

Sophomore Class Meeting and Course Selection

October 3, 2012

Tutoring

- Supervised Library hours:
6:30 am – 6:30 pm

Teachers tutor in academic subjects:

- Monday – Friday 6:30 – 8:10am
- Monday – Thursday 3:45 – 5:45 pm

PSAT

Practice SAT for all
Freshmen, sophomores
and juniors

During the school day
Wednesday, October 17
It's free...No registration needed

PSAT

- Preparation is helpful
- Use PSAT results to help with SAT
- PSAT study guide to students Sept. 26
 - Question style is different
 - 1/4 point off for wrong answers
 - Bring a calculator

Tips for Taking the PSAT

Questions and scores are modified from the regular SAT for 11th grade skill level but your score is compared with other sophomores....

Sophomores need to take PSAT for the experience and not stress about the score

The Student Edge

College Information Database

- Reliable College information
- Resume Assistance
- Scholarship Service
- Career assessment and information
- College Application essay assistance
- PSAT, SAT and ACT tutorials
- Homework help

The Student Edge

Go to

www.mystudentedge.com

The access code is : **FHXABPVY**

This is a subscription service
for Lamar students only

What Colleges Want...

- Above all, they look for a strong record in the most difficult classes
- An improving transcript is very acceptable
- Take more math and science classes
- Improve writing skills
- Get involved in outside activities

What Colleges Want...

4 Year State Colleges in Texas

now require completion of the
Recommended High School Program
for admission

(Lamar minimum graduation requirements)

What Colleges Want....

Texas A & M admission

- Requires Precalculus

UT Austin “Points Plus”

- Bonus for having courses over the minimum in 2 of 3 subject areas

Engineering take as much physics and math as possible

Add PDP or IB classes

Already successful in any PDP class?

Your choice to add other PDP class(es)

No review – add to course selection sheet

Not in any PDP and want to be?

Sign up on your course selection sheet
and complete an assessment

Course Selection Timetable

October 1 - 8

Sophomores meet with advisors to select classes. Materials sent home for parent review

October 10

Changes returned to your assigned office with parent signature

Course Selection Timetable

May

Course choices
available for review &
changes as needed

August

Schedule mailed home
for review and
changes as needed

Naviance

College and Career Planning Software

- Student and parent codes available
email nalderet@houstonisd.org

In Subject Line: Naviance codes

Include student name and grade

www.connection.naviance.com/hisd-lamar

Grade 10

Interest Inventory

Resume Building

College Information

College Match

Enrichment Programs

New and Improved Website

www.lamarhs.org

ACADEMICS > College Corner

- Things to do for college prep
- Resources, info, links
- Course Selection info, 4 year plans
- Meeting power points

Breakout Sessions

IB Diploma Planning
in the Cafeteria

Junior Course Selection
in W 113

Course Planning for the IB Diploma candidate

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Three IB Programmes

PYP



Transdisciplinary



Program of Inquiry

Action

**Criterion
Languages
Exhibition**

MYP



Integration



Areas of Interaction

Community and Service

**Referenced
Languages
Personal Project**

Diploma



Concurrency of Learning



TOK

CAS

**Assessment
Languages
Extended Essay**



What is the IB mission?

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop **inquiring, knowledgeable and caring** young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through **intercultural understanding** and respect.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become **active, compassionate and lifelong learners** who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.



What is the IB learner profile?

IB learners strive to be:

Inquirers

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Communicators

Principled

Open-minded

Caring

Risk-takers

Balanced

Reflective

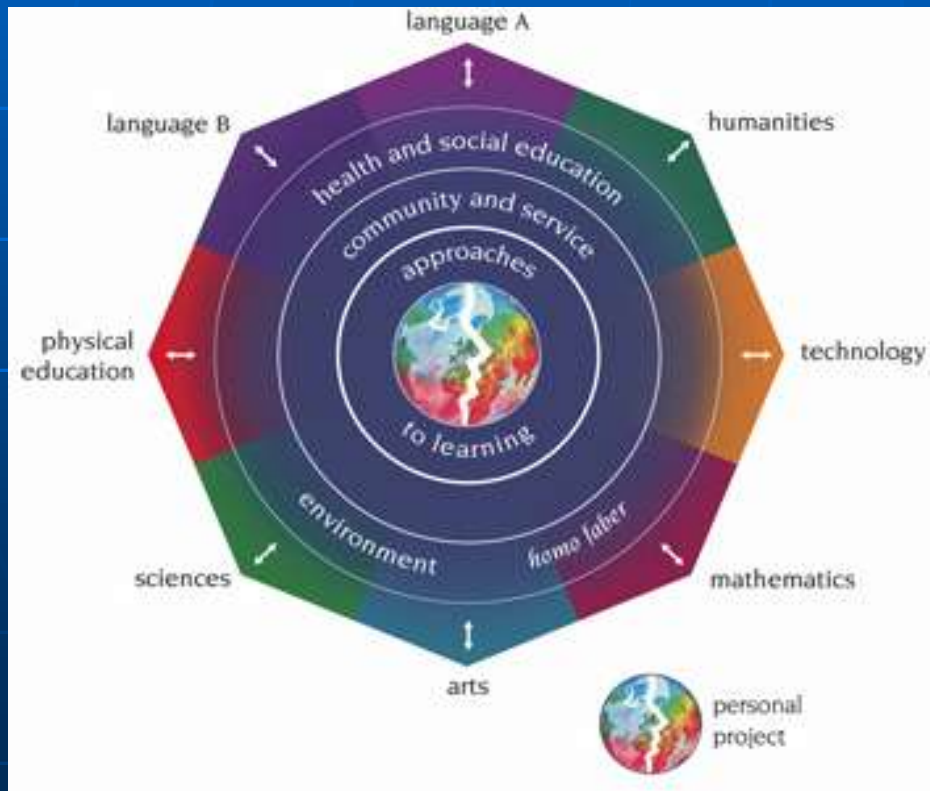


IB PROGRAMS AT LAMAR

Middle Years Program(MYP)	grades 9-10
Diploma Program(DP)	grades 11-12
Career Certificate(IBCC)	grades 11-12

What does the MYP consist of?

- Programme model



Areas of interaction:

approaches to learning

- **community and service**
 - **human ingenuity**
 - **environments**
- **health and social education**



DP Curriculum

The DP curriculum consists of 6 different subject areas.

Group 1: English

Group 2: Foreign Language

Chinese, French, Italian, Russian, Spanish

Group 4: Sciences

Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics

Extended Essay

Theory of Knowledge
C A S

Group 3: Social Science

Business, Economics, History of the Americas, World Religions

Group 5:

Mathematics and Computer Science

Group 6: Fine Arts

Art History, Studio Art, Film, Dance, Music, Theatre



Options within the Diploma Programme

Student receives a well-rounded rigorous college prep education using international standards

- IB Diploma Course Student
- IB Diploma Candidate (all magnet)



Benefits of the IB Diploma

24 hours college credit in Texas, Florida, Colorado, and California if the student scores at least a 4 on all exams (other additional requirements may apply)

Sophomore status at some universities

Texas Tech pipeline:

- Automatic acceptance to Tech and the Honors Program
- Application for acceleration in graduate school programs of business, engineering, law, and medicine



IB CAREER CERTIFICATE

For students studying in one of the Career and Technology clusters (Agriculture: plant science or animal science, Culinary Arts, Engineering)

Take, at least 2 DP courses, relating to the career study

IBCC Core:

Community and Service

Approaches to Learning

Reflective Project

Language Development course and Language Portfolio

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Course Planning And Options For Junior Year

Junior Year - Required

1. English 3

2. Math

Algebra 1	Algebra 2	Geometry	Precalculus or AQR
(Alg. 1 in MS) Algebra 2	Geometry	Precalculus	AP Calculus

3. U.S. History

Junior Year - Required

4. Science

Biology	Chemistry	Physics	4th Science Aquatic Science Anatomy & Physiology IBDP Science
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Junior Year

5. More Foreign Language or Elective

Minimum of 2 years from same language required

Periods 6 – 7 – 8:

Finish Fine Art, Computer (BIM), PE

College/Dual Credit

Grad Lab

Electives

Junior Course Selection

Any previous required course that a student failed or was denied credit will not be retaken in the regular classroom

Choose "GRAD LAB" to make up credits

Dual Credit at Lamar

College Instructors come to Lamar to teach college level classes

- Earn high school graduation credit AND college credit through Houston Community College
- Accepted by all public colleges in Texas
- May also earn AP or IB credit
- Available to juniors and seniors

Dual Credit at Lamar

Earn as many as 18 college credit hours while at Lamar

- Free tuition to residents of HCC Central Campus
- Purchase textbooks:
Partial refunds for returned books
Student assistance available to those on the lunch program

Dual Credit at Lamar

Full Year Courses

English 4 HCC/IBSL

Economics HCC/IBSL

Psychology HCC online

Dual Credit at Lamar

To qualify for college level classes, certain test scores are required

Lamar will bus all sophomores to HCC Central campus during this year to take the COMPASS test

Your permission is required. Please complete the forms and leave them tonight.

Dates TBD

SUMMER Dual Credit

- Free tuition in the summer for dual credit classes at HCC Central Campus
- No high school credit for summer courses
- College credit through HCC
- Take courses not taught at Lamar
- Come to the College Corner in May for an approval form

EARN \$\$ while you LEARN

Career Prep

- Option for juniors and/or seniors not in magnet
- Work at businesses supervised by Lamar teachers
- Salary plus high school credit earned
Leave school early because of work schedule

EARN \$\$ while you LEARN

1 ½ credits of Business
credits to be eligible

Select Career Prep on
Course Selection Sheet

Reserve 3 periods

See Mr. Pinkney for approval

Room N109 periods 1,2,5,6

Class Rank & Texas State Colleges

Top 10% law gives automatic admission to Texas Residents to all state supported colleges in Texas

Exception: UT Austin

Top 9% auto admit to College of Undergraduate Studies

College Preparation

Two thirds of class rank points for college applications are still to be earned.

Ascending transcripts are welcome

- ✓ Add PDP/IBDP
- ✓ Improve grades

College Preparation

- Start a resume

Colleges will ask for your activities and community service beginning in 9th grade. Format on Naviance

- Role of activities in the application

Not a list of clubs joined

“How do you spend your time?”

Unsolicited Offers

- National Honor Roll
- Who's Who

Colleges know these are honors
you pay for

Coming Up

College Night

October 11

PSAT

October 17

Choosing a College

March 27

Thanks for coming