned to virtual learning in mid-March with mandatory Pass/Fail in lieu of grades for Spring Semester 2020. To achieve a Pass, students earned a grade of C- or better. The Pass/Fail grades are not computed into the students' grade point averages. Our synchronous and asynchronous virtual curriculum maintained the rigor and scholarship long associated with Westridge.

NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS

In the past three years, Westridge students have been nationally recognized for several academic honors:

- 15** National Merit Finalists
- 15** National Merit Semifinalists
- 13** National Merit Commended Students

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Community Action Project This graduation requirement is an opportunity for Westridge students to demonstrate how their personal interests and passions can set the stage for deep learning and service to others. Over the course of four years, students engage in service opportunities, research issues or service organizations of interest, and develop a project proposal which will ultimately be acted upon and presented to the community.

Westridge Global Initiative Students passionate about global studies may, working with the Global Initiative Committee faculty, undertake in-depth study of a modern-day global issue through an intentional selection of classes, experiential programs, and directed service. While coursework and activities also meet core graduation requirements, students in the program build a digital portfolio of their work, present their work to the committee, and earn a special Global Initiative transcript designation.

Discovery Week This annual experiential program is closely linked to the curriculum and focused on project-based, interdisciplinary experiential learning. It strives to deepen students' awareness of their own intellectual and emotional growth as they develop and pursue new interests and passions.



	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
ENGLISH 4 Years	English I	English II	- Honors English III* - Perspectives in Literature	- AP English IV* - Perspectives in Literature
MATHEMATICS 3 Years	- Geometry - Advanced Geometry	- Algebra II - Algebra II Honors*	- Precalculus - Precalculus Honors*	- Calculus I - AP Calculus AB* - AP Calculus BC* - Statistics - AP Statistics*
CULTURAL STUDIES & HISTORY 3 Years	World Views: Ancient & Modern	Crisis & Courage in Global History*	- Honors U.S. History* - AP U.S. History*	History Electives - AP Art History* - Comparative Religions - Ethics - Research in History - The Modern Middle East
SCIENCE 3 Years	Biology	- Chemistry - Honors Chemistry*	Laboratory Science Electives - Anatomy - AP Biology* - AP Chemistry* - Ecology & Evolution - Environmental Engineering - Fields Studies in Geology - Physics - Honors Physics*	In addition to the electives listed at left: - AP Physics C* - Research in Science (university-level research positions)
WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURE 3 Years	- Latin I, II, III, Latin IV (Vergil: From Olympus to the Underworld)* - Honors Latin V: LARES*	- Mandarin I, II, III, IV, AP V*	- Spanish I, II, III - El Mundo Hispanohablante - Identity, Borders, & Revolutions: Advanced Cultural Studies in Spanish* - Literature in Spanish	
ARTS (VISUAL, MUSIC, THEATRE) 2 Years	VISUAL ARTS: - Adv. Art Studio & Seminar I & II - Ceramics I - Clay Sculpture - Clay Design & Engineering I & II	- Painting & Drawing I & II - Photography I & II - Time-based Art - 3D Design I & II - Journeys in Film	MUSIC: - Chamber Orchestra - Chorale - Glee Club - Strings Orchestra	THEATRE: - Acting I - Theatre Production
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 9 credits; PE/athletics	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & THE COLLEGE PROCESS 4 years		COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECT (See previous page)	
OTHER ACADEMIC ELECTIVES:	- AP Computer Science A* - AP Computer Science Principles*		- Economics - Full Stack Web Development*	



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COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2020-2022

University of Alaska Fairbanks	Fordham University	Rose Bruford College of Theatre & Performance
American University	George Washington University (5)	San Diego State University
Amherst College	Georgetown University	University of San Francisco
Arizona State University	Hamilton College (2)	Santa Barbara City College
Auburn University	Harvard University	Santa Clara University (4)
Bard College	Harvey Mudd College (2)	Scripps College
Barnard College (3)	Haverford College	University of Southern California (14)
Bates College	High Point University	St. Olaf College (2)
Bennington College (2)	Indiana University	Stanford University (4)
Bentley University	Johns Hopkins University	Syracuse University
Boston University (5)	Lehigh University	Texas A&M University
Brandeis University	Lewis & Clark College (5)	Texas Christian University
Brown University (2)	Loyola Marymount University (3)	Trinity College Dublin (5)
Butler University	Macalester College (2)	Trinity College Dublin/Columbia University Dual Degree Program (2)
California Institute of Technology	Manhattan College	Tufts University (4)
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona	Michigan State University	Tulane University (8)
University of California	University of Michigan (4)	Vassar College (3)
- Berkeley (9)	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (2)	University of Vermont
- Davis	Mount Holyoke College	Washington State University
- Los Angeles (2)	The New School (2)	Washington University in St. Louis
- Riverside (2)	New York University (5)	University of Washington (3)
- Santa Barbara (2)	Northeastern University (7)	Wellesley College (2)
- Santa Cruz (4)	Oberlin College (4)	Wesleyan University
Carnegie Mellon University	Occidental College	Whittier College
Chapman University	University of Oregon	University of Wisconsin-Madison (2)
University of Chicago (11)	Pasadena City College	Yale University (2)
Claremont McKenna College (3)	University of Pennsylvania (4)	
Connecticut College (2)	Pratt University	
University of Connecticut	Princeton University (3)	
Cornell University (4)	University of Puget Sound	
Denison University	Purdue University	
DePaul University	Reed College	

The **67** members of the Class of 2022 earned **385** acceptances to **151** colleges and universities. They matriculated to **45** colleges and universities in **17** states, the District of Columbia, and Ireland.