School Mission

West Shore Jr/Sr High School is a family of diverse, like-minded scholars, where students, parents, staff, and community work collaboratively to transform confident learners today, into empowered leaders tomorrow.

School Vision

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Welcome to West Shore Jr/Sr High School



Wildcat Nation

Hear our Roar!



West Shore Jr./Sr. High School

- A Brevard Public School of Choice
- Grade "A" State of Florida School
- Awarded the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award in 2004, 2012, 2018, and 2024
- National Certified Senior Project Exemplary High School
- Science Intel School of Distinction Finalist
- Excellence in Physical Education
- Excellence in Visual Arts

College Preparatory Goal



- Diploma of Distinction / AP Capstone
  - Rigorous Academic Curriculum
  - Increased Graduation Requirements
  - Leadership
  - Community Service
- Small Learning Communities
  - Relationship building with the SLC teacher for the entire duration of the student's enrollment at West Shore (6 years)

West Shore Enrollment

- Faculty and Staff
  - 3 Administrators
  - 92 Faculty and Support Staff
  - 71% of the instructional staff have 5 or more years of experience
  - 37% of the instructional staff have a Master's Degree or higher
  - 30% of the instructional staff have earned or are in the process of earning the gifted endorsement certification
- Student Population
  - typical enrollment is 950
  - Free/Reduced Lunch population is 11.6%
  - Minority population is 35.0%
  - Exceptional Education (to include gifted/504) is 36%

Accomplishments

- US News and World Report 2024 West Shore
  - #1 public high school in Brevard
  - #3 public high school in Florida
  - #43 in the nation
- West Shore is the only secondary school in the State of Florida to earn the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award 4 times under the new criteria earning it in 2004, 2012, 2018 and 2024.

- The Class of 2024 had:
  - 138 Graduates
  - 131 Honor Grads (GPA 3.5+)
  - 7 National Merit Finalists
  - 13 National Merit Commended
  - 12 Valedictorians
  - 125 Bright Futures Scholarships
  - 50 AP Capstone Diploma Recipients
  - 76 AP Diploma Recipients
  - 100% Attending College
  - Our Students earn Millions in Scholarships every year!

Accelerated Programs

- West Shore offers 28-32 AP courses each year
- West Shore administered 1,196 AP Exams to 444 students in 2024
  - West Shore's pass rate was 87%
  - The 2024 Florida pass rate was 62%
  - The 2024 National pass rate was 66%
- West Shore's course of study is Advanced Placement with an opportunity for AP Capstone.
- 96% of this year's seniors have already passed at least 1 AP exam by the end of their junior year

Rankings



AP Class of 2024

From the West Shore Class of 2024

91% Passed an AP Test in High School

- 28.4% in Florida (2023)
- 21.7% in the US (2023)

- 100% College and Career Ready Passed an AP Exam or a Dual Enrollment Course

SAT and ACT Class of 2024

- SAT – 100% of the Class of 2024
  - Mean Score
    - 1322 West Shore
    - 1024 State
    - 1028 National

- ACT – 38% of the Class of 2024
  - Composite Average
    - 27.6 West Shore
    - 18.9 State
    - 19.5 National

Graduation Requirements

- All students enrolled at West Shore are working towards the Diploma of Distinction
  - 28 credits are required for graduation (college preparatory curriculum)
  - 3 areas of acceleration are required.
    - 1 acceleration (Algebra 1) must be completed in middle school.
    - 2 Accelerations in High School (AP or Dual Enrollment classes)
  - 3 credits required in a World Language (same language)-Spanish, French, and Latin
  - Completion of a Senior Project

Graduation Requirements

Additional requirements for the Diploma of Distinction:

- Leadership experience (High School requirement)
- Service Learning (25 hours per year)
- Parent Volunteerism is expected (20 hours per year)
- Eligibility for at least one post secondary scholarship
- Maintain a competitive post secondary admissions portfolio (via SLC/Guidance)

Diploma Possibilities

There are several diplomas that are possible for graduates at West Shore :

- **High School Diploma** (Required)
- **Diploma of Distinction** (Required)
- **AP Diploma**
- **AP Capstone Diploma**
- **Associate Degree**

AP Capstone

- AP Capstone serves as an additional diploma track along with the Diploma of Distinction and was offered for the first time at West Shore in 2014-2015

- Students are required to take 2 AP courses
  - AP Seminar (11th grade); AP Research (12th grade)
  - These 2 courses count towards the 6 required for the AP Capstone Diploma

- Internationally recognized and highly rigorous

Small Learning Communities

- Our SLC curriculum is designed to address Social Emotional Learning through our weekly Small Learning Communities (SLC)
  - Character Education
  - Civic Engagement
  - Life Skills
  - Problem Solving
- Students remain with the same SLC teacher and students for all 6 years at West Shore

The School Day

- The school day is from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
- Students have 4 minutes between classes

West Shore operates on two schedules

- Power Hour Schedule – 7 class periods
  - 49 minutes per class
  - 1 hour-Power Hour/Lunch
- Early Release/Homeroom Schedule – 7 class periods
  - 2:15 dismissal on Early Release Days (every Friday)
  - 30-minute Homeroom and 30-minute Lunch

Athletics and Activities

- Middle School Sports
  - Basketball
  - Track and Field
- Varsity and Junior Varsity
  - Volleyball
  - Swimming
  - Golf
  - Cross Country
  - Soccer
  - Flag Football
  - Basketball
  - Track and Field
  - Tennis
  - Bowling
  - Lacrosse

Athletics and Activities

A Variety of Clubs Available

- Academic Team
- Debate/Speech Team
- Ethics Team
- French Honor Society
- Future Educators
- Future Problem Solvers
- International Thespian
- National English Honor Society
- Math Counts
- Mu Alpha Theta
- National Beta Society
- National Honor Society
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Science Olympiad
- Spanish Honor Society
- Student Government Association

Student Conduct

- The expectation is for a positive learning environment free from behavioral disruptions
  - No classroom disruptions or interruptions
- Student/Parent Contract
- Discipline Ladder
- District Guidelines for Code of Conduct
- Dress Code
- Parental support for enforcing discipline
- Good attendance is vital to success
  - District policy guidelines

Attendance Area

- Students may apply for West Shore if they reside in Florida. Brevard county residents get preference over out-of-county residents.

- Parents must provide two proof of residency documents at the time of the online application

- Should you have any questions about documentation, please contact our Front Office 321-242-4730

Application Process

- All students must meet Minimum Admission Requirements
- Applications must be completed online at **School Choice**
  - Calls are accepted to ensure receipt of application
  - Application Window opens on November 15, 2024
- Applications must be completed online by 11:59 pm on Friday, December 13, 2024
  - Deadline is absolute

Application Process Continued

- Sibling preference is based on space availability
  - **Siblings must meet minimum admission criteria** and online applications must be received by the deadline
    - If a sibling is granted preference, the sibling originally enrolled must remain enrolled at West Shore for the entire 2024-2025 school year

- Students are granted conditional acceptance based on a lottery conducted through the Leading and Learning/Open Enrollment Office. The electronic lottery will take place on January 6, 2025
  - Notification of seat offering or waitlist status will be sent by District via email between January 6 and January 10, 2025.

Entrance Testing Requirements

BPS Students

- Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Scores
  - Must have May PM3 2025 FAST ELA Level 3 or higher
  - Must have May PM3 2025 FAST Math Level 3 or higher
- Must earn a grade of "C" or better for all core courses on the most recent final report card
- Students currently in Algebra 1 must earn a Level 3 or higher on the Algebra 1 EOC.
- Students having taken Geometry must have earned a Level 3 on the Geometry EOC
- Students applying for a high school seat must have **completed Algebra 1 in middle school** and have earned Level 3 or higher on the EOC and have "C" or better for all courses on high school transcript

Entrance Testing Requirements

- Homeschool/Private School/Out-of-State
  - Must have a Nationally Normed Reference Test from the Spring of 2025
    - Must rank in the 45th Percentile for composite ELA, Reading, and Math Scores
    - IOWA, Stanford 10, Terra Nova, etc.
- Must have a grade of "C" or better for core courses on the final report card
  - Math, English, Science, and Social Studies
- Students applying for a high school seat must have completed Algebra 1 in middle school and have earned Level 3 or higher on the EOC and have "C" or better for all courses on high school transcript

Registration and Reminders

Registration Information

- If conditionally accepted, notification of a mandatory orientation meeting for parents/guardian will be sent

Important Reminders

- Applications must be completed online (ensure accuracy)
- All supplemental documents **must be uploaded when completing** the application
- Application deadline is December 13, 2024
- Acceptance is CONDITIONAL based on meeting the minimum admission requirements

Questions and Guidelines

Important Questions

- What are my reasons for selecting West Shore?
- Does my child want to attend West Shore?
- Is my child performing better than average in at least 3 areas including mathematics?
- Is my child ready for advanced courses?
- Is my child reading on or above grade level?
- Will my child be able to handle a rigorous academic curriculum to include 3 years of a world language?

Guidelines

- Know what your child can handle academically as the curriculum is very challenging
- Your child should have a strong desire to learn
- Your child must exhibit appropriate behavior
- Your child should want to attend West Shore

