

WESTVIEW WOLVERINES

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Westview High School is a 4 X 4 block schedule school that was founded on the four pillars of Communication, Connectedness, Collaboration and Flexibility. I am very proud of our Student Support Personnel Team (SSPT) and their critical contributions to the accomplishment of our vision: *Westview is a thriving learning community to which all members feel connected. At Westview, high academic and personal standards are established, accessed and achieved by all members through collaboration, meaningful activities, and ongoing, comprehensive evaluation. The culture of Westview is one of respectful communication and interdependence while still celebrating the uniqueness of each individual.* I strongly support Westview SSPT's ongoing commitment to excellence and to the implementation of the National Standards for School Counseling Programs. Our unique 3-hub structure allows counselors to have frequent contacts with their students through regular homeroom visits. The effective implementation of Assembly Bill 1802 (AB 1802) has enabled valuable individual meetings with students and their parents to review school progress and to explore future opportunities for achievement. The Westview SSPT plays a pivotal role in the safe and caring learning environment of our school and the outstanding academic achievements of our students.

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STUDENT SUPPORT PERSONNEL TEAM (SSPT)

In 2002, Westview opened its doors with 984 students, one counselor, three administrators and a Student Services/Intervention staff of two members. Our numbers have now grown in every area and we continue to build a supportive, challenging, learning environment for all students. School Counselors, in collaboration with other educators, work to design, coordinate, implement, and evaluate student support systems which serve all students in the areas of academic, personal/social and career development. Programs and services available to students include peer mentors and tutoring, career and college exploration, and support groups. Members of the SSPT participate on the Intervention team, 504 plans, and AB1802 supplemental counseling meetings. They are an integral part of the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) team for students. Members serve on a variety of leadership teams and attend professional development conferences. Many SSPT members belong to professional organizations in their discipline.

Certificated Team Members

Certificated SSPT	Average Years in Education	Education / Credentials
Administrators (4)	21	M.A. - 4 Credentials - 10
Counselors (5.5)	12	M.A./M.S. - 8 Credentials - 8
Psychologists (1.2)	7	M.S./M.A. - 2 Credentials - 2
Speech Therapists (1.4)	27	M.S. - 2 Credentials - 2
Intervention Specialist (2)	18	M.A. - 2 Credentials - 3
Special Education Case Manager/Teacher (8)	13	B.A. - 3 M.A. - 6 Credentials - 10
Special Program Coordinators (6)	14	B.A./B.S. - 2, M.A. - 4 Credentials - 9
Library (1)	15	M.A. - 1 Credentials - 2

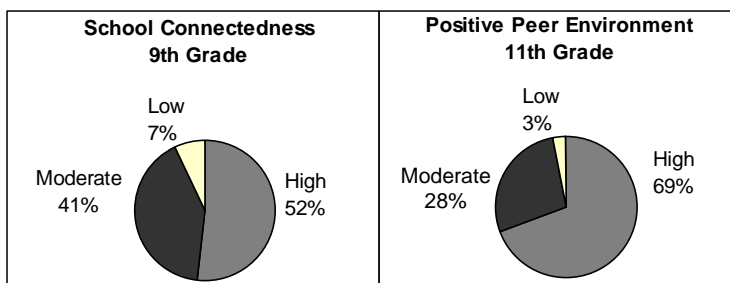
Classified Team Members

Classified SSPT	Average Years in Education	Education
Intervention Specialist (1)	6	B.A. - 1
Security Team (5)	7	B.A. - 1 Some College - 4
Guidance Technician (1)	18	Some College - 1
Administrative Support (11)	10	A.A. - 1, B.S./B.A. - 3 Some College - 5
Health Technician (1)	8	Some College
Student Services (2)	15	B.S. - 1
Registrar (1)	13	B.A. - 1
Library Support (2)	8	B.A. - 1, M.A. - 1

SCHOOL CLIMATE AND SAFETY

The Student Support Personnel Team at Westview is actively involved with all staff to promote a positive school climate. The SSPT's goal to maintain open communication among staff members, students, their families and the community is a vital link in creating and maintaining a safe and caring learning environment. For instance, our campus supervisors strive to know students on a first name basis and to build positive connections with them. Several members of the SSPT work together to develop the School Safety Plan, including two administrators, two administrative assistants, one special education case manager, a parent and the school police officer. The School Safety Plan has been reviewed and adopted by the district's Board of Education.

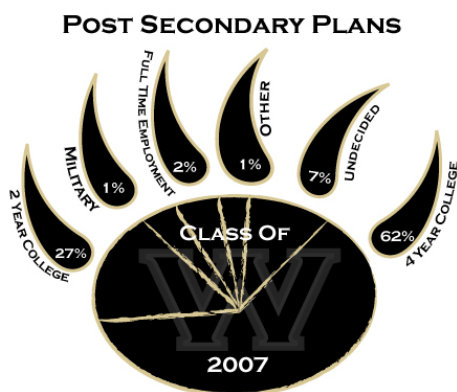
Westview staff believes it is important that every student feel connected to at least one caring adult on campus and to build caring relationships with their peers. Students understand the expectation that they should continually do their best and know they are capable of succeeding in school and beyond. By building strong school connectedness, establishing high expectations for all students and providing support when needed, students are less likely to be involved in risky behaviors and more likely to reach higher levels of academic success. According to California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) from 2006-2007 and reflected in these charts, 93% of Westview 9th grade students feel moderately to highly connected to school. SSPT supports programs such as Link Crew, Freshman Success Day, and Homerooms to strengthen students' school connectedness. In addition, CHKS results show 97% of 11th grade students reported a moderate to highly supportive peer environment. Associated Student Body (ASB), peer tutoring, mentoring, and Unity Day are examples of programs supported by SSPT members to build positive peer connections.



STUDENT RESULTS

Student results are a vital component of the accountability system in the Westview Counseling department, which aligns with the National Standards for School Counseling Programs. The SSPT uses student data to develop, improve and evaluate programs that measure student success. The objective of the Counseling department is to promote and enhance the learning process and increase student achievement through the academic, career, and personal/social domains.

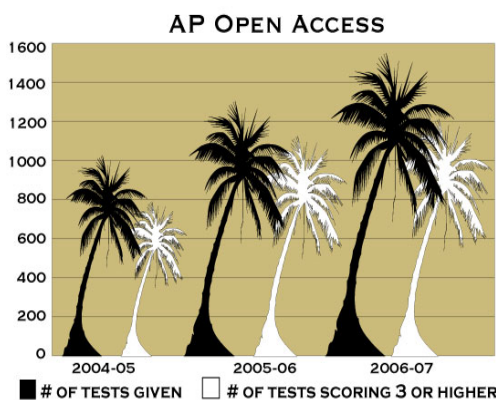
CAREER DOMAIN



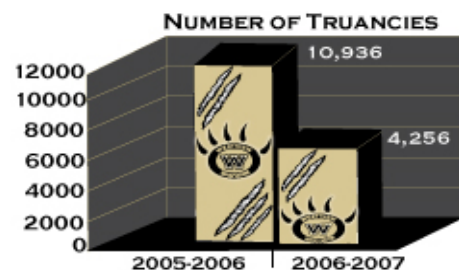
The SSPT utilizes a variety of programs to introduce students to post-secondary options. As a result of counselors meeting with students to develop 4-year plans, visiting homerooms to present college and career information, facilitating parent/student information nights, and promoting career interest surveys, our graduates leave high school with a clear idea of their post-secondary options.

ACADEMIC DOMAIN

Westview has an open access policy for Advanced Placement (AP) classes. The SSPT highly encourages students to take honors and AP courses in all academic areas. The graph below shows the total number of AP exams given at Westview and the number of exams that received a score of three (3) or higher. These numbers are evidence that high expectations and open access support high academic success.



PERSONAL/SOCIAL DOMAIN



Last year, the SSPT set a goal to reduce the number of truancies and increase the accuracy of school attendance records. The Attendance Intervention Program tracks students' attendance and assigns detention to truant students who have unverified absences after 5 school days. Students are referred to the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) for excessive truancies or excused absences. The SSPT found a significant decline in the number of truancies over a one-year time period since the implementation of this referral program.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Westview's Student Support Personnel Team is dedicated to communicating our programs and services to students, parents, staff, administration, community, and School Board members. Translators are available in a variety of languages, and written communication is translated whenever possible or upon request. This year we have implemented a software program called Naviance/Family Connection, an all-inclusive tool which has changed the way the counseling department communicates with our school community. Currently 78% of our students and their families are connected and receiving weekly counseling newsletters along with access to important college admissions information, available scholarships, and career exploration.

Personal Contact: Parent conferences, AB 1802 Conferences, Open House and Student Success events, Freshman and New Student Orientation, Back to School Nights, College Presentations, AP Information Night, IEP's and 504's, Intervention Team, Student Assistance and Intervention Assistance Teams, Mentor Program, Homeroom visitations and announcements, Guidance Technician.

Print: Annual School Events Calendar, Student Services brochure, progress reports/report cards, attendance letters, flyers on community resources, Parent/Student handbook, resource bulletin board, counseling/crisis resources, college binders.

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