

## What does the CAC do?

The CAC focuses on ways to continually enhance all aspects of education for students in the Westlake City Schools.

### ***Communicate***

The CAC serves as a proactive and visible liaison between all parties interested in issues relating to the Westlake City Schools.

### ***Research***

The CAC seeks out and tries to gain a better understanding of school-related issues of high importance to all constituencies within the Westlake community.

### ***Evaluate***

The CAC evaluates opportunities and challenges related to these issues and defines projects that will have a meaningful impact on the Westlake Community and Westlake City Schools.

### ***Recommend***

The CAC develops recommendations and action plans for consideration by the Board of Education.

### ***Implement***

The CAC supports the Board of Education in implementing approved action plans.

### **Community Involvement in Decision Making**

To advance community understanding and to improve the educational opportunities of children in the Westlake Schools the Board shall establish a Citizen's Advisory Committee. This Committee shall be composed of residents approved by the Board and shall function consistent with Board approved by-laws.  
- BOE Policy KC



# Citizen's Advisory Committee

Linking the community  
of Westlake and the  
Board of Education

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## What is the CAC?

The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) was established many years ago as a voluntary advisory committee to the Westlake Board of Education.

The CAC is comprised of a diverse cross-section of the Westlake community and generally includes 12 appointed members serving 3-year terms, 5 alternate members appointed to one year "member in training" roles, 2 student members from Westlake High School and 3 community representatives from various organizations in Westlake.

The Superintendent of Schools and President of the Board of Education are ex officio members of the CAC.

## CAC Projects

This year the CAC has undertaken two research projects **Service-Learning** and **Going Green**. Visit our web site for more information.

### Exploration of Funding Alternatives

To address the ever-increasing costs of operations and a projected need for facilities improvements, in 2007 the CAC drew on the financial backgrounds of its membership to explore various school funding alternatives and cost saving strategies.

### Report on Risky Teen Behavior

In 2002 the CAC studied drug and alcohol use in school-aged children within the Westlake Community. This project resulted in formation of a parent networking group, the Westlake Parent Connection. - [www.westlakeParentConnection.com](http://www.westlakeParentConnection.com)

Visit the project archive on the CAC web site for more information.

## Get Involved!

The CAC is always looking for civic-minded individuals to work with us. Interested community members are encouraged to submit an application for membership.

Applications are available on our web site - [www.wlake.org/cac](http://www.wlake.org/cac).

Contact CAC Chair, Gina Wittenberg, for more information ([jgwitten@aol.com](mailto:jgwitten@aol.com)).

### Time Commitment

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 in the offices of the Board of Education.

Research project subcommittees are formed in October and usually meet several times per year outside of the regularly scheduled CAC meetings.

Subcommittees generally report their findings to the BOE in the May/June timeframe.