



WISH

ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

A 9-12 CHARTER SCHOOL

WISH OWLS

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SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

WISH Academy High School (WAHS), a comprehensive, fully-inclusive, charter high school is a public four-year secondary school in the city of Los Angeles and neighborhood of Westchester. Our gifted, general education, and special education students all receive inclusive instruction and differentiated supports and services using our co-teaching model. WISH Academy is located approximately 3 miles northwest of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). We opened in August 2017 and are currently in our fifth year. This senior class is our third graduating senior class. WAHS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

RESPONSE TO COVID

In mid-March 2020, our school switched to distance learning. We used the Big Blue Button on Canvas. The school day was shortened, and scholars finished by 1pm instead of 3:55pm. Scholars could not get grades of 0 during this time, and their final grades could not be lower than what they were on March 12th. If a scholar's work brought up their grade, it would count towards their total grade. If the scholar's work was of poor quality, it would not count toward the final grade. Letter grades were issued at the end of the Spring semester. For Fall 2020, we continued distance learning with letter grades. However, all work counted towards scholars' final grades. We had hybrid learning beginning April 2021, and we returned to in-person learning in Fall 2021. Some students opted for independent study during the 2021-2022 school year, and a few are doing independent study for the Fall 2022 semester as well. For the Spring 2023 semester, we will be fully in-person, and independent study will not be an option. During the 2020-2021 school year, students were unable to take the SAT or ACT as tests were continuously canceled throughout the year.

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 School Profile **2022-2023**
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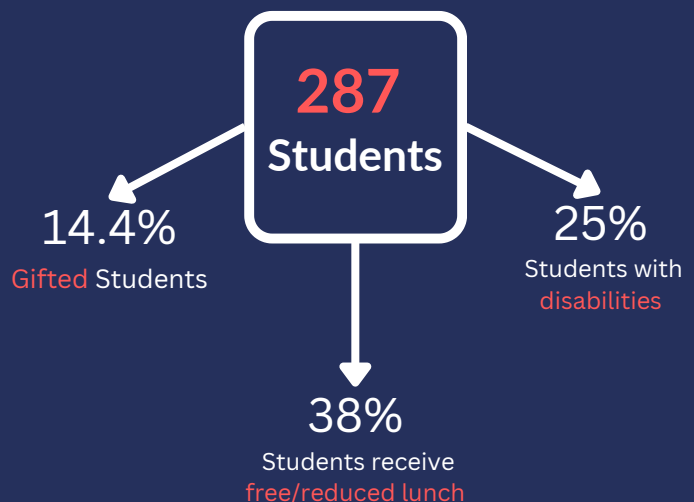
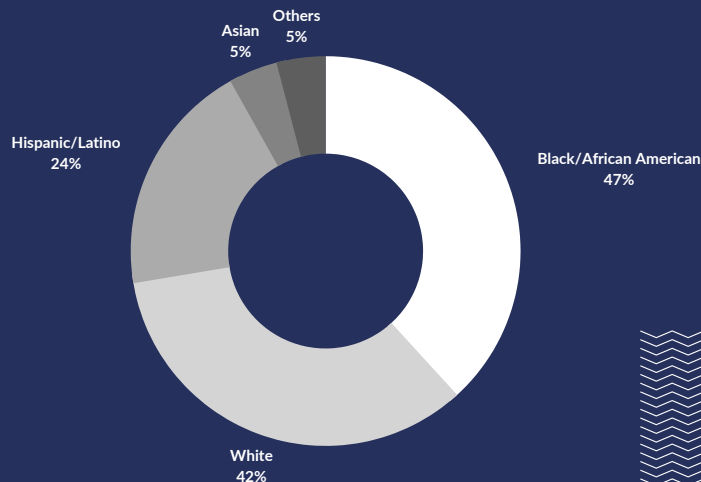


287 Students

1:12

Student - Faculty ratio

Diverse Student Body



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	40 credits
Mathematics	30 credits
Biological Science	10 credits
Physical Science	10 credits
World History	10 credits
U.S. History	10 credits
American Government	5 credits
Economics	5 credits
Health	5 credits
Foreign Language	20 credits
Visual/Performing Art	10 credits
Pathway/ACE/Lab	40 credits
Advisory	8 credits
Electives	<u>17 credits</u>
Total Credits Required:	220 credits

Five units are awarded to each class that is successfully completed at the semester. Classes are taught in a block schedule. Advisory classes are pass/fail and worth one unit each semester. Most classes are yearlong; few changes are made at the semester. Semester grades and credits are assigned in January and June.

GRADING POLICY

Students are ranked by weighted cumulative GPA according to their grade level. The high school transcript is a weighted 9-12 academic grade point average. One extra point is given for each 10th-12th grade Honors, Advanced Placement, or Dual Enrollment course with a C-grade or higher.

Letter Grade	% Grade	4.0 Scale	Letter Grade	% Grade	4.0 Scale	Letter Grade	% Grade	4.0 Scale
A+	97-100	4.0	A	93-96	4.0	A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3	B	83-86	3.0	B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3	C	73-76	2.0	C-	70-72	1.7

Any percentage grade of 69% or lower is an F. WISH Academy does not give "D"s unless specified in a scholar's 504 plan or IEP.

RANKING

Scholars are ranked from highest to lowest cumulative weighted GPA for their grade level/graduating class. There are 64 students in the class of 2023, and the highest cumulative weighted GPA is a 4.41.

PATHWAYS

All scholars are required to take 4 years of pathway courses. Our four pathways are:

- Engineering
- Biomedical Science
- Visual/Performing Arts
- Social Justice/Civics

PLTW ENGINEERING

- Engineering Essentials
- Introduction to Engineering Design
- Principles of Engineering Design
- Digital Electronics

PLTW BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

- Engineering Essentials
- Principles of Biomedical Science
- Human Body Systems
- Medical Interventions

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS

- Intro to Theater
- Acting I
- Play Production
- Advanced Acting
- Guitar (Beginning or Advanced)
- String Ensemble (Beginning or Advanced)
- Digital Composition of Music (Beginning or Advanced) Choir (Chamber, Concert, or Advanced)
- Contemporary Music Ensemble

SOCIAL JUSTICE/CIVICS

- Reel History Through Film
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Justice
- Introduction to Social Sciences

HONORS COURSES

Designated "H" on high school transcript
We started offering Honors courses in English and Math during the 20-21 school year. In the 21-22 school year, we expanded our honors offerings to include all courses in English, Math, Science, History/Social Science, Foreign Language, Engineering, Biomedical Science, Social Justice/Civics, and Theater.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

- Designated "AP" on high school transcript
- English Language and Composition
 - United States History
 - English Literature and Composition
 - United States Government
 - Calculus AB
 - Chemistry
 - Calculus BC
 - Biology

AP Exams

	2020	2021	2022
Total AP Students	23	36	36
Number of Exams	47	77	61
AP Students with Scores 3+	15	10	16
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	65.22	27.78	44.44

Mean Score by AP Exam and Year

AP Course	2020	2021	2022
Calculus AB	3	2	3
Calculus BC	-	2.4	-
Chemistry	-	-	1
English Language & Composition	2.67	2.08	2.45
English Literature & Composition	-	2.06	2.29
Physics C: Mechanics	-	3	-
Spanish Language and Culture	5	2.5	-
US Government and Politics	-	1.64	1.83
US History	2.1	1.29	2.42

LIST OF COLLEGES STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO

<p>American River College Arizona State University Bakersfield College Cal Poly - Pomona Clark Atlanta University CSU - Bakersfield CSU - Channel Islands CSU - Chico CSU - Dominguez Hills CSU - Fullerton CSU - Los Angeles CSU - Monterey Bay CSU - Northridge CSU - Sacramento CSU - San Bernardino Culinary Institute of America Cypress College Dillard University El Camino College Fresno State University Grand Canyon University Hawaii Pacific University Howard University Jackson State University Long Beach City College Los Angeles City College Los Angeles Southwest College Louisiana State University Loyola Marymount University Mt. St. Mary's College Northern Arizona University</p>	<p>Orange Coast College Otis College of Art and Design Riverside Community College Saint Augustine's University San Francisco State University Santa Barbara City College Santa Monica College Soka University Southern University of Baton Rouge UC - Berkeley UC - Davis UC - Irvine UC - Los Angeles UC - Merced UC - Riverside UC - San Diego UC - Santa Barbara UC - Santa Cruz University of Arizona University of Hartford University of La Verne University of Oregon University of Redlands University of San Francisco University of Southern California West Los Angeles College Westmont College Whittier College Woodbury University Xavier University of Louisiana</p>
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