



ENRICHED ENVIRONMENT

VOLUNTEER HOURS & SERVICE LEARNING

All WISH Academy students are required to participate in service learning through volunteer hours. Students must complete 15 hours of service learning per semester and complete 120 Service Learning Hours in order to graduate. Many students graduate with 140 or more Service Learning Hours.

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS

WISH Academy has vibrant student-driven school culture that emphasizes belonging, celebration of culture and differences, and intentional community building. Celebrations and events are frequently student-selected and all students are welcome to participate and enjoy the events. Cultural Heritage events, social events, and spirited academic competition enrich our school and bring joy and a sense of belonging to all students.

EXHIBITIONS & PRESENTATIONS OF LEARNING

WISH Academy's 4-year practice of Exhibitions and Presentations of Learning serve as capstone projects: demonstration of authentic learning, growth, and mastery. Each Exhibition challenges students to synthesize their academic work, real world experiences, and personal interests into a comprehensive presentation that showcases their skills, reflections, and readiness for future goals. These exhibitions are seen as meaningful milestones and culminations of each student's unique journey, highlighting both what they've learned and who they are becoming as learners and citizens.

ENRICHED ARTS & STEM PATHWAYS

At WISH Academy, our VAPA and STEAM pathways are enriched by professionals at the top of their fields—including Broadway performers, Grammy Award-winning artists, and innovative engineers—who bring real-world expertise and inspiration to our students. Learners showcase their talents and skills through multiple yearly competitions, annual plays and musicals, showcases, and vibrant music festivals.

ATHLETICS CULTURE

WISH Academy proudly boasts that over 50% of our students participate in our robust athletics program, reflecting a strong culture of teamwork, dedication, and school spirit. Our student-athletes compete at high levels across multiple sports, earning numerous finalist titles and championship wins, and many go on to receive sports scholarships or semi-professional opportunities!

IBPLC INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

WISH Academy is proud to participate in the International Baccalaureate Professional Learning Community (IBPLC) program in partnership with the University of Melbourne, a perfect pairing given WISH's focus on personalized, inquiry-driven learning and student-led pathways. This collaboration gives our students a leg up; connecting them to world-class academic rigor, innovative teaching practices, and global perspectives earlier than most peers, and preparing them to thrive as thoughtful, engaged, and globally minded leaders.

LMU RESEARCH-TO-PRACTICE PARTNER

As a Research-to-Practice school aligned with Loyola Marymount University, WISH students have the benefit of rigorously-researched teaching methods, world-class experts, and the support of the entirety of LMU's socially impactful community.



WISH
ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL
A 9-12 CHARTER SCHOOL

WISH OWLS

www.wishcharter.org

ADMINISTRATION

Christa Hollis MEd., Principal - chollis@wishcharter.org
Victoria Garrett - Assistant Principal - vgarrett@wishcharter.org

COUNSELOR

Laura Aguiar, 9th - 12th Grade Counselor/504 Coordinator
laguiar@wishcharter.org

SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

WISH Academy High School (WAHS) is a public charter school located in the Westchester neighborhood of Los Angeles. WAHS strives to promote every student's personal success academically and socially under the philosophy that each learner's pathway to progress and success relies on meaningful relationships between the community, parents/caregivers, and all WAHS stakeholders.

DUAL ENROLLMENT PARTNERS

WISH Academy High School partners with local community colleges to offer dual enrollment opportunities for students. Students are able to take dual enrollment Engineering courses through El Camino College. We provide access to six unique dual enrollment offerings through West Los Angeles College. Students also take various courses at Santa Monica College.

POPULAR DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES:

- Health
- Psychology
- Economics
- US Government
- Early Childhood Education
- Communication Studies
- Art History & Drawing
- African American Studies
- Engineering Technology

WISH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS-CIF

Fall: Boys and Girls Flag Football, Girls Volleyball, Cross Country, Girls Tennis, Girls and Boys Soccer
Winter: Basketball Soccer, Sideline Cheer
Spring: Track & Field, Baseball, Softball, Boys Tennis, Swimming, Boys Volleyball, Boys Lacrosse



QUICK FACTS

1:12
Faculty-Student Ratio

100%
Graduation Rate

95%
College Enrollment

100%
College Acceptance
Of Students Who Applied

79%
UC & Cal State Acceptances
California Average: 67%

20+
Clubs and Activities

66
Zip Codes Served

Congressional Certificate of Recognition
Engineering/Space Exploration

GRADING POLICY

Students are ranked by weighted cumulative GPA at grade level. The high school transcript GPA is a weighted 9 - 12 academic grade point average. One extra point is awarded for each 9th - 12th grade Honors, AP, or Dual Enrollment course with a C- or higher. Five Credits are awarded for each successfully completed class (C- or higher). Advisory is awarded 1 credit/semester. 220 credits are required for graduation. WISH Academy graduation requirements exceed the A - G requirements.

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



PATHWAYS

All Scholars at WISH Academy are required to take 4 years of Pathways Courses. Although it is recommended that scholars continue within the same pathway, they do have the option to switch pathways. Scholars who complete 4 years of courses in the same pathway earn a pathway cord for graduation.

ENGINEERING

- Engineering Essentials
- Introduction to Engineering Design
- Principles of Engineering Design
- Digital Electronics
- Computer Integrated Manufacturing
- Aerospace Engineering

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

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

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Introduction to Theater
- Introduction to Performing Arts
- Introduction to Visual Arts
- Digital Media & Advanced Digital Media
- Animation & Advanced Animation
- Filmmaking & Advanced Filmmaking
- Theater Production
- Playwriting
- Movement Theater
- Technical Theater
- Instrumental Performance
- Choir: Chamber, Concert & Advanced
- Contemporary Music Ensemble
- Instrumental Performance
- Music Studio
- Guitar

BUISNESS

- Introduction to Buisness
- Buiness Law and IP
- Entrepreneurship Lab
- Marketing Lab

LIBERAL ARTS & CIVICS

- Reel History Through Film
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Justice
- Introduction to Social Sciences
- Cultural & Linguistic Anthropology

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Compostion
- Computer Science Principles
- United States History
- United States Government
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- PreCalculus
- Biology
- Chemistry

HONORS COURSES

Designated H on High School Transcript

All students are encouraged to participate in Honors Classes. WISH Academy offers Honors in English, Math, Science, History/ Social Science, Languages, Engineering, Biomedical Science, Civics/Social Justice, and Visual and Performing Arts

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Alabama State University
Arizona State University
Bard College
Cal Maritime
Cal Poly - Humboldt
Cal Poly - Pomona
Cal Poly - SLO
Chapman University
Charles R. Drew University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark Atlanta University
Colorado State 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
CSU - San Marcos
CSU - Sonoma
De Paul University
Dillard University
Drexel University
El Camino College
Fresno State University
Fordham University
Gonzaga University
Hampton University
Hawaii Pacific University
Howard University
Indiana University
Jackson State University
Langston University
Lewis and Clark College
Los Angeles City College
Los Angeles Trade Tech
Louisiana State University
Loyola Chicago University
Loyola Marymount University
Michigan State University
Montclair State University
Morehouse College
Mount Saint Mary's College
Northeastern University
Ohio State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Pacific University

Penn State University
Purdue University
Rensselaer Poly Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Sacramento State University
Saint Augustine's University
Saint Mary's College
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
Santa Monica College
Sarah Lawrence College
Seattle University
UC - Berkeley
UC - Davis
UC - Irvine
UC - Los Angeles
UC - Merced
UC - Riverside
UC - San Diego
UC - Santa Barbara
UC - Santa Cruz
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Colorado
University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of Hartford
University of Hawaii, Mānoa
University of La Verne
University of Maryland
University of New Mexico
University of Oregon
University of Portland
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
Washington College
Washington State University
West Los Angeles College
Westmont College
Whitman College
Whittier College
Willamette University
Woodbury University
Xavier University of Louisiana



ADVANCED PLACEMENT

	26	25	24
Total AP Students	65	54	49
Total AP Exams	132	108	97
% Scores 3+	58%	69%	59%
	26	25	24
AP Biology	2.5	1.6	1.6
AP Calculus AB	3.4	2.8	4.2
AP Calculus BC	--	4.2	4.0
AP Spanish	3	3.4	--
AP English Lit. & Comp.	2.6	3	3.3
AP English Lang. & Comp.	2.7	3	3
AP Pre-Calc	3.1	3.2	--
AP Gov't. & Politics	2.6	3.8	2.2
AP US History	2.8	2.8	2.7

