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## **WESTLAKE ACADEMY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$216,000 IN GRANTS TO WESTLAKE ACADEMY**

**Westlake, TX-** Westlake Academy has recently been awarded \$216,000 in grants from the Westlake Academy for the 2011-12 school year to help the Academy deal with financial challenges created by reduced State public school funding.

Foundation President Kelly Cox announced, “We are pleased that the Westlake Academy Foundation was in a position to assist Westlake Academy with these needs during this critical time in Texas public education.” The \$216,000 in grants awarded by the Westlake Academy Foundation will be used for teacher professional development, school technology needs, math curriculum enhancements and Rosetta Stone Spanish language learning software.

”Westlake Academy Superintendent Tom Brymer acknowledged the Foundation’s generosity and added, “Westlake Academy is facing the same financial challenges all Texas public schools are experiencing. These Foundation grants are very timely as they will have an immediate and positive impact on our students and teachers. Mr. Brymer added, “Without the Westlake Academy Foundation’s assistance, we would not be able to offer this level of educational services to our students over the long-term.”

The Westlake Academy Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization established by the Town of Westlake to raise funds for the operation and improvement of Westlake Academy, the only municipally owned charter school in Texas.

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*Westlake Academy is a public charter school offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum. Founded in 2003, with a mission to achieve academic excellence and to develop life-long learners who become well-balanced, responsible global citizens, Westlake is the first and only municipality in the state to receive a charter designation and the fifth school of only ten in the United States, and the only public school, to offer the full IB curriculum for grades K-12. The school graduated its first class in May 2010. For the 2010-11 school year, the Academy received another 'Exemplary' rating from TEA for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests, the fifth time it has achieved this. Additionally, the Washington Post ranked Westlake Academy #19 in the top 100 high schools nationally. Westlake Academy is located at 2600 JT Ottinger Rd., Westlake, TX 76262. Call 817-490-5757, visit [www.westlakeacademy.org](http://www.westlakeacademy.org) or email [info@westlakeacademy.org](mailto:info@westlakeacademy.org) for more information.*