Young Women's Leadership Academy High School

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<u>Mission:</u> Our mission is to meet the unique needs of young women by providing an outstanding college preparatory curriculum with an emphasis on leadership skills needed to succeed in competitive future careers.

<u>About Our School</u>: In 2013, YWLA High School opened its doors to a select group of 9th grade students due to a high interest in continuing a rigorous and well-rounded educational experience for young women through high school. In 2016-2017, YWLA High School will offer 9th and 12th grade young women a dynamic learning experience that refines critical thinking, motivates creative problem solving and expression, and further develops the confidence and self esteem necessary to become empowered, successful women in college, career and life. The academic curriculum offers all courses required by the State of Texas for the mastery of standards for each grade level.

- Excellent for students with a strong commitment to graduate from college
- Rigorous College Preparatory Curriculum and High Expectations. All Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies courses taught at the Pre-AP, AP, or Dual Credit level to help students obtain college credit during high school
- Official TEA T-STEM Academy, Young Women's Preparatory Network School, Member of National Coalition of Girl's Schools, and Affiliate School in the Young Women's Leadership Network
- 2 Pathways toward with one of the following endorsements:
 - STEM Endorsement (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)
 - Business and Fashion Marketing Endorsement
- Opportunity to obtain a prestigious high school diploma of Distinguished Achievement and Performance Acknowledgement with an Endorsement in STEM or Business, increasing their chances of college acceptance and scholarship awards.
- Emphasis on 21st Century Leadership Skills
- Smaller environment fosters stronger relationships and provide the best preparation for students to be successful
- Simulation Lab and Robotics
- Personalized advising for the college and scholarship application process

- Project-Based Learning and field-based learning experiences such as biotechnology simulations, forensic science experiences, engineering explorations, computer coding, 3D-printing, fashion design, "YWLA Designs" screen printing business, marketing adds, store-front visual marketing experiences, and e-commerce marketing experience.
- Dual Credit and AP courses to obtain college credit during high school
- Networking opportunities with successful women in careers that interest students
- Internship opportunities with local businesses
- Advanced Technology and Flipped Instruction using media such as student-issued devices, Smart Boards, iPads, Web-cams, Bloggie Cameras, etc.
- Team sports including Volleyball and Soccer
- Fine Arts opportunities including Advanced Orchestra , Advanced Dance, and Visual Arts
- Skills needed for NASA/Goddard STEM Internship application and NASA High School Scholars Summer Program
- Competitive DECA Business/Marketing Team
- Youth and Government organization, National Honor Society, Student Council
- Opportunities to participate in Fashion Shows, STEM Competitions, Marketing Showcases



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