



# ADMISSIONS POLICY

Mirabeau B. Lamar Senior High School

Lamar High School is an International Baccalaureate World School whose goal is to provide the best opportunity for a diverse group of students to receive a rigorous, internationally accredited education, with a broad range of extracurricular activities, in a safe and nurturing environment. The goal of the IB is for students to be challenged academically, while also finding creative and physical fitness outlets, getting involved in the community around them, and developing a global view that takes the student beyond their immediate environment.

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## Admission to Lamar

M. B. Lamar High School operates within the Houston Independent School District (HISD). HISD is considered a “district of choice” meaning students have options in their schools. Lamar students are either “zoned” to Lamar and live within a certain boundary near the school or they are “transfer” students and have applied and been approved for a transfer from their zoned school. Zoned students can enroll at Lamar at any time i.e. summer before 9th grade or during the school year as an upperclassman.

Students who are not zoned to Lamar must apply for a transfer through our Magnet program or through a Career and Technical Education pathway. Students who qualify for our Magnet Program (Business Administration) are placed in a lottery and offered seats throughout the Spring.

## Admission to IB Programs

All students have full access to any of our IB Programs. All students are in the Middle Years Program (MYP) in grades 9 and 10 and may participate in the Diploma Program (DP), Career-Related Program (CP), or Diploma Course in grades 11 and 12.

Students who are admitted through a transfer must enroll in at least two advanced courses in grades 9 and 10 and complete the requirements for the CP in grades 11 and 12 or may opt into the DP if they choose.

## Rationale

At Lamar High School, we firmly believe that all students deserve opportunities to experience academic rigor and to develop themselves personally and academically while in our care. Any student who wishes to pursue the most challenging pathways we offer will not only be allowed to do so, but encouraged to do so, and supported along the way. The role of this school is not to create obstacles between students and a rigorous education, but to remove obstacles in their way.

Employees of the Houston Independent School District shall not discriminate on the basis of or engage in harassment motivated by age, race, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, handicap or disability, marital status, religion, veteran status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression. A

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substantiated charge of harassment against a student or employee shall result in disciplinary action.

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