



WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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OUR MISSION: The West High School community is united to honor diversity and to inspire innovative student exploration, in a trusting and collaborative environment.

OUR CORE VALUES: Be Safe. Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Bring Your Best to West, Every day.

OUR CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK:

The *Teacher* as Innovative Guide: Charting the Course for Student Learning

The *Student* as Engaged Explorer: Demonstrating Mastery of 21st Century Skills

The *Community* as Supportive Partner: Promoting Excellence by Removing Barriers

CURRICULUM: Students are immersed in trans-disciplinary, project-based learning in their course of study with a strong focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, better known as STEM. Teams of cross-disciplinary teachers deliver problem-based, real-world lessons that build students 21st Century life and work skills. STEM is a holistic, progressive and powerful approach to teaching and learning which requires teachers to work together, planning cross-curricular projects to educate students, and reflect collectively on the academic progress of each individual student. Standards-based content is taught in all core subject areas to support the rigorous educational objectives of the course. Rigorous coursework prepares students for the challenges of employment and post-secondary education along with real-world applications, class projects, career exploration, job shadowing, internships, advanced placement (AP) courses, and college courses. In addition, we offer both collegiate and career-technical pathways in which students can earn certifications and credits towards to transfer to college and emerge into the workforce.

DRESS CODE: Appropriate school attire is required. West High School students are expected to adhere to the dress code formulated and adopted by the Columbus Board of Education.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: West High School has many partnerships, including the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Columbus State Community College, Columbus Project Lead the Way, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Lead Juvenile Judge Elizabeth Gill and the PARC Truancy Diversion Program, Columbus Rotary, Hilltop Kiwanis, I Know I Can, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio, Directions for Youth and Families, Greater Hilltop Shalom Zone, Hilltop YMCA, Buckeye Ranch, Center for Healthy Families, Rock City Church, Athletic and Band Boosters and an outstanding West High Alumni Association.

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL OUTSTANDING: West High has a long tradition of producing exemplary citizens through academic innovation and field experience. West High's diverse student population creates a culturally enriching experience to complement the rigorous academics necessary to prepare students for the 21st century. In addition to our outstanding Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC) program, and Chinese language program, West High School is the pilot school of AEP Foundation's Credits Count® program. This program offers students the ability to earn up to thirty (30) free college credits. We have a team of students who earn internship hours by working hard to beautify and keep the grounds of West High School looking clean. New to West High are Boss Girls/Any Girl Can and The Young Men of West High, which focus on leadership development and service projects. College & Career Internship Wednesdays include Ohio Means Job Readiness Seal and other special activities. Best2West: Stronger Together is a monthly Town Hall that provides information and community resources to students and families.

WHAT WE DO FOR FUN: Drama and vocal performances, student achievement celebrations such as Secure the BAG (Behavior, Attendance, Grades) where we celebrate the success of students who meet our quarterly goals. We also have spirit week, class and career field trips, yearbook, honor roll field trips, homecoming parade and dance, prom, instrumental music programs, senior versus staff games (volleyball, basketball, dodgeball), pep rallies, and many athletic programs.

ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society, Student Council, Thespian Club, Talent Showcase and Lip Sync Battle, Anime Club, Spanish Club, marching band, orchestra, vocal choir, ensemble, Weskette Drill Team, JROTC, AP Environmental Club and STEM Club, GSA, and Special Olympics. Sports include football, girl's volleyball, boys & girls soccer, boys & girls tennis, golf, cross country, bowling, wrestling, girls & boys basketball, baseball, softball, track and field, and cheerleading.

ABOUT OUR STAFF: West High School has a diverse and energetic staff that meets the needs of all students.