



# Mirabeau B. Lamar High School

## International Baccalaureate World School

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### The IB

#### Learner Profile

provides a long-term vision of education. It is a set of ideals that can inspire, motivate and focus the work of schools and teachers, uniting them in a common purpose.

IB Learners strive to be:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Reflective
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced

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Dear Prospective Parents and Students:

We are excited you are considering attending Mirabeau B. Lamar High School! It is only natural that you would have many questions. We hope this introductory letter will help to ease any anxiety about what to expect these next 4 years.

At Lamar, every student is an IB student. Whether your student is enrolled in recommended level classes or advanced academics, every class is taught in accordance with IB theory and practice. Within this IB framework, Lamar offers many exciting courses, paths, plans, endorsements, and diploma options.

Lamar is a BIG campus. We are home to over 3200 students. The rigor of our courses and our beautifully diverse student community is purposefully designed to help prepare your student for success in college.

We realize that digesting all of the information necessary to navigate 4 years through Lamar can seem daunting, but you are not expected to learn everything all at once and you will not be left alone to get the job done. Your student will be assigned to 1 of 7 Academic Advisors who will follow your student from enrollment to graduation.

Lamar Academic Advisors are a well-educated and singularly experienced team. Affectionately known as *The Magnificent Seven*, Lamar Academic Advisors boast advanced degrees and administrative certification. Between us, Lamar Advisors possess well over 150 years of relevant experience.

Ours is a big job, but Advisors are able to support our roughly 3200 students because we focus our attention on each task as it cycles into priority throughout the school year.

Advisors meet one on one with every student every school year. We also review the path, plan, and progress of every student at relevant times throughout the school year to make sure that every student is placed in appropriate courses to graduate according to desired path and plan.

Advisors communicate relevant information to parents through our evening Parent Education Series. One purpose of the Parent Education Series is to communicate directly to parents the same information we share with students in our annual review and conference. *What courses do I need to take next year? Am I on track? What are my options?* Another purpose of the Parent Education Series is to communicate relevant information as it cycles into priority throughout your student's 4 year progress through Lamar. These seminars include topics such as Naviance, How to read a Transcript, College Application, and Financial Aid. You can find our calendar online at [www.lamarhs.org>academicadvising>parenteducationseriescalendar](http://www.lamarhs.org>academicadvising>parenteducationseriescalendar).

Isn't it comforting to know that your Lamar Advisors have time tested paths, plans, processes, and procedures in place to make sure your student is where they need to be, when they need to be there?

You can find your advisor's name and email address online at [lamarhs.org>academicadvising](http://lamarhs.org>academicadvising).

*Welcome to Lamar!*