# Mirabeau B. Lamar Senior High School

## **An International Baccalaureate World School**



# **Prospective Student Guide**

2020 - 2021

## **Welcome Future Texans!**

Future Lamar Texans,

Welcome to your guide to our school! This guide was designed to give our students and parents one place to find the information they need the most. We hope this answers the question "How does \_\_\_\_\_ work?". We can't promise that this will answer every question, but we hope this helps you to feel a little more at ease when it comes to deciding on Lamar. We have A LOT of options at Lamar and this can be confusing at times. In this guide you will find information about admissions, enrollment, graduation requirements, IB programs, GPA, class rank, CTE programs, endorsements, course descriptions and much more! Of course, staff at Lamar are always available for questions too. Casey Titus (ctitus@houstonisd.org) is our Admissions. If you are interested in a specific program you can contact the coach or sponsor directly. We hope to see you next year!

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Principal

Admissions Coordinator

## Small School Feel



## **Big School Opportunities**

## **Zoned Students**

If you live in the Lamar attendance zone – WELCOME! You are ours and we are yours. There is no need to apply to Lamar via the HISD site. No – not even for the IB program. All of our programs are open to our zoned students and you will select your path and plan during the course selection process in the spring of 2021.

Rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who are zoned to Lamar High School and currently in HISD schools do not need to complete the enrollment process. They will automatically enroll on the Lamar campus unless a transfer to another school is accepted by the student.

Rising  $10^{th} - 12^{th}$  grade students who are zoned to Lamar and currently enrolled in an HISD high school do not need to complete the enrollment process but will need to withdraw from their current school in order to enroll at Lamar.

All zoned students who are **not** currently in HISD schools will need to complete the enrollment process in the Spring of 2021. (Dates TBA)

All parents of zoned students are encouraged to attend a virtual course selection event specifically for zoned students. Students and parents will have an opportunity to learn about the pathways offered at Lamar and begin the process of choosing their course of study. Course selection can be completed before the official enrollment process takes place. (Dates TBA)

## **Non-zoned Students**

Students who do not reside in the Lamar attendance zone must apply and be approved for a transfer through the HISD Office of School Choice. Phase I applications will open on O and close on V All qualified students who apply during Phase I will be placed in a lottery for the individual programs for which they have applied. Qualified Phase I applicants who are not offered a seat will be placed on the waiting list. Students who apply during Phase II will be considered in the order that they apply if/when space becomes available. Phase III is reserved for students who are not currently enrolled in HISD or for students who do not reside in HISD. Current HISD students cannot apply during Phase III and must submit an application before the Phase II deadline.

Students interested in Lamar are HIGHLY encouraged to apply for more than one program. You should rank the programs in order of interest and understand that if you are accepted to your first-choice program you will have to reapply in order to make a change.

#### Ranking

Students who apply during Phase I will be asked to rank their schools and programs. Students will be placed in individual lotteries for each school/program they apply for. If a student is offered a seat at their first choice, then all the additional choices will drop from their list. If they are offered a seat at their third choice and are placed on the waiting list for school/program #1 and #2 they can accept the seat at their third choice and remain on the waiting list for their first and second choice.

#### Programs

Lamar offers a variety of transfer options for students. Each option is outlined below with qualification standards. All students will choose

#### **Magnet Program**

#### **Business Administration**

The Lamar High School Business Administration Magnet Program is a unique college-preparatory program with courses designed for students with an interest in all areas of business.

Applicants must have an 80 or above on the district Magnet Matrix and are eligible for HISD transportation.

### **Career and Technical Education (CTE)**

Lamar is committed to educating the whole student and we understand that students finding their passion is an integral part of their high school experience. CTE programs create an educational environment that combines core academics with real-world applications. These pathways prepare

students for success in college and careers by helping them develop the skills, technical knowledge, academic rigor, and real-world experience for high-skill, high-demand, and highly successful careers. Our pathways offer a rigorous course of study which enhance the learning in the student's traditional core subjects.

We offer CTE transfers in the following Pathways:

#### Accounting and Financial Services

Finance

#### Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

**Animal Science** 

**Plant Science** 

#### Arts, Audio Visual Technology and Communication

Broadcast Journalism

Print Journalism

#### Hospitality and Tourism

**Culinary Arts** 

Hotel Management

#### **Human Services**

Child Development

### Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Engineering

Applicants must have a 70 or above on the district magnet matrix and are eligible for HISD transportation.

### International Baccalaureate (IB)

Students on an IB transfer must complete the requirements for the IB Diploma Programme in grades 11 and 12. They will be placed in advanced core courses in grades 9 and 10 to prepare for the rigor of the IB Diploma Programme. Students must receive at least one high school foreign language credit in one of the languages offered at Lamar (Spanish, French, Arabic, Chinese) and receive Algebra 1 credit in middle school to be considered for an IB transfer. Additionally, students must receive a 90 on the magnet matrix to qualify. Students are eligible for HISD transportation.

## **Boundary Option**

This transfer is only available for students who live in the Wisdom High School attendance zone. Students must live in the Wisdom attendance zone while on this transfer. If the student moves out of this attendance zone they will forfeit their Boundary Option transfer and need to apply for a new transfer. Students on a Boundary Option transfer are not eligible for HISD transportation.

## **Out of District**

Students who live outside of the HISD attendance boundary can apply for an Out of District transfer. Applicants will only be considered during Phase III if space is available. Students must have an 80 on the district magnet matrix and are not eligible for HISD transportation.

### Hardship etc.

Please reach out to Ms. Titus before submitting an application for these transfers to discuss circumstances and qualifications.

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Transfer Type	<b>IB</b> Expectation	CTE Pathway	Transportation
Boundary Option	DP or CP	Student Choice	No
CTE Accounting	DP or CP	CTE Accounting	Yes
CTE Animal Science	DP or CP	CTE Animal Science	Yes
CTE Audio/Visual Prod	DP or CP	CTE Audio/Visual Prod	Yes
CTE Business Management	DP or CP	CTE Business Management	Yes
CTE Child Development	DP or CP	CTE Child Development	Yes
CTE Culinary Arts	DP or CP	CTE Culinary Arts	Yes
CTE Engineering	DP or CP	CTE Engineering	Yes
CTE Horticulture Science	DP or CP	CTE Horticulture Science	Yes
CTE Hotel Management	DP or CP	CTE Hotel Management	Yes
CTE Plant Science	DP or CP	CTE Plant Science	Yes
CTE Print Journalism	DP or CP	CTE Print Journalism	Yes
CTE Travel and Tourism	DP or CP	CTE Travel and Tourism	Yes
Hardship	DP or CP	Student Choice	No
IB	DP or CP	Student Choice	Yes
Magnet	DP or CP	CTE Business	Yes
		IB Business OR IB Economics OR IB Computer	
Magnet	DP	Science	Yes
Magnet Zoned	DP or CP	Same as Magnet	Yes
Out of District	DP or CP	Student Choice	No
Space Available	DP or CP	Student Choice	No
Special Education	N/A	Student Choice	Yes

## The Lamar Instructional Model

## The Building

The new Lamar campus was approved by voters under the 2012 Bond and planning and design began in 2013. The Project Advisory Team worked closely with the architects and district personnel during the planning and design phase to ensure the building had elements that reflected the needs and desires of the greater school community. No two buildings are exactly alike, and each has unique features that are tailored to the programs in the school. The idea was to consider that we were designing a building for the future that would take into account the needs of today and tomorrow's students.

A major focus in the design was to ensure the space was flexible and adaptable to the changing needs of learners. Another critical consideration was to create a design that targeted some of the constant and recurring challenges for large schools. Large comprehensive high schools, like Lamar, offer the benefits of having a variety of programs, clubs and course offerings. In effect, there is something for everyone. But with that comes the challenges of navigating a large system and finding places where you fit in. With the neighborhood design we create smaller cohorts of students that share a common group of teachers. When students are grouped into smaller communities within the bigger community, teachers can provide more individualized support within the normal function of the school day. The smaller communities also allow for collaboration and experience working with an academic team.

The third and fourth floors of the new building serve as the home base for all students, where a student receives instruction for four of the eight periods over two days. Students also have access to their Language B class through the neighborhood. Within each neighborhood there are up to five flexible work areas - specifically, a fully-equipped, enclosed science/maker lab, an enclosed presentation area, and two to four flexible learning areas.

Students leave their neighborhood to access fine arts, athletics, physical education and our Career and Technical Education Programs, housed on the first floor of the new building and in the renovated North Building. The second floor is our student services area, which includes our school store, our College Corner, the Book Balcony, as well as Communities in Schools counselors.

## Curriculum Design

Teams of teachers worked side by side to create a rigorous curriculum within their own content area, using the guiding principles of IB Middle Years Programme and IB Diploma Programme. This curriculum was implemented in our classrooms in the two years leading up to the opening of the new building and was refined each year to ensure we offer students the opportunity for the best results. These same teachers worked with teams made up of a teacher of English, science, math and humanities (social studies) to create opportunities for the disciplines to overlap so that students recognize the connectedness between the disciplines. The interdisciplinary curriculum is rooted on the premise that students learn through doing. We also considered that when students work together they gain "soft" skills, such as communication, collaboration, negotiation and empathy through working together, and these skills will be critical in jobs of the future.

## Instructional Approaches

Several years ago, the Lamar faculty started shifting their instructional practices. As an IB World school we incorporated strategies such as flipped instruction, Kagan Cooperative Strategies, and Project-based Learning (PBL) into our instruction, in order to ensure all students are maximizing their opportunities to learn while in the classroom. Here is a look at the instructional practices we are using, the ways we continue to support teachers in improving their practice, and how these instructional practices are complemented by the new facility to enhance learning.

## International Baccalaureate (MYP, CP and DP)

**What is it?** The IB Middle Years Programme, the IB Career-related Programme and the IB Diploma Programme provide an instructional framework that focuses on the development of characteristics, our learner profile, providing students with the opportunity to learn through inquiry with a focus on the connectedness between disciplines.

How are teachers supported to continuously grow in this instructional approach? Each year Lamar teachers attend IB training specific to their discipline that focuses on instructional practices that are in line with the IB philosophy. Through our continued collaboration with Texas IB Schools and other HISD IB schools, we offer training every summer.

How is this instructional strategy complemented by the new facility? In our new building, the flexible learning spaces allow our interdisciplinary neighborhood teams to fully embrace the IB philosophy. Teachers work together to seamlessly offer opportunities for inquiry-based, hands-on learning through an interdisciplinary approach. In other words, students have opportunities to develop rich, engaging questions about the world, seek to understand the complexity of the problem from a variety of perspectives and then work to solve that problem.

### **Flipped Learning**

What is it? Flipped Learning is an instructional design approach that puts an emphasis on having the teacher available as students begin to practice and gain expertise on curriculum. Teachers utilize technology and online tools to develop short lessons to frontload the basic knowledge students need to make sense of new material. Then, as with any good apprenticeship, the teacher is in class available to facilitate and offer support as the student begins to gain expertise on the material.

How are teachers supported to continuously grow in this instructional approach? This instructional approach was launched a few years ago and had several early adopters that have helped drive the development of strong flipped lessons in each content area. Teachers are continuing to receive professional development to improve the quality and appeal of the lessons.

How is this instructional strategy complemented by the new facility? Flipped lesson design allows students to use the time in class to engage in exploration and practice with new content, while teachers are readily available

to guide them in their learning. Teachers prepare opportunities for students to interact with the new content and get help as they apply the new skill.

## **Kagan Cooperative Strategies**

What is it? Kagan Cooperative Strategies provide a framework for working with others. When students work together and have a positive experience, they boost academic understanding as well as emotional intelligence, or in the world of IB, they advance themselves in developing the characteristics of the learner profile. Kagan provides structures and routines for working in pairs, small groups or even larger groups.

How are teachers supported to continuously grow in this instructional approach? Lamar implemented Kagan structures several years ago and continues to provide training as new teachers join the Lamar faculty. New teachers receive continuous support through our new teacher cohort and through our Appraisal and Development system.

How is this instructional strategy complemented by the new facility? Cooperative learning requires flexibility in the learning environment. The new facility is designed to offer a variety of flexible learning spaces, allowing teachers to choose the most effective cooperative routine, and allowing students to work in a location that fits their own learning goals.

## Project-based Learning (PBL)

What is it? While students at Lamar have long been engaging in projects, the project-based approach is an instructional approach that allows us to shift from using projects simply to measure understanding at the end of a unit of study, to creating opportunities for students to learn through the doing process. It relies on students to use inquiry and design theory to work together to explore and solve open-ended, real-world problems. You may want to watch this short two-minute video from Edutopia that explores the difference between projects and project-based learning at pic.twitter.com/6qemsuCa0i.

How are teachers supported to continuously grow in this instructional approach? Teachers received professional development throughout the spring semester and summer to develop a foundational understanding of the work. We have an ongoing relationship with the Buck Institute, a leader in Project Based Learning curriculum and instruction in the United States.

How is this instructional strategy complemented by the new facility? Project-based learning requires flexibility with instructional time and the physical learning environment. Neighborhood assignments allow teachers to work together to design instruction and instructional time that allows for that flexibility. Additionally, each neighborhood has a science/maker lab that allows students to get elbow-deep in their work, with all the tools to help them turn a conceptual idea into reality.

## How do the neighborhoods work?

The students are arranged in neighborhoods based on course taking. In 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade it is a fairly simple process with students taking similar subjects, such as AP Human Geography or the recommended course World Geography as their social studies class in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. But as students move into 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade, course taking

options expand and it becomes a little more complex. We organized course options on a matrix so that there are a variety of pathways but have also partnered neighborhoods so that more options are available to students. Some teachers support two neighborhoods, for example those who are expert in physical sciences can focus on delivering that content while teachers who are expert in life sciences can focus on that content. This type of grouping allows more flexibility in scheduling so that students can really make a path that is right for them. Below is an example of how the course offerings may lay out in two of the neighborhoods for 11<sup>th</sup> graders.

## Neighborhood 1

English – IB English III HL or Eng III Recommended Math – IB Math I A&A (Calculus) or IB Mathematics A&I (Prob/Statistics) or Geometry Science – PIB Physics or Physics Recommended or IB Biology SL or IB Computer Science SL Social Studies – PIB US History or IB Economics SL or US History Recommended or IB Art History

## Neighborhood 2

English – IB English III HL or Eng III Recommended

Math - IB Math I A&A (Calculus) or IB Mathematics A&I (Prob/Statistics) or Geometry

Science – PIB Physics or Physics Recommended or IB Physics SL or IB Chemistry SL

Social Studies - PIB US History or IB Economics SL or US History Recommended or IB World Religions SL

With this idea in mind, we placed students in a neighborhood where the courses they want are offered. While approximately 175 students are assigned to the same neighborhood, they are not all there at the same time throughout the day. We maintain an 8-period blocked schedule. Teachers maintained a student load comparable to last year where approximately 30-35 students are assigned to a course for a specific class period. Using the teaming approach, the teachers have the flexibility to work together to design projects that allow for interdisciplinary teaching. An example might be that during the dedicated 2<sup>nd</sup> period, an English class and a History class may utilize the flexible space and be regrouped to work together on an interdisciplinary project, or a math and science class may be working under the guidance of the math and science teachers to use the tools of mathematics to solve a complex physics problem.

## <u>Safety</u>

- **Clearly Delineated and Fenced School Boundaries**, using vegetation, ornamental fencing, signage, and other measures to discourage trespassers and allow natural surveillance of approaching threats.
- Electronic Access Control Systems Installed at Parking Garage to restrict its use to students with permits, school staff, and administrators.

- Architecturally Distinctive Main Entrance to the School Directing Visitors through administration check-in and screening area.
- Security Vestibule with Electronic Access Control Systems to provide greater control of visitors entering the school. Individuals pass through the Administration area before being granted access to the remainder of the building.
- Electronic Access Control Systems at Frequently Used Exterior Doors throughout the campus and No Re-Entry Hardware at Less Frequently Used Exterior Doors to limit access to the building by unauthorized individuals.
- **Over 180 High Definition Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras** strategically distributed throughout the campus to provide continuous surveillance of corridors, common areas, building entrances, gymnasiums, dining spaces, stairwells, and other areas designated by campus administration.
- Learning centers doors, Cohort entries, and Administrative Offices will have **Doors/Entrances that can be Locked from the Interior** in the event of an emergency lockdown.
- Offices for Assistant Principals, Counselors, and other Administrators are Carefully Distributed Throughout the Building to monitor and engage students in each Cohort and provide administrative direction in case of an emergency.
- **Compartmentalization of the Building** will help control visitor movement through the building and facilitate identification of individuals in the wrong areas.
- **Comprehensive Intrusion Detection System** that includes door sensors, motion detectors, alarms, and 24-hour central monitoring

## <u>FAQs</u>

## Do students have the opportunity to socialize with students in other neighborhoods?

Of course! Students are assigned to the neighborhood based on their four core courses, but still have opportunities in their schedule to engage with students from other neighborhoods in the fine arts, physical education, and career and technical education classes. Students continue to have opportunities to engage in clubs and other student activities and programs.

## Do students have the ability to eat lunch outside or are they be kept indoors all day?

Breakfast and lunch distribution take place throughout the building in the neighborhoods. Students may choose to eat in their neighborhood, in the Grand Hall or on the patio.

## Which classes are in the North building?

The historic north building was completely renovated to contain suites for several of our programs, including orchestra, choir, dance, visual arts, JROTC, engineering and our variety of communications programs. Our clinic is located on the second floor near the Main Office, and our special education suite is located in the same area.

Neighborhood assignments are determined by course taking. We studied common course taking paths to determine which courses should be offered together. In essence, a student who wishes to take Geometry in 10<sup>th</sup> grade will be placed in a neighborhood where Geometry is offered for 10<sup>th</sup> graders.

## Are there tutorials before and after school for students?

We continue to have tutorials available through our student services before and after school.

## How many kids are at lunch? How does lunch work?

We have one lunch period daily with an option tutorial and club meeting time. Each neighborhood will have food distribution lines during the lunch periods where students can get food from the hot service line or the cold case. Students are able to eat in their own neighborhood or that of a friend who is also assigned the same lunch period. Students may also choose to eat outside of the neighborhood in the Grand Hall, or on the patio.

## Are you with the same 35 kids all day?

Students have 8 class periods over 2 days. Four of the classes are held in the neighborhood (English, Math, Science and Social Studies/History). The other four periods of the schedule take place in other areas of the campus.

### How does this model improve student learning?

How much easier would your life be if your 4 core teachers all worked together? If your English teacher knew what was going on in your other three classes? Teachers work closely together to make connections between the content areas and offer a more balanced and integrated work load. Utilizing the flipped classroom model, students receive the "lecture" piece of instruction prior to the lesson at home and use the time they have with their teachers to practice the new skill with support and apply it to real world problems.

### How are students grouped into each neighborhood?

Students are randomly and heterogeneously grouped in each neighborhood. We want to make sure you are not limited in the courses you can take because of the neighborhood in which you are placed. If for instance the math class you need is only offered at the same time you want to take band, we can assign you to a different neighborhood so that there is no conflict. You have access to Recommended and PreIB/IB classes in all neighborhoods.

## How are students grouped into their individual classes?

Students are assigned to each course during a specific period. Each class section is identified as Recommended or PreIB/IB. Teachers within the neighborhood have the flexibility to use each class period to work on specific course content, or work on integrated projects with other content area teachers/classes in the neighborhood.

## Can students take fine arts classes and be involved in athletics?

Students continue to have access to all our fine arts and athletics programs. These fields of study continue to be delivered during the school day as one of the courses outside the neighborhood setting.

### What if a student is struggling? How do they get help?

Lamar offers additional supports such as tutoring and will continue our partnership with Communities in Schools. We utilize the team-teaching model to identify and intervene more quickly through our Intervention Assistance Team and continue to offer in-class supports for students in Special Education and accommodations for students identified under 504.

## How is the teacher-student relationship/rapport developed?

Small learning communities support a "small school feel" and a stronger partnership between teachers for offering support and building rapport with students. The neighborhood model helps teachers and students build a more supportive relationship.

## Do seniors have off campus periods?

Seniors who are not deficient in their graduation requirements may be eligible for a 1st/5th period or 4th/8th period off campus.

## What is the noise level in the neighborhoods?

As with any shared space meant for collaborative and cooperative learning there is a low hum of productivity. Students are expected to maintain a level of respect for others who are working. Each neighborhood has a meeting room that can be fully enclosed with an operable wall. Through team planning this room can be used if a class needs quiet (testing) or the ability to be a little louder (presentations).

## Can students be IBDC + athlete + fine arts?

Absolutely! There are several options to ensure time within the student's schedule for a well-rounded high school experience. Students should discuss their learning goals with their Academic Dean.

## Are there opportunities during the school day for students to meet with their Academic Dean, visit the College Corner, and work with teachers if they need tutorials?

Yes! We operate one hour long lunch period each day and students have the opportunity to meet with teachers, their academic dean, the IB coordinators, or participate in club meetings.

## Academics

## Small School Feel...Big School Opportunities!

We want every Lamar Texan to feel connected to our campus through academics and extracurricular activities. Our neighborhood concept is designed to give students access to their core teachers throughout the day and direct access to their Academic Dean, Assistant Principal, and clerk. This also ensures that our teacher teams are in constant communication with each other and the leadership team. Our students, parents, and staff are essential in creating the right path and plan for each student. With that being said "Big School Opportunities" means we have lots of options and that can be confusing! This section gives you an overview of your options to graduation at Lamar and beyond. Lamar offers a variety of State Endorsements, CTE pathways, three IB programs, plus fine arts and athletics and making them all work together requires planning from the beginning.

Our students choose a CTE pathway in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. If students are on a CTE specific transfer, then they will follow that pathway throughout their 4 years. If students are zoned or are not on a pathway specific transfer, then they can choose from any of our CTE pathways. Students may choose a different pathway between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade without needing to take the year 1 course of the new pathway in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Students only have the option to make this move once between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Students on a pathway specific transfer will need to apply for a new transfer through the Admissions Coordinator. Students and parents are encouraged to reach out to their neighborhood Academic Dean anytime throughout the school year with questions or concerns, but the primary planning meeting for the next school year will take place in the spring during the Student-led Conference. Students take the lead in this conference discussing their strengths and their areas for growth, featuring prominent pieces of work with their parent and Academic Dean as well as planning their courses for the following year.

Lamar is an International Baccalaureate World School and all of our students are IB learners. All students in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades are in the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and then choose between the IB Career-related Programme (IBCP) and the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) for grades 11 and 12. While the official decision between IBCP and IBDP does not happen until 10<sup>th</sup> grade, students who think they're interested in the IB Diploma Programme should let their Academic Dean know in 9<sup>th</sup> grade as course planning is especially key.

Lamar offers two levels of rigor in core courses and several electives. The "recommended" level is considered "on level" for the specific grade. We also offer advanced level courses which increase the depth and pace of the content. In grades 9 and 10 these courses are referred to as Pre DP, Pre IB, or in a few cases, AP/Pre AP. In 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades the courses are referred to as "DP" or "IB".

As an IB school we offer AP courses in area of study where there is no IB equivalent. The advanced level of Social Studies courses in grades 9 and 10 are AP courses with a test requirement in the spring. We also offer AP Government in grades 11 or 12 and additional AP courses for students who have more than the typical number of high school credits from middle school.

## Student Led Conferences, Course Selection

Each year, Academic Deans schedule a time to meet with a student, a parent and a teacher to facilitate a Student Led Conference (SLC). During the conference the student will share a digital portfolio, discuss strengths and weaknesses as a learner and select courses for the next school year. Before Academic Deans conduct the meeting, they put together a 3 page document package for each student. The document package includes the student's current transcript, schedule, and a Course Request Worksheet (CRW). The Academic Dean then reviews the document package for each student, checking to make sure that the student is on track to graduate on time, according to path and plan. While reviewing path and plan, the Academic Dean completes the CRW filling in any required courses and leaving blank - or noting options for - any elective courses. Once in the conference, the Academic Dean shares the document package with the student, explains what to expect the next year, and goes over the CRW line by line. The Academic Dean will go over the student's path, plan, required courses, and elective course options. Academic Deans answer questions and explore options with the student and parent. Once the courses have been selected and all parties agree, signatures are obtained, and a copy is made. The Academic Dean retains a copy for input and the student/ parent receives a copy.

## Endorsements

### What are endorsements?

An endorsement shows your knowledge and/or skills gained in one of five broad subject matter areas. High school endorsements consist of a related series of courses that are grouped together by interest or skill set. They provide students with in-depth knowledge of a subject area. Students must select an endorsement in the ninth grade.

### Students can choose from five endorsement areas:

- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
- Business and Industry
- Public Service
- Arts and Humanities
- Multidisciplinary Studies

### What does this mean for me?

Lamar offers all five endorsement areas. Students should consider their selected CTE pathway and their IB path when selecting an endorsement. Typically, the endorsement will align with the chosen pathway.

#### **Endorsement Requirements:**

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

- Engineering
- Computer Science
- Mathematics

- Science
- Combination of no more than two of the categories listed above
- Business and Industry (one of the following or a combination of areas)
  - Agriculture
  - Audio/Video
  - Business Management and Administration

#### Public Service (one of the following)

Human Services

Arts and Humanities (one of the following)

- Social Studies
- 2 levels each in two languages other than English (LOTE)
- 4 levels in the same LOTE

Multi-Disciplinary Studies (one of the following)

- 4 advanced courses from other endorsement areas
- 4 credits in each foundation subject area, including English IV and chemistry and/or physics

- Finance
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)
- Courses from one or two areas (music, theater, art, dance) in fine arts
- English electives not included in Business and Industry
- 4 credits in International Baccalaureate from English, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, LOTE, or fine art

## Personal Graduation Plans (PGP's)

The personal graduation plan is a working document used by counselors and/or administrators to track student completion of graduation requirements. It is a tool used to document grades, endorsement selections, and coursework. The personal graduation plan is an opportunity for students, parents/guardians, and counselors/administrators to meet individual student needs. The use of the personal graduation plan is necessary to ensure desired outcomes for college and career readiness.

PGP's are updated each year during the Student-led Conference.



## CONTINUUM DE L'IB CONTINUO DEL IB

Lamar offers three of the four IB Programmes. All 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders participate in the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and all 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders choose between the IB Career-related Programme and the IB Diploma Programme.





The MYP is designed for students aged 11 to 16. It provides a framework of learning that encourages students to become creative, critical and reflective thinkers. The MYP emphasizes intellectual challenge, encouraging students to make connections between their studies in traditional subjects and the real world. It fosters the development of skills for communication, intercultural understanding and global engagement—essential qualities for young people who are becoming global leaders.

The MYP is flexible enough to accommodate the demands of most national or local curriculums. It builds upon the knowledge, skills and attitudes developed in the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) and prepares students to meet the academic challenges of the IB Diploma Programme (DP) and the IB Career-related Programme (CP).

What the MYP offers students:

The MYP aims to develop active learners and internationally minded young people who can empathize with others and pursue lives of purpose and meaning. The programme empowers students to inquire into a wide range of issues and ideas of significance locally, nationally and globally. The result is young people who are creative, critical and reflective thinkers.

Students will:

- build confidence in managing their own learning
- learn by doing, connecting the classroom to the larger world
- consistently have greater success in IB Diploma Programme examinations
- develop an understanding of global challenges and a commitment to act as responsible citizens

## PERSONAL PROJECT

All MYP students in schools with the fifth year of the programme demonstrate consolidation of their learning through completion of a personal project. At Lamar all 10th grade students complete the Personal Project with the help of a staff mentor.

# Career-related Programme

The IB Career-related Program was specifically developed for students who wish to engage in career-related learning while gaining transferable and lifelong skills in applied knowledge, critical thinking, communication, and cross-cultural engagement.

The Career Program provides students the flexibility to pursue a variety of interests during their junior and senior year, while experiencing the rigor and benefits of an IB education. CP students undertake a minimum of two IB Diploma Program (DP) courses, a core consisting of four components, and career-related study.

IB DP courses provide the theoretical underpinning and academic rigor of the program. CP students take a minimum of two IB DP courses.

Career-related study courses further support the program's academic strength and provide practical, real-world approaches to learning; as well as fulfilling state of Texas course pathway requirements. Students choose from among the 12 pathways Lamar currently offers.

The CP core requirement helps them to develop skills and competencies required for lifelong learning. This is covered in one course taken over two years beginning spring of junior year and ending fall of senior year.

Career Program certification is granted upon successful completion of these requirements. IB Diploma Program courses incorporate both internal and external assessment. In these courses, students take written examinations which are assessed by external IB examiners.

The CP enables students to:

- follow their chosen education and careerrelated pathway
- combine academic subjects with their personal and professional interests and skills
- engage in learning that makes a positive difference to their community
- think critically and creatively
- communicate clearly and effectively in a variety of situations
- work independently and in collaboration with others

- consider new perspectives and other points of view
- develop greater self-confidence and selfawareness
- demonstrate high levels of resilience and flexibility
- be internationally-minded and globally aware
- apply their knowledge to real-world scenarios and situations.

The program leads to further/higher education, internships or employment.

Sample IB Career Program Pathway									
9th 10th 11th 12th									
English	Pre DP English 1	Pre DP English 2	HL English Year 1	HL English Year 2					
Second Language	Pre DP Spanish 2	Pre DP Spanish 3	Additional Elective/Athletics	Additional Elective/Athletics					
Social Studies	Geography	World History	US History	Govt/Economics					
Science	Pre DP Biology	Pre DP Chemistry	Physics	Anatomy & Physiology					
Math	Pre DP Algebra II	Pre DP Geometry	SL Math Year 1	SL Math Year 2					
CTE	Principles of Hospitality & Tourism	Introduction to Culinary Arts	Culinary Arts 2	Practicum					
Elective/PPS	Fine Art	Fine Art/Elective	Public Speaking/ PPS	PPS /Off campus					
Elective	PE/Athletics	Additional Elective/Athletics	Additional Elective/Athletics	Practicum					



The International Baccalaureate<sup>®</sup> (IB) Diploma Program (DP) was established to provide students with a balanced education, facilitate geographic and cultural mobility and to promote international understanding.

The Diploma Program curriculum sets out the requirements for study of the DP. The curriculum is made up of the DP core and six subject groups.

The three core elements are:

- Theory of knowledge, in which students reflect on the nature of knowledge and on how we know what we claim to know.
- The extended essay, which is an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4,000-word paper.
- Creativity, activity, service, in which students complete a project related to those three concepts.

Students choose courses from the following six subject groups: studies in language and literature; language acquisition; individuals and societies; sciences; mathematics; and the arts.

Students may opt to study an additional course in a different subject instead of a course in the arts.

Students will take some subjects at higher level (HL) and some at standard level (SL). HL and SL courses differ in scope but are measured according to the same grade descriptors, with students expected to demonstrate a greater body of knowledge, understanding and skills at higher level.

Each student takes at least three (but not more than four) subjects at higher level, and the remaining at standard level.

	9th	10th	11th	12th	SL/HL	DP Group
English	Pre DP English 1	Pre DP English 2	HL English Year 1	HL English Year 2	HL	Group 1
Second Language	Pre DP Spanish 2	Pre DP Spanish 3	Spanish SL	Additional Elective/Athletics	SL	Group 2
Social Studies	AP Human Geography	AP World History	Pre DP US History	HL History	HL	Group 3
Science	Pre DP Biology	Pre DP Chemistry	SL Science Year 1	SL Science Year 2	SL	Group 4
Math	Pre DP Algebra II	Pre DP Geometry	SL Math Year 1	SL Math Year 2	SL	Group 5
CTE/Elective	Principles of Business and Marketing	BIM	HL Economics Year 1	HL Economics Year 2	HL	Group 6/Elective
Elective/TOK	Fine Art	Fine Art	AP Govt/ TOK	TOK /Off Campus		ток
Elective	PE/Athletics	Additional Elective/Athletics	Additional Elective/Athletics	Additional Elective/Athletics		
		SL = St	andard Level			

The IB uses both external and internal assessment in the DP.

External assessment: Examinations form the basis of the assessment for most courses. This is because of their high levels of objectivity and reliability. They include the following: essays, structured problems, short-response questions, data-response questions, text-response questions, case-study questions, and (rarely) multiple-choice questions.

Internal assessment: Teacher assessment is also used for most courses. This includes the following: oral work in languages, fieldwork in the human sciences, laboratory work in the natural sciences, investigations in mathematics, artistic performances.

Research suggests that the DP is a strong pathway to university – the impact of studying the DP on admission to university and higher education depends on each student's performance.

The DP focuses on rigorous academic study, within a broad and balanced curriculum, which can prepare students well for employment.

Students in the DP also have the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills to community service, gaining valuable experience outside the academic world.

## **Career and Technical Education Programs**

CTE programs allow students the opportunity to begin exploring their potential careers in high school. These courses are designed to teach problem-solving skills, teamwork, communication, and allow students to apply knowledge from their core courses to real world problems. Students begin career exploration in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and follow a sequenced pathway through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This exploration allows students to discover their best skills and what they love. They have the chance from an early age to combine their skills and passions which will help them decide on a career path in their post-secondary work or when they join the work force. A student in the Hospitality and Tourism program might not end up in this career path but they will learn that they are organized, attentive to details, can problem solve quickly, and remain calm under pressure. This knowledge will only help students as they leave Lamar and enter the next phase of their life. CTE courses play a vital role in the overall education and experience of our students at Lamar. CTE, fine arts, and athletics are where our students apply the knowledge gained from their core curriculum to their real world. All students benefit from CTE coursework and at Lamar all students choose a pathway as part of their 9<sup>th</sup> grade course selection. CTE pathways lead to Endorsements, required for Students to graduate with the Distinguished Level of Achievement in Texas. Students can also gain industry certification in CTE pathways which they can take with them when they begin their post-secondary work. Students with industry certifications will find it easier to gain employment and internships during college or to immediately enter the workforce. The following pages offer more information about each of the Career Clusters and the individual pathways offered at Lamar.

## Lamar High School Career Cluster Survey

Circle the items in each box that best describe you. You may make as many or as few circles in each box as you choose. Add up the number of circles in each box. Look to see which three boxes have the highest numbers. Find the corresponding Career Clusters immediately following this survey to see which Career Clusters you may want to explore.

	Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects that I like:	Total Number circled in Box 1
	<ol> <li>Learn how things grow and stay alive.</li> </ol>	1. Self Reliant	1. Math	
	<ol><li>Make the best use of the earth's natural resources.</li></ol>	2. Nature Lover	2. Life Sciences	
x i	3. Hunt and/or fish.	3. Physically Active	3. Earth Sciences	
Box	4. Protect the environment.	4. Planner	4. Chemistry	
	5. Be outdoors in all kinds of weather.	5. Creative problem solver	5. Agriculture	
	6. Plan, budget, and keep records.			
	Operation machines and keep them in good repair.			
	Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects that I like:	Total Number circled in Box 2
				Total Number circleu in Box 2
	1. Use my imagination to communicate new information to others.	1. Creative and imaginative	1. Art/Graphic design	
2	2. Perform in front of others.	2. Good communicator/good vocabulary	2. Music	
×	3. Read and write	3. Curious about new technology	3. Speech and Drama	
Box	<ol><li>Play a musical instrument.</li></ol>	<ol><li>Relate well to feelings and thoughts of others.</li></ol>	4. Journalism/Literature	
	<ol><li>Perform creative, artistic activities.</li></ol>	5. Determined/tenacious	5. Audiovisual Technologies	
	<ol><li>Use video and recording technology.</li></ol>			
	7. Design brochures and posters.			
	Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects that I like:	Total Number circled in Box 3
	1. Perform routine, organized activities but can be flexible.	1. Organized	1. Computer Applications/Busines and Information Technology	
	2. Work with numbers and detailed information.	2. Practical and logical	2. Accounting	
m	3. Be the leader in a group.	3. Patient	3. Math	
Box	4. Make business contact with people.	4. Tactful	4. English	
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	5. Work with Computer programs	5. Responsible	5. Economics	
	6. Create reports and communicate ideas.			
	7. Plan my work and follow instructions without close supervision.			
	Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects that I like:	Total Number circled in Box 4
	1. Work with numbers.	1. Trustworthy	1. Accounting	
4	<ol><li>Work to meet a deadline.</li></ol>	2. Orderly	2. Math	
Box	<ol><li>Make predictions based on existing facts.</li></ol>	3. Self - confident	3. Economics	
-	<ol><li>Have a framework of rules by which to operate.</li></ol>	4. Logical	4. Banking/Financial Services	
	<ol><li>Analyze financial information and interpret it to others.</li></ol>	5. Methodical or efficient		
	<ol><li>Handle money with accuracy and reliability.</li></ol>			
	Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects that I like:	Total Number circled in Box 5
	1. Investigate new places and activities	1. Tactful	1. Language Arts/Speech	
	2. Work with all ages and types of people	2. Self-motivated	2. Foreign Language	
ŝ	3. Organize activities in which other people enjoy themselves	3. Works well with others	3. Social Studies	
Box	4. Have a flexible schedule	4. Outgoing	4. Marketing	
-	5. Help people make up their minds	5. Slow to anger	5. Food Services	
	6. Communicate easily, tactfully, and courteously.	Stolow to dilger		
	7. Learn about other cultures.			
	Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects that I like:	Total Number circled in Box 6
	1. Care about people, their needs, and their problems.	1. Good communicator/good listener	1. Language Arts	Total Number circled in box o
	<ol> <li>Care about people, then needs, and then problems.</li> <li>Participate in community services and/or volunteering</li> </ol>			
9		2. Caring	2. Psychology/Sociology	
Box	3. Listen to other people's viewpoints.	3. Non-materialistic	3. Family and Consumer Sciences	
<u> </u>	4. Help people be at their best.	4. Uses intuition and logic	4. Finance	
	<ol><li>Work with people from preschool age to old age.</li></ol>	5. Non-judgemental		
	6. Think of new ways to do things.			
	7. Make friends with different kinds of people.			
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	Activities that describe what I like to do:	Personal qualities that describe me:	School subjects that I like:	Total Number circled in Box 7
	1. Interpret forumlas.	1. Detail oriented	1. Math	
	2. Find the answers to questions.	2. Inquisitive	2. Science	
15	3. Work in a laboratory.	3. Objective	3. Drafting/Computer Aided Drafting	
Box	4. Figure out how things work and investigate new things.	4. Methodical	4. Electronics/Computer Networking	
l "	5. Explore new technology.	5. Mechanically inclined	5. Technical Classes/Technology Education	
1	6. Experiment to find the best way to do something.			
1	7. Pay attention to details and help things be precise.			
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1 Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources	The production, processing, marketing, distribution, financing, and development of agricultural commodities and resources including food, fiber, wood products, natural resources, horticulture, and other plant and animal products/resources.
2 Arts, Audio Video Technology and Communications	Designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism, and entertainment services.
3 Business, Management, and Administration	Business Management and Administration careers encompass planning, organizing, directing and evaluating business functions essential to efficient and productive business operations. Business Management and Administration career opportunities are available in every sector of the economy.
4 Finance	Planning, services for financial and investment planning, banking, insurance, and business financial management.
5 Hospitality and Tourism	Hospitality and Tourism encompasses the management, marketing and operations of restaurants and other food services, lodging, attractions, and recreation events and travel-related services.
6 Human Services	Preparing individuals for employment in career pathways that relate to families and human needs
7 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math	Planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services (e.g., physical science, social science, engineering), including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

## Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources

The Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources program of study is committed to preparing students for careers and life skills through education and training in agricultural commodities and natural resources. Horticulture, Veterinary Science and Animal Science are available programs on campus and can get students out of the classroom and enjoying the outdoors. Students can receive certifications in Floral Design, Veterinary Science, or Animal Science. The Benz School of Floral Design Principles of Floral Design Certification verifies individuals have acquired the knowledge and skills to pursue a sustainable career in the floral industry. The Texas Veterinary Medical Association Level 1 Certified Vet Assistant will educate veterinary assistants in the essential skills and knowledge needed to become effective contributors to the veterinary medical care team. The Elanco Fundamentals of Animal Science Certification verifies individuals have acquired the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in a variety of plant, natural, and environmental science related fields.

CTE							
Cluster	Strand	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Certification	Endorsement
	Veterinary Science	Principles of Agriculture	Livestock Production	Veterinary Medical Applications	Practicum	Certified Veterinary Assistant	Business & Industry
				Equine Sciences/Small	Advanced		
	Animal	Principles of	Livestock	Animal	Animal		Business &
	Science	Agriculture	Production	Management	Sciences	OSHA 30	Industry
AGRICULTURE, FOOD, &				Landscape Design & Management /	Practicum	-	
NATURAL RESOURCES	Plant Science	Principles of Agriculture	Floral Design	Turf Grass Management	Horticulture Science	TSFA Tx Floral Design L1	Business & Industry

## **Industry Certifications**

### **Animal Science**

### **Certified Veterinarian Assistant Level 1**

The TVMA Veterinary Assistant Training Program is standardized and documents the basic skills and competencies required for animal care and assistance. The program will educate veterinary assistants in the essential skills and knowledge needed to become effective contributors to the veterinary medical care team. The best thing about this program is it can be completed either in a clinic or a TVMA approved educational program.

## **OSHA 30 Hour General Industry**

The OSHA Outreach Training Program provides workers with basic and more advanced training about common safety and health hazards on the job. Students receive an OSHA 30-hour course completion card at the end of the training.

## **Plant Science**

## Texas State Floral Association Level 1 Floral Certification

The Texas State Floral Association Level One Floral Certification exam includes competencies such as understanding industry-specific vocabulary, plant identification, and common and scientific names of plants. In addition to the written exam, testers will be asked to complete a nine carnation triangle hands on design and a rose boutonnière hands on design. The following principles and elements of floral design should be considered as a tester designs the hands-on projects for the certification; Balance, Mechanics, Proportion/Scale, Depth/Rhythm, Focal Point, Dominance, Skeleton, Foliage, Unity, Form and Line.



## **POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS**

HIGH SCHOOL/ INDUSTRY	CERTIFICATE/	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	MASTER'S/ DOCTORAL	OCCUPATIONS	MEDIAN WAGE	ANNUAL OPENINGS	% GROWTH
CERTIFICATION	LICENSE*	DEGREE	DEGREE	PROFESSIONAL DEGREE	Animal Breeders	\$39,135	28	9%
Licensed Veterinary Technician	Pet Groomer	Food Science and Technology	Animal Sciences	Genetics	Animal Scientists	\$57,533	22	12%
Feedyard Technician in Cattle Care and	Veterinary Technician	Veterinary Studies	Agriculture	Veterinary Medicine	Medical Scientists Veterinarians	\$63,898 \$93,496	435 294	27%
Handling Certified Veterinary Assistant	Licensed Breeder	Biotechnology Laboratory Technician	Biology	Biological and Physical Sciences	Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists	\$67,309	45	32%
		Biology Technician	Zoology/ Animal Biology	Biological and Biomedical	WORK BASED LEARNING AND EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES			
Additional in	ndustry based certifica	ation information is ava	ailable from the TEA C	Sciences TE website.	Exploration Activities: Texas FFA Activities: Agri-Science Fair 4H			Ū

For more information on postsecondary options for this program of study, visit TXCTE.org.

The Animal Science program of study focuses on the science, research, and business of animals and other living organisms. It teaches students how to apply biology and life science to real-world life processes of animals and wildlife, either in laboratories or in the field, which could include a veterinary office, a farm or ranch, or any outdoor area harboring animal life. Students may also research and analyze the growth and destruction of species and research or diagnose diseases and injuries of animals.



The Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) Career Cluster® focuses on the essential elements of life—food, water, land, and air. This career cluster includes a diverse spectrum of occupations, ranging from farmer, rancher, and veterinarian to geologist, land conservationist, and florist.

Successful completion of the Animal Science program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry Endorsement. Approved Statewide Program of Study - September 2019



Volunteer at a local farm

or veterinary office



## **POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS**

HIGH SCHOOL/ INDUSTRY	CERTIFICATE/	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	MASTER'S/ DOCTORAL	OCCUPATION	IS MEDIAN WAGE	ANNUAL OPENINGS	% GROWTH
CERTIFICATION	LICENSE*	DEGREE	DEGREE	PROFESSIONAL DEGREE	Soil and Plant Scientists	\$54,662	116	21%
Landscape Irrigation Technician	Pesticide Applicator		Applied Horticulture ulture Operations, (	,	Tree Trimmers and Pruners	s \$32,240	589	14%
License					Pesticide Handlers,	\$36,733	196	22%
Commercial/ Noncommercial	Certified Floral Designer	Ornamental Horticulture	Agronomy and	d Crop Science	Sprayers, and Applicators			
Pesticide Applicator					Landscaping Supervisors	\$44,408	807	19%
Texas State Floral Association Level One Floral Certification	Accredited Member of AIFD	Agricultural Bu	usiness and Manage	ement, General	Biological Technicians	\$42,931	452	17%
Texas State Floral Association Level	Landscape Industry Certified	Turf and Turfgra	ass Management	Farm/Farm and Ranch		SED LEARNI ARNING OPP		
Two Floral Certification	Technician		Management		Exploration Ac Texas FFA		ork Based Le ctivities:	arning
Additional i	ndustry based certifica	tion information is av	ailable from the TEA C	CTE website.		flo	ork part-time prist;	
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Successful completion of the Plant Science program of study will fulfill requirements of a Business and Industry Endorsement. Approved Statewide Program of Study - September 2019



landscaping business

## Arts, Audio Visual Technology & Communications

The Arts, A/V Technology and Communications program of study combines creativity and technology to prepare students for one of today's leading industries with a focus on careers in designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing and publishing multimedia content and entertainment services. Animation, Audio/Visual Production, Commercial Photography, Printing and Imaging Technology, and Graphic Design are all programs available at Lamar. Students receive certification in Adobe Premier or Adobe InDesign.

CTE Cluster	Strand	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Certification	Endorsement
		Principles of					
		Arts Audio	Audio	Audio			
		Visual	Visual	Visual	Digital	Adobe Certified	
	Broadcast	Technology &	Production	Production	Audio	Associate	Business &
	Journalism	Communication	1	2	Technology	Premiere Pro	Industry
		Principles of					
		Arts Audio	Graphic	Graphic	Commercia		
AUDIO VISUAL		Visual	Design &	Design &	I	Adobe Certified	
<b>TECHNOLOGY &amp;</b>	Print	Technology &	Illustration	Illustration	Photograph	Associate	Business &
COMMUNICATION	Journalism	Communication	1	2	y 1	InDesign	Industry

## **Industry Certifications**

Broadcast Journalism

## Adobe Certified Associate Premier Pro

The Adobe Certified Associate Premiere Pro exam measures the following domains: working in the video industry, project setup and interface, organizing vide projects, creating and modifying visual elements and publishing digital media.

## Print Journalism

## Adobe Certified Associate InDesign

The Adobe Certified Associate InDesign exam measures the following domains: working in the design industry, project setup and interface, organizing documents, creating and modifying visual elements, and publishing digital media.



HIGH SCHOOL/ INDUSTRY	CERTIFICATE/	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	MASTER'S/ DOCTORAL		OCCUPATIONS	MEDIAN WAGE	ANNUAL OPENINGS	% GROWTH
CERTIFICATION	LICENSE*	DEGREE	DEGREE	PROFESSIONAL DEGREE		Sound Engineering Technicians	\$39,562	79	27%
Apple Final Cut Pro X	Certified Video Engineer	Record Technology	0	Communications Technology/ Technician		Camera Operators, Television, Video and Motion Picture	\$50,024	129	9%
Apple Logic Pro X	Commercial Audio Technician	Cin	ematography and F Video Production	ïlm/		Audio and Video Equipment Technicians	\$40,581	757	29%
						Film and Video Editors	\$47,382	118	23%
Adobe Certified Associate Premiere Pro	Certified AM Directional Specialist	Radio and Television Broadcasting Technology/ Technician	Radio and	Television					
Adobe Certified Associate Certifications	Certified Broadcast Radio Engineer	Music Technology	Agricultural Communication/ Journalism			WORK BASEI LEARI	NING OPF	ORTUNITIES	;
Additional indust	ry based certificati	on information is a	vailable from the T	EA CTE website.	A CTE website.		on Ir	fork Based Le ctivities: Itern at a loca Elevision static	1

For more information on postsecondary options for this program of study, visit TXCTE.org.

Exploration Activities
Shadow a production
team
SkillsUSA, TSA

video production company

The Digital Communications program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with the production of audio and visual media formats for various purposes, such as TV broadcasts, advertising, video production, or motion pictures. This program of study may also include exploration into operating machines and equipment to record sound and images, such as microphones, sound speakers, video screens, projectors, video monitors, sound and mixing boards, and related electronic equipment.



The Arts, A/V Technology and Communications (AAVTC) Career Cluster® focuses on careers in designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism, and entertainment services. Careers in the AAVTC career cluster require a creative aptitude, a strong background in computer and technology applications, a strong academic foundation, and a proficiency in oral and written communication.

Successful completion of the Digital Communications program of study will fulfill requirements of a Business and Industry Endorsement. Approved Statewide Program of Study - September 2019





HIGH SCHOOL/ INDUSTRY	CERTIFICATE/	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	MASTER'S/ DOCTORAL	OCCUPATIONS	MEDIAN WAGE	ANNUAL OPENINGS	% GROWTH
CERTIFICATION	LICENSE*	DEGREE	DEGREE	PROFESSIONAL DEGREE	Graphic Designers	\$44,824	1,433	15%
Adobe Certified Associate Certifications	Certified Digital Designer	Animation, Interac	ctive Technology, V Special Effects	ideo Graphics and	Multimedia Artists and	\$67,392	186	21%
Adobe Certified Expert Certifications	WOW Certified Web Designer Apprentice		Graphic Design		Animators			
Apple Logic Pro X	Adobe Suite Certifications	Game and Interac	tive Media Design	Intermedia/ Multimedia				
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					Exploration Activ		ork Based Lea tivities:	arning
		ation information is avaid any options for this			development or c club. SkillsUSA, TSA	or Ot	tern with a mi animation str otain a certific aphic design.	udio. cate in

The Graphic Design and Multimedia Arts program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with designing or creating graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs, such as packaging, displays, or logos. This program of study may also include exploration into designing clothing and accessories, and creating special effects, animation, or other visual images using film, video, computers, or other electronic tools and media, for use in computer games, movies, <u>music videos, and commercials</u>.



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Successful completion of the Graphic Design & Multimedia Arts program of study will fulfill requirements of a Business and Industry Endorsement. Approved Statewide Program of Study - September 2019



## **Business Management and Administration**

The Business Management and Administration program of study encompasses planning, organizing, directing, and evaluating business functions essential to efficient and productive business operations. Business management and administrative career opportunities are available in every sector of the economy. From small business owners to global corporate executives, there is a need for employees with strong financial, organizational, time management, and communication skills. Students receive certification in Microsoft Office (Power Point, Word, and Excel) and have the opportunity to intern in the Smart Financial Credit Union branch on the Lamar High School campus.

<b>CTE Cluster</b>	Strand	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Certification	Endorsement
					Practicum		
		Principles			Global		
		of	Business		Business/		
		Business,	Information		Human		
	Business	Marketing,	Management	Business	Resource		Business &
	Administration	& Finance	1	Management	Management	Microsoft Office	Industry
		Principles		DP Business	DP Business	Microsoft Office	Multidisciplinary
		of	Business				
		Business,	Information				
		Marketing,	Management	DP	DP		
<b>DUGUESO</b>		& Finance	1	Economics	Economics	Microsoft Office	Multidisciplinary
BUSINESS		AP					
ADMINISTRATION	IB DP	Computer	PrelB				
MAGNET	Business	Science	Computer	DP Computer	DP Computer		
PROGRAM	Administration	Principles	Science	Science	Science	Java	Multidisciplinary

## **Industry Certifications**

## **Business Administration**

## Microsoft Office Specialist Excel

Successful candidates for the Microsoft Office Specialist Excel 2016 certification exam have a fundamental understanding of the Excel environment and the ability to complete tasks independently. Candidates taking this exam will create and edit a workbook with multiple sheets, and they will use a graphic element to represent data visually. Workbook examples include professional-looking budgets, financial statements, team performance charts, sales invoices, and data-entry logs.

## Microsoft Office Specialist Word

Successful candidates for the Word 2016 exam have a fundamental understanding of the Word environment and the ability to complete tasks independently. Candidates taking this exam will demonstrate the correct application of the principle features of Word 2016 by creating and editing 2-3-page documents for a variety of purposes and situations, documenting examples include professional-looking reports, multi-column newsletters, résumés, and business correspondence.

## Microsoft Office Master Level 2016

Earning this certification demonstrates that a student has the highest level of skills needed to proficiently use Office programs. To earn the Microsoft Office 2016 Master Level-2016 certification, a student must pass all three of these exams: Word Expert, Excel Expert, and PowerPoint. In addition, the student must then pass one of the elective exams available, MOS 2016 Access or MOS 2016 Outlook.

## **Computer Science**

## Microsoft Technology Associate Introduction to Programming Using Java

The Microsoft Technology Associate Introduction to Programming using Java exam measures the following objectives: understanding java fundamentals, working with data types, variables, and expressions, implementing flow control, performing object-orientated programming, and compiling and debugging code. Candidates should have at least 150 hours or instruction or hands-on experience with Java, are familiar with its features and capabilities, and understand how to write, debug and maintain well-formed, well documented Java code.





## **POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS**

HIGH SCHOOL/ INDUSTRY	CERTIFICATE/ ASSOCIATE'S BACHELOR'S DOCTORAL		OCCUPATIONS	MEDIAN WAGE	ANNUAL OPENINGS	% GROWTH		
CERTIFICATION	LICENSE*	DEGREE	DEGREE PROFESSIONAL DEGREE	Administrative Service Managers	\$96,138	2,277	21%	
Microsoft Office Specialist or Expert - Excel	Certified Records Manager	Business Administration			Management Analysts	\$87,651	4,706	32%
Microsoft Office Specialist or	Certified Facility Manager	Business/	/ Commerce Business Management		General and Operations Managers	\$107,640	18,679	20%
Expert - Word	Manager			Management	Operations Research Analysts	\$78,083	1,128	38%
Google Cloud Certified Professional - G-Suite	Certified Commercial Contracts Manager	Public Administration			Supervisors of Administrative Support Workers	\$57,616	14,982	20%
Certified Associate in Project	Teradata 14 Basics/ Certified	Business Management	Management Science				NG AND EXP ORTUNITIES	
Management	Technical Specialist				Exploration Act Business Profes		ork Based Le	arning
Additional industry based certification information is available from the TEA CTE website.					of America (BPA	of America (BPA), Internship with loca		
For more information on postsecondary options for this program of study, visit TXCTE.org.					Future Business Leaders business or chamber of of America (FBLA), and commerce; DECA			

for this program of study, visit TXCTE.org.

The Business Management program of study teaches CTE concentrators how to plan, direct, and coordinate the administrative services and operations of an organization. Through this program of study, students will learn the skills necessary to formulate policies, manage daily operations, and allocate the use of materials and human resources. This program of study will also introduce students to mathematical modeling tools and organizational evaluation methods.



The Business, Marketing, and Finance Career Cluster® focuses on careers in planning, organizing, directing, and evaluating business functions essential to efficient and productive business operations.

Successful completion of the Business Management program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Approved Statewide Program of Study - September 2019 Industry Endorsement.



## Finance

Businesses need employees who can lead team projects, crunch numbers to keep costs down, and examine financial records. The Finance program of study encompasses services for financial and investment planning, banking, insurance, and business financial management. Accounting, Financial Planning, and Banking and Securities are all programs available at Lamar High School. Students receive certification in Microsoft Excel and QuickBooks and have the opportunity to intern in the Smart Financial Credit Union branch on the Lamar High School campus.

Strand	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Certification	Endorsement
	Principles of					
	Business,					
	Marketing, &	Money				Business &
Finance	Finance	Matters	Accounting 1	Accounting 2	Intuit QuickBooks	Industry

## **Industry Certifications**

## Intuit QuickBooks Certified User

The Intuit QuickBooks software is offered as a desktop version or online version. These certification versions are similar, but each certification has its own objective domains. Either version of the certification exam should be reported once obtained. If completing the Intuit QuickBooks Certified User Online exam, the candidate is tested on the new features including receipt capture from a mobile device; cloud-based app support; work from anywhere on any device; instant file access for accountants; and scheduling and sending invoices automatically. If completing the Intuit QuickBooks Desktop exam, candidates are being tested on basic accounting knowledge and utilities of the QuickBooks Desktop software that includes pre-built sample companies, multiple company files, annual updates, and data backed-up and restored.

#### **COURSES**

Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance Money Matters Business Information Management I/Lab

Accounting I Banking and Financial Services **Financial Mathematics** 

Accounting II **Financial Analysis** Insurance Operations

LEVEL 1

LEVEL 2

LEVEL 3

LEVEL 4

Securities and Investments Practicum in Business Management Practicum in Entrepreneurship (TBD) Career Preparation I

## **POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS**

**ACCOUNTING & FINANCIAL SERVICES** 

MARKETING, AND FINANCE AND FINANCE FINA SOUTHERS MARKETING, AND FINANCE

HIGH SCHOOL/ INDUSTRY	H SCHOOL/ CERTIFICATE/ ASSOCIATE'S BACHELOR'S DOC	MASTER'S/ DOCTORAL	OCCUPATIONS	MEDIAN WAGE	ANNUAL OPENINGS	% GROWTH			
CERTIFICATION	LICENSE*	DEGREE	-	PROFESSIONAL DEGREE	Accountants and Auditors	\$71,469	14,436	22%	
QuickBooks Certified User	Certified Management Accountant	Real Estate	Accounting	Financial Accounting	Loan Officers	\$68,598	8 2,419	19%	
Microsoft Office Specialist or	Certified Internal Auditor	Financial	Financial, General		Personal Financial Advisors	\$86,965		52%	
Expert - Excel	- EXCEI			Administrative Service Managers	\$96,138	8 2,277	21%		
Certified Insurance Service Representative	Certified Income Specialist	Financial Planning and Services		Financial Planning	Insurance Underwriters	\$66,206	5 594	14%	
	Certified Public Certified Income Specialist Accountant				ING AND EXP PORTUNITIES	AND EXPANDED			
				Exploration Activ Business Profess					
Additional industry based certification information is available from the TEA CTE website.					of America (BPA), Future Inter			rnship with local	
For more information on postsecondary options for this program of study, visit TXCTE.org.					America (FBLA), and Microsoft Office S DECA (MOS) certification			Specialist	

The Accounting and Financial Services program of study teaches CTE concentrators how to examine, analyze, and interpret financial records. Through this program of study, students will learn the skills necessary to perform financial services, prepare financial statements, interpret accounting records, give advice, or audit and evaluate statements prepared by others. This program of study will also introduce students to mathematical modeling tools.



The Business, Marketing, and Finance Career Cluster® focuses on careers in planning, organizing, directing, and evaluating business functions essential to efficient and productive business operations.

Successful completion of the Accounting & Financial Services program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry Endorsement. Approved Statewide Program of Study - September 2019



## **Hospitality and Tourism**

The Hospitality and Tourism program of study encompasses the management, marketing, and operations of restaurants and other food services, lodging attractions, recreation events, and travel related services. Lamar High School has a Culinary Arts program. Students receive the ServSafe Managers Certification, along with First Aid and CPR training.

<b>CTE Cluster</b>	Strand	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Certification	Endorsement
		Principles			Practicum		
		of	Introduction				
		Hospitality	to Culinary	Culinary Arts	Food		Business &
	Culinary Arts	& Tourism	Arts	2	Science	Serve Safe Manager	Industry
		Principles					
		of		Travel &			
HOSPITALITY &	Hotel	Hospitality	Hotel	Tourism	Hospitality		Business &
TOURISM	Management	& Tourism	Management	Management	Services	OSHA 30	Industry

## Industry Certifications

## **Culinary Arts**

## ServeSafe Manager

ServSafe Manager is a food safety program providing high-quality food safety education and training for the restaurant and food service industry. Learn about food borne illness, how to prevent it and how to train employees in food sanitation. The ServSafe Manager exam measures the following content areas: implementing food safety standard operating procedures, ensuring employee hygiene and health, ensuring safe receipt, storage, transportation and disposal of food, ensuring safe preparation, display and service of food and ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements for facilities.

## Hotel Management

## **OSHA 30 Hour General Industry**

The OSHA Outreach Training Program provides workers with basic and more advanced training about common safety and health hazards on the job. Students receive an OSHA 30-hour course completion card at the end of the training.


## **POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS**

HIGH SCHOOL/ INDUSTRY	CERTIFICATE/	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	MASTER'S/ DOCTORAL	OCCUPATIONS	MEDIAN WAGE	I ANNUAL OPENINGS	% GROWTH
CERTIFICATION	LICENSE*	DEGREE	DEGREE PROFESSIONAL DEGREE		Food and Beverage Managers	\$55,619	9 1,561	28%
Certified Fundamentals	Certified Chef	Hotel a	nd Restaurant Mana	agement				
Cook					Chef and Head Cooks	\$43,285	5 1,366	25%
Certified Fundamentals Pastry Cook	Foodservice Management Professional	Restaurant Culinary and Catering Management		ce Systems i/Management	Food Science Technicians	\$34,382	2 236	11%
ServSafe Manager	Comprehensive Food Safety	Hospitality Adr	ninistration/Manage	ement, General				
ManageFirst Professional	Certified Food and Beverage	Culinary Arts/ Chef Training	Culinary Science and Food Service	Business Administration			ING AND EXP PORTUNITIES	
	Executive		Management	Management, General	Exploration Ac	tivities: \	Work Based Learni	ng Activities:
Additional indust	ry based certificat	ion information is a	vailable from the T	EA CTE website.	Family, Career, Commur America (FCCLA),	, 1	Plan a catering even a catering company	
For more information	tion on postsecond	dary options for this	s program of study	, visit TXCTE.org.	SkillsUSA, American Culi Federation,Texas Restau Association	nary rant i	n a cooking course; restaurant; cook at	work in a

The Culinary Arts program of study introduces students to occupations and educational opportunities related to the planning, directing, or coordinating activities of a food and beverage organization or department. This program of study also explores opportunities involved in directing and participating in the preparation and cooking of food.

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The Hospitality and Tourism Career Cluster® focuses on the management, marketing, and operations of restaurants and other food/beverage services, lodging, attractions, recreation events, and travel-related services. Students acquire knowledge and skills focusing on communication, time management, and customer service that meet industry standards. Students will explore the history of the hospitality and tourism industry and examine characteristics needed for success.

Successful completion of the Culinary Arts program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry Endorsement. Approved Statewide Program of Study - September 2019





## **POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS**

HIGH SCHOOL/ INDUSTRY	CERTIFICATE/	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	MASTER'S/ DOCTORAL	OCCUPATIONS	MEDIAN WAGE	ANNUAL OPENINGS	% GROWTH
CERTIFICATION	LICENSE*	DEGREE	DEGREE	PROFESSIONAL DEGREE	Advertising and Promotions	\$94,515	164	20%
Certified Hospitality and Tourism Management Professional	Travel and Tourism Professional	Т	ourism Managemei	nt	Managers Fundraisers	\$54,850	875	21%
Entrepreneurship and Small Business	Certified Tourism Executive	Business Admin	istration and Mana	gement, General	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$70,346	4,664	40%
Certified Associate in Project Management	Communication Management Professional	Tourism and Travel Services Management	Tourism Management	Recreation and Resources Development	Marketing Managers	\$144,269	1,297	32%
	Certified Marketing	Tourism and Travel Services	Sport Event and Tourism	Recreation, Park, and Tourism			NG AND EXP. ORTUNITIES	
	Analyst	Marketing	Management	Sciences	Exploration Activ	ities: Ad	ork Based Lea ctivities:	arning
Additional industr	y based certificati	on information is a	vailable from the	TEA CTE website.	Family, Career, an Community Leade	ers of at	ork at a local traction, them	
For more informa	tion on postsecond	dary options for this	s program of study	, visit TXCTE.org.	America (FCCLA), SkillsUSA, Texas	Travel at	immer camp; a local comm	

The Travel, Tourism, and Attractions program of study introduces students to occupations and educational opportunities related to the marketing or sales of travel and tourism services. This program of study allows students to learn how to plan, direct, and coordinate marketing or business policies and programs, including identifying potential customers and determining demand and promotional strategies for products and services.



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Industry Association

Successful completion of the Travel, Tourism, and Attractions program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry Endorsement. Approved Statewide Program of Study - September 2019



event (fair or rodeo)

## **Human Services**

The Human Services program of study focuses on preparing individuals for employment in careers that improve the quality of human lives. This program focuses on preparing individuals for employment in career pathways that relate to families and human needs such as family and community services and early childhood development and services. Students receive certification in Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED and have the opportunity to observe and then intern in the Lamar High School Childcare Center.

Strand	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Certification	Endorsement
			Family &			
Child	Principles of	Child	Community	Child	Child Development	
Development	Human Services	Development	Services	Guidance	Associate	Public Service

## **Industry Certifications**

## Child Development Associate

The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential is the most widely recognized credential in Early Childhood Education (ECE) and is a key stepping stone on the path of career advancement in ECE. The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential is based on a core set of six competency standards, which guide early care professionals as they work toward becoming qualified teachers of young children.

The six competency standards include:

- establishing and maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment;
- advancing physical and intellectual competence;
- supporting social and emotional development and to provide positive guidance;
- establishing positive and productive relationships with families;
- ensuring a well-run, purposeful program responsive to participant needs and
- maintaining a commitment to professionalism.

CDA's have knowledge of how to put the CDA Competency Standards into practice and understanding of why those standards help children move with success from one developmental stage to another. Put simply, CDA's know how to nurture the emotional, physical, intellectual, and social development of children.



## **POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS**

HIGH SCHOOL/ INDUSTRY	CERTIFICATE/	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	MASTER'S/ DOCTORAL		OCCUPATIONS	MEDIAN WAGE	ANNUAL OPENINGS	% GROWTH
CERTIFICATION	LICENSE*	DEGREE	DEGREE	PROFESSIONAL DEGREE		Child, Family, and School Social Workers	\$41,350	) 2,221	17%
Community Health Worker	Human Development and Family Studies	Human De	Human Development and Family Studies			Social and Community Services Managers	\$65,146	608	33%
Certified Associate in Project Management	Community Health Services/ Liaison/	Human Services/	Marriage and Family Therapy/ Counseling		Marriage and Family Therapists Social and Human	\$42,266 \$32,448		35% 25%	
G	Counseling			Service Assistants		ŞSZ,440	5 2,022	2.370	
	Distance Credentialed Counselor	Family and Con	sumer Sciences	Human Services/ Sciences			\$42,120	) 576	39%
	Educator Certification in Family and Consumer	Community Health Services	Child and Family Services	Family Studies	WORK BASED LEARNING AND E LEARNING OPPORTUNIT				
	Sciences				Exploration Act				arning
Additional in	Additional industry based certification information is available from the TEA CTE website.					American Associat Family and Consur Sciences, Family, (	ner	<b>Activities:</b> /olunteer at a d	community
For more information on postsecondary options for this program of study, visit						and Community Le	aders	center; intern fo community nor	

TXCTE.org.

#### The Family and Community Services program of study introduces students to knowledge and skills related to social services, including child and human development and consumer sciences. CTE concentrators may learn about or practice managing social and community services or teaching family and consumer sciences. Students may follow career paths in social work or therapy for children, families, or school communities.



The Human Services Career Cluster® focuses on preparing individuals for employment in career pathways that relate to families and human needs such as counseling and mental health services, family and community services, personal care services, and consumer services.

Successful completion of the Family and Community Services program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Service Approved Statewide Program of Study - September 2019 Endorsement.



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## Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

The STEM program of study focuses on providing scientific research and professional services. Careers in STEM link scientific discoveries to the needs of society and consumers. Students at Lamar focus on Engineering and Robotics and become certified in OSHA-10 and Autodesk.

Strand	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Certification	Endorsement
	Principles of Applied	Engineering Design &		Engineering Design & Presentation		
Engineering	Engineering	Presentation	Robotics 1	2	Auto Desk	STEM

## **Industry Certifications**

## Autodesk Certified User in AutoCAD

## Autodesk Certified Professional in AutoCAD

An Autodesk AutoCAD Certified User will demonstrate competency in computer-aided design (CAD). The exam covers the basic use of the AutoCAD software as well as basic drafting and design techniques. Individuals who would like to earn an Autodesk AutoCAD certification will show demonstrated mastery in drawing objects with accuracy, modifying objects, using additional drawing techniques, and organizing objects. In addition, students should know how to reuse existing content, annotate drawings, complete layouts and printing and apply basic drawing skills.



HIGH SCHOOL/ INDUSTRY	CERTIFICATE/	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	MASTER'S/ DOCTORAL	OCCUPATIONS	MEDIAN WAGE	ANNUAL OPENINGS	% GROWTH
CERTIFICATION	LICENSE*	DEGREE	DEGREE PROFESSIONAL DEGREE		Aerospage Engineers	\$110,843	3 481	9%
Autodesk Certified Professional or User (ACU) - Inventor	Engineer, Professional	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Industrial Engineers	\$97,074	1,263	10%
Certified SolidWorks Associate (CSWA)	Fluid Power Systems Designer	Drafting and Design Technology/ Technician, General	CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/ Technician	Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineers Chemical	\$91,707 \$112,819	,	11% 9%
Certified Engineering Technician - Audio Systems	Certified Biomedical Auditor	Engineering Technology	Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering	Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering	Engineers Electrical Engineers	\$98,405	1,137	10%
	Certified Cost Estimator/ Analyst		Construction Engineering Technology/ Technician			NING OPI	NG AND EXP PORTUNITIES areer Preparatio	5
Additional industry	y based certificati	on information is a	vailable from the 1	TEA CTE website.	Participate in comp like Skills USA	etitions A E	ctivities: ngineering interr	nship
Fo	or more inform	ation on postse	econdary optior	าร		J	ob shadow a ma	chinist

for this program of study, visit TXCTE.org.

The Engineering program of study focuses on the design, development, and use of engines, machines, and structures. Students will learn how to apply science, mathematical methods, and empirical evidence to the innovation, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of different manufacturing systems.



The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Cluster® focuses on planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services, including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

Successful completion of the Engineering program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry or STEM Endorsement. Approved Statewide Program of Study - September 2019



## Lamar High School Course Sequences

This course sequence is intended to be a guide for your four years at Lamar. Courses are subject to change based on state requirements and overall student interest. Your Academic Dean will discuss all options in depth when you choose your classes for the following year. You can always contact your Neighborhood Administrator, the MYP Coordinator, the IB Career-related Program coordinator, the IB Diploma Program coordinator, or the Magnet coordinator with any program specific questions before course selection.

	Selection.										
Subject	IB Group	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th	11th	And/Or	12th				
	MYP Language &										
English	Literature	8th Grade English	English 1	English 2	English 3	And	English 4				
Eligiisti					SL/HL English Language		SL/ HL English Language				
	DP Group 1	8th Grade English	Pre IB English 1	Pre IB English 2	and Literature 1	And	and Literature 2				

Subject	IB Group	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th	11th	And/Or	12th
	MYP Language Acquisition		LOTE 1	LOTE 2	LOTE 3	And	LOTE 4
LOTE	DP Group 2		LOTE 1	Pre IB LOTE 2	SL LOTE Yr 1	And	SL LOTE Yr 2
-	DP Group 2	LOTE 1	Pre IB LOTE 2	Pre IB LOTE 3	SL LOTE		
Than English	DP Group 2	LOTE 1	Pre IB LOTE 2	Pre IB LOTE 3	HL LOTE Yr 1	And	HL LOTE Yr 2
	DP Group 2	Spanish 2	Pre IB Spanish 3	Spanish Seminar	HL LOTE Yr 1	And	HL LOTE Yr 2
			Languag	ges: Spanish, French, Chinese,	and Arabic		

Subject	IB Group	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th	11th	And/Or	12th
	MYP Individuals	8th Grade US					
	& Society	History	Geography	World History	US History	And	Govt/Econ
					Pre DP US History (HOA		HL History of the
	DP Group 3				Yr 1)	And	Americas (HOA Yr 2)
	DP Group 3				HL Economics Yr 1	And	HL Economics Yr 2
Social Studies	DP Group 3	8th Grade US	AP Human		SL Economics	OR	SL Economics
	DP Group 3	History	Geography	AP World History	SL Art History	OR	SL Art History
-	DP Group 3				SL Psychology	OR	SL Psychology
	DP Group 3				SL World Religions	OR	SL World Religions

OR

AP Government

AP Government

N/A

IB Group	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th	11th	And/Or	12th		
MYP Sciences	8th Grade IPC	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	And	A&P or Aquatic Science		
DP Group 4	8th Grade IPC	Pre IB Biology	Pre IB Chemistry	SL/HL Science Yr 1	AND	SL/HL Science Yr 2		
DP Group 4	Pre IB Biology	Pre IB Chemistry	Pre IB Physics	SL/HL Science Yr 1	AND	SL/HL Science Yr 2		
				DP Sciences: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science, and Environmental Systems (SL only)				
IB Group	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th	11th	And/Or	12th		
MYP						Advanced Quantitative		
Mathematics	8th Grade Math	Algebra 1	Algebra II	Geometry	And	Reasoning		
DP Group 5	Algebra 1	Pre IB Algebra 2	Pre IB Geometry	SL/HL Math Yr 1	And	SL/HL Math Yr 2		
DP Group 5	Geometry	Pre IB Algebra 2	AP Statistics	SL/HL Math Yr 1	And	SL/HL Math Yr 2		
-	MYP Sciences DP Group 4 DP Group 4 IB Group MYP Mathematics DP Group 5	MYP Sciences     8th Grade IPC       DP Group 4     8th Grade IPC       DP Group 4     Pre IB Biology       IB Group       MYP     8th Grade Math       DP Group 5     Algebra 1	MYP Sciences       8th Grade IPC       Biology         DP Group 4       8th Grade IPC       Pre IB Biology         DP Group 4       Pre IB Biology       Pre IB Chemistry         IB Group         8th Grade         MYP         Mathematics       8th Grade Math         Algebra 1       Pre IB Algebra 2	MYP Sciences       8th Grade IPC       Biology       Chemistry         DP Group 4       8th Grade IPC       Pre IB Biology       Pre IB Chemistry         DP Group 4       Pre IB Biology       Pre IB Chemistry       Pre IB Physics         IB Group         8th Grade       9th Grade       10th         MYP       Mathematics       8th Grade Math       Algebra 1       Algebra II         DP Group 5       Algebra 1       Pre IB Algebra 2       Pre IB Geometry	MYP Sciences       8th Grade IPC       Biology       Chemistry       Physics         DP Group 4       8th Grade IPC       Pre IB Biology       Pre IB Chemistry       SL/HL Science Yr 1         DP Group 4       Pre IB Biology       Pre IB Chemistry       Pre IB Physics       SL/HL Science Yr 1         DP Group 4       Pre IB Biology       Pre IB Chemistry       Pre IB Physics       SL/HL Science Yr 1         DP Group 4       Pre IB Biology       Pre IB Chemistry       Pre IB Physics       SL/HL Science Yr 1         DP Group 4       Pre IB Algebra 1       10th       11th         MYP       Mathematics       8th Grade Math       Algebra 1       Algebra II       Geometry         DP Group 5       Algebra 1       Pre IB Algebra 2       Pre IB Geometry       SL/HL Math Yr 1	MYP Sciences       8th Grade IPC       Biology       Chemistry       Physics       And         DP Group 4       8th Grade IPC       Pre IB Biology       Pre IB Chemistry       SL/HL Science Yr 1       AND         DP Group 4       Pre IB Biology       Pre IB Chemistry       Pre IB Chemistry       SL/HL Science Yr 1       AND         DP Group 4       Pre IB Biology       Pre IB Chemistry       Pre IB Physics       SL/HL Science Yr 1       AND         DP Group 4         IB Biology       Pre IB Chemistry       Pre IB Physics       SL/HL Science Yr 1       AND         DP Sciences: Biology, Physics, Chemis Environmental Syste         IB Group       8th Grade       9th Grade       10th       11th       And/Or         MYP       Mathematics       8th Grade Math       Algebra 1       Algebra II       Geometry       And         DP Group 5       Algebra 1       Pre IB Algebra 2       Pre IB Geometry       SL/HL Math Yr 1       And		

Subject	IB Group	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th	11th	And/Or	12th
					Diploma Program		
					Theory of Knowledge		
IB Core					(Spring Semester)	And	DP TOK (Fall Semester)
IB COTE					Career-related Program		
					Personal & Professional		
					Skills (Spring Semester)	And	CP PPS (Fall Semester)

CTE Cluster	Strand	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Certification	Endorsement	Eligibility
	Veterinary Science	Principles of Agriculture	Livestock Production	Veterinary Medical Applications	Practicum	Certified Veterinary Assistant	Business & Industry	IB CP or DP
	Animal Science	Principles of Agriculture	Livestock Production	Equine Sciences/Small Animal Management	Advanced Animal Sciences	OSHA 30	Business & Industry	IB CP or DP
AGRICULTURE, FOOD, & NATURAL RESOURCES	Plant Science	Principles of Agriculture	Floral Design	Landscape Design & Management / Turf Grass Management	Practicum	TSFA Tx Floral Design L1	Business & Industry	IB CP or DP
	Broadcast Journalism	Principles of Arts Audio Visual Technology & Communication	Audio Visual Production 1	Audio Visual Production 2	Digital Audio Technology	Adobe Certified Associate Premiere Pro	Business & Industry	IB CP or DP
AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION	Print Journalism	Principles of Arts Audio Visual Technology & Communication	Graphic Design & Illustration 1	Graphic Design & Illustration 2	Commercial Photography 1	Adobe Certified Associate InDesign	Business & Industry	IB CP or DP
	Business Administration	Principles of Business, Marketing, & Finance	Business Information Management 1	Business Management	Practicum Human Resource Management	Microsoft Office	Business & Industry	IB CP or DP
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MAGNET PROGRAM	IB DP Business Administration	Principles of Business, Marketing, & Finance	Business Information Management 1 OR Prel B Computer Science	DP Business OR DP Economics OR DP Computer Science	DP Business OR DP Economics OR DP Computer Science	Microsoft Office	Multidisciplinary	IB DP Only
FINANCE	Finance	Principles of Business, Marketing, & Finance	Money Matters	Accounting 1	Accounting 2	Intuit Quickbooks	Business & Industry	IB CP or DP
	Culinary Arts	Principles of Hospitality & Tourism	Introduction to Culinary Arts	Culinary Arts 2	Practicum	Serve Safe Manager	Business & Industry	IB CP or DP
HOSPITALITY & TOURISM	Hotel Management	Principles of Hospitality & Tourism	Hotel Management	Travel & Tourism Management	Hospitality Services	OSHA 30	Business & Industry	IB CP or DP
HUMAN SERVICES	Child Development	Principles of Human Services	Child Development	Family & Community Services	Child Guidance	Child Development Associate	Public Service	IB CP or DP
STEM	Engineering	Principles of Applied Engineering	Engineering Design & Presentation	Robotics 1	Engineering Design & Presentation 2	Auto Desk	STEM	IB CP or DP

Subject	IB Group	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th	11th	And/Or	12th
	DP Group 6				SL/HL Film	And	SL/HL Film
	DP Group 6		Theater Arts 1	Theater Arts 2	SL/HL Theater Yr 1	And	SL/HL Theater Yr 2
	MYP Arts *		Theater Arts 1	Theater Arts 2	Theater Arts 3	N/A	Theater Arts 4
	DP Group 6		Visual Art 1	Pre IB Visual Art 2	SL/HL Visual Art Yr1	And	SL/HL Visual Art Yr 2
	MYP Arts		Visual Art 1	Sculpture/3D Art 2 or Mixed Media 2D Art 2	Sculpture/3D Art 3 or Mixed Media 2D Art 3	N/A	Sculpture/3D Art 4 or Mixed Media 2D Art 4
	MYP Arts		Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	N/A	Band 4
			Jazz Band 1	Jazz Band 2	Jazz Band 3	N/A	Jazz Band 4
Fine Arts	MYP Arts		Choir 1	Choir 2	Choir 3	N/A	Choir 4
	DP Group 6		Dance 1	Rangerettes/ Adv Modern/ Adv Hip	SL/HL Dance Yr 1	And	SL/HL Dance Yr 2
	MYP Arts		Dance 1	Rangerettes/ Adv Modern/ Adv Hip	Rangerettes/ Adv Modern/ Adv Hip Hop	N/A	Rangerettes/ Adv Modern/ Adv Hip Hop
	MYP Arts		Orchestra 1	Orchestra 2	Orchestra 3	N/A	Orchestra 4
	MYP Arts		Guitar Multilevel	Guitar Multilevel	Guitar Multilevel		Guitar Multilevel
	MYP Arts		Piano 1	Piano 2	Piano 3		Piano 4
	Fine Arts courses are not necessarily grade specific. i.e. 11th grader can take Year 1. *Theater Arts has several offerings. See course descriptions for more information.						

IBDC = All PDP/IB Cores + 4 yrs LOTE + 3SL/HL IB Exams + TOK, CAS, & EE

IBCP = 2 PDP/IB Cores + 2 yrs LOTE + 2 IB Exams + PPS + Reflective Project

Important Notes

1. If you enroll in an IB/AP course, you must pay for, and take, that IB Exam

2. Depending on which, if any, High School credit(s) you bring with you from middle school, you may need to attend Summer School between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade or 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades to make room in your schedule for IBDP courses and/or 2 period CTE courses and/or 2 period athletic courses. You will be required to pay for Summer School. Plan to attend Summer School the entire month of June. Dates, times, and details will be published in May. Registration is in May.

If you do not earn credit for a course, you are required to recover that credit in Summer School before being promoted to the next grade level.

4. Students must earn credit for Algebra 1 before being promoted to the next math. Students must earn credit for Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry before being promoted to the 4<sup>th</sup> year of math.

Students may not double up in core subjects.

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## **Extracurricular Activites**

#### How to get involved and make the most of your time at Lamar

## **Clubs and Organizations**

Getting involved in clubs and organizations, allows students to explore and develop interests that students may wish to pursue in college and beyond.

#### Clubs

African American Heritage Student Italian Club Association Japanese Club American Field Service IROTC Artist Club JROTC Color Guard Band Key Club **Best Buddies** Know Thyself Book Club Rangers Lamar Cable Television **Break-Dance Club** Lamar Dance Theatre Cheerleading **Red Cross** Lamar Elite Engineering Team **Chess Team** Lamar for Healthy Living Choir Lamar Life - Magazine **Christian Athletes Club** Lamar Robotics **Computer Science Club** Lamar Student Advisory Board Debate/National Speech and Lamar Student Council Debate Association Loading Dock Productions Drama Club Magic Club Ecology/Environmental Club Tennis Math Interest and Competition ESL Club Club FCCLA Family, Career and Mind Masters **Community Leaders of America** The DA Model UN **Fifty-One Rising** National FFA Organization **Foster Future** National Honor Society Freedom Society Npmi Human Trafficking Club French Club Odyssey of the Mind Gay/Straight Alliance One Love Get Up and Go Club **Operation Smile** Girl Code Orchestra **Global Awareness Club** Orenda – Yearbook Industrial Technology Club Interact

PAWS – Protection Animal Welfare Society Photography & Film Club **Pilates and Yoga Club** Pre-Med HOSA **Rangerettes Drill Team Reading Aces Robotics-Science Club** Rubik's Cube Club Smart Financial Credit Union Student Advisory Board Spanish Club Spanish Poetry Club **Technology Student Association** The American Israel Friendship League Track & Field, Boys' UIL (University Interscholastic League) Academics Ultimate Frisbee Vietnam War History Club Wakonda – Freshman Club Young Democrats Young Engineer's Club Young Republican Club of America

## **Fine Arts**

All Fine Arts programs offer beginner level courses, so no experience is required! Students interested in a program should speak with their Academic Dean and request the course for the following year. If you have experience in the course and would like to be placed in an advanced section, you should speak with program director about the audition process and look for information in the weekly newsletter.

Choir Marching Band Jazz Band Modern Dance Hip Hop Lamar Dance Theater Orchestra Guitar Piano Theater Arts Visual Art

## ATHLETICS

Athletics Coordinator Michael Lindsey philip.lindsey@houstonisd.org

Athletics Clerk Liza Allred lallred@houstonisd.org

**Baseball** Head Coach David Munoz <u>dmunoz@houstonisd.org</u> Please contact Coach Munoz if you are interested in playing baseball before the school year begins. There will be tryouts at all levels in January. Follow Lamar Baseball on twitter - @BaseballLamar

Boys' Basketball Head Coach Jerry Van Dusen jvanduse@houstonisd.org

All players need Coach Van Dusen's permission to be in basketball 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> period. Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders will practice before school, not after and they will not be put in the basketball class period. There will be open gym this summer, times TBA so please check with Coach Van Dusen. Try-outs will be held in October and there will be cuts at all levels. Follow Lamar Boys' Basketball on twitter -@lamartexansbas1

**Girls Basketball** Head Coach Damion Hopkins <u>Damion.Hopkins@houstonisd.org</u> There will be open gyms all summer long and try–outs before school starts. Please be sure to check the school calendar and the Girls basketball web-site for more information. Follow Lamar Girls' Basketball on twitter - @LadyTexansHoops

**Boys Cross Country** Head Coach Jerry Martinez <u>lallred@houstonisd.org</u> Cross Country starts in the summer. Any new cross-country members must contact Coach Martinez for approval at 281-660-6687. No exceptions.

Track and Field Head Coach Patrick Jefferson Gerrick.green@houstonisd.org

Track and Field is a Spring Sport. Students must <u>want</u> to participate and be a part of the team here even if they run for a club outside of school. The Lamar <u>team</u> comes first. Follow Lamar Boys' Track & Field @Lamar\_BoysTrack on twitter.

#### Girls Cross Country (interim head coach) Brandon.coslor@houstonisd.org

Cross Country starts in the summer. Please contact Coach Green if you are interested in girls' cross country or girls' track. Follow Lamar Girls' Track & Field @lamar\_track on twitter.

#### Girls Track and Field Head Coach Brandon.coslor@houstonisd.org

Track & Field is a Spring Sport, but practice for the girls track program begins before the spring semester begins. One of the top goals of the Lamar High School track program is to build on an already strong tradition that can be continued well on into the future, with that in mind we do not cut athletes but want parents and students to know that this is a sport that requires your full commitment and participation. Please email Coach Coslor and follow Lamar Girls' Track & Field @lamar\_track on twitter.

#### Football Head Coach Michael Lindsey Philip.Lindsey@houstonisd.org

All Freshmen and newcomers to Lamar are accepted on the team pending paperwork being submitted and attending the first day of practice, August 3. All Lamar students who are not new to Lamar but want to play football must receive permission from Coach Lindsey to join the team. Please check the Lamar Football website at <u>www.lamarfootball.net</u> and our twitter page @LamarTexansFB for more information.

### Golf Head Coach Allan Myers allan.myers@houstonisd.org

There are try-outs in August. No one will be put into the class without permission from Coach Myers. Please email him to let him know your skill-set and to set up your try-out. Check the golf website for more information.

**Boys Soccer** Head Coach Jeremy Davison <u>jdavison@houstonisd.org</u> You must have the coach's permission to participate in soccer. Please e-mail the coach with your information and level of experience. Class times are 3<sup>rd</sup> (Advanced) and 7<sup>th</sup> period (FR/tryout/PE), there will be try-outs all year in class only. Soccer is a competitive sport that needs your full commitment and participation during all classes, training sessions, practices and games.

### Girls Soccer Head Coach Zach Goolsbee jgoolsbe@houstonisd.org

You must have Coach Goolsbees' permission to participate in soccer. Try-outs are in October. Please email Coach Goolsbee with your information and level of experience. Soccer is a competitive sport that needs your full commitment and participation at practice and games. Please check the Lamar Girls' Soccer website for updates - <u>https://houstonlamarsoccer.weebly.com/</u>.

### Softball Head Coach Debra Crockett <u>dcrock3@houstonisd.org</u>

New softball players are encouraged to attend the summer strength and conditioning program at Lamar as well as softball skill sessions. Any student interested in softball must fill out the Athletic Packet Prior to admittance into the class. Contact Coach Crockett if you have any questions. Please go to the softball website for updates. <u>https://sites.google.com/houstonisd.org/lamarsoftball/</u> Follow Lamar Softball on twitter @\_lamarsoftball

Swim, Water Polo and Diving Coordinator Mac McDonald <a href="mailto:smcdona3@houstonisd.org">smcdona3@houstonisd.org</a>

You must have Coach McDonald's permission to participate in swim. Please e-mail him and let him know your level of experience. Follow Lamar Swim, Water Polo, and Diving on twitter - @LamarAquatics Tennis Head Coach Remus Anduiza <u>remus.anduiza@houstonisd.org</u>

You must have the coach's permission to participate in tennis. Please e-mail the coach with your information and level of experience. Class times are 4th (Advanced) and 8th period (FR/tryout/PE), there will be try-outs Aug 1st. Tennis is a competitive sport that needs your full commitment and participation during all classes, training sessions, practices and games.

#### Volleyball Head Coach – Leisa Brents Lbrents@houstonisd.org

There will be open gym during the summer and early try-outs for Volleyball. Please check the Lamar Calendar and the volleyball web-site for exact times and more information. Follow Lamar Volleyball on twitter @VolleyballLamar

## Girls and Boys Wrestling Head Coach Justin Wingard <u>Justin.Wingard@houstonisd.org</u>

If you would like to wrestle, Coach Wingard will be happy to have you contact him for entry into the program.

## **Club Sports**

#### **Field Hockey**

Field Hockey Team Mom, Kyrsten Crawford, <u>Kyrsten.crawford@gmail.com</u> PE Credit Coordinator, Paige Fajkus, <u>cpfajkus@gmail.com</u>

**Boys Lacrosse** Dave Vollmer dmvollmer2@gmail.com

#### **Girls Lacrosse**

Erin Fox is the parent contact <a href="mailto:erinfox@gmail.com">erinfox@gmail.com</a>

#### **Boys and Girls Rugby**

Spencer Wheat parent contact and coach <a href="mailto:rugbylamar@yahoo.com">rugbylamar@yahoo.com</a>

For more information Contact the Lamar athletic secretary, Liza Allred <u>lallred@houstonisd.org</u>

## Student Support

## **College Corner**

It's never too early to think about your path after high school graduation. For some that means 4-year colleges and universities. For others it may be a 2-year school that will lead to a 4-year college or university. Some of you want to jump into the workforce with certifications in specific trades or medical programs. Whatever and wherever you see yourself we are here to help you along the way! Making a plan is the first place to start. College Corner is located on the second floor by the elevators. We are open during lunch for drop ins. For off periods students will need to make appointments and will be given a pass for their session. Our College Access Coordinator hosts parent meetings throughout the year and is available for meetings with parents and students during the school day.

## Social and Emotional Support

Ensuring student health, safety and well-being is of utmost importance to all of us at Lamar High School. While academics are at the heart of our district, we cannot understate the significance of providing a safe and comfortable space for all of our students. Through our partnership with Communities in Schools, we can offer students emotional, social and academic support.

Located on the second floor behind the school store, the Student Support Center is open for drop-ins or a student can schedule support in advance. Within the SSC, we have Certified School Counselors, Licensed Therapists and other support staff. We work closely with all school administrators, parents and staff to provide a setting where students may come if they are struggling in any area of their lives, that is keeping them from being successful in the classroom or life in general.

For students who need more structured support, students may be assigned to the Lamar Success Center (LSC) for a short period. While students are in the LSC, their teachers will visit them and provide one on one assistance. They will also have easy access to our counselors/therapists, if they so choose.

The Student Support Center provides:

- 1. Tutors
- 2. Mentors
- 3. Group counseling
- 4. School Uniform assistance
- 5. Access to social service agencies such as food banks, temporary housing and outside counseling agencies

 LSC (Lamar Success Center) – A classroom with a teacher where a student that may need to slowly transition back to their schedule, due to medical or personal reasons. A referral may also be made by a staff member, parent or student. Approval must be made through Ms. Tello (SSC Coordinator/Asst. Principal) or Mr. Jackson (Dean of Students).

## Section 504

Section 504 is the part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that prohibits discrimination within federally funded programs based upon disability. This civil rights statute requires that the needs of students with disabilities be met as adequately as the needs of their non-disabled peers.

To be covered under Section 504, a student must be "qualified," meaning s/he is between the ages of 3 and 22 years of age and has an impairment which substantially limits one or more major life functions. An impairment as used in Section 504 may include any disability, long-term illness, or various disorder that "substantially" reduces or lessens a student's ability to access learning in the educational setting because of a learning-, behavior- or health-related condition.

Many students have conditions or disorders which are not readily apparent to others. They may include conditions such as specific learning disabilities, diabetes, epilepsy and allergies. Hidden disabilities such as low vision, poor hearing, heart disease or chronic illness may not be obvious, but if they substantially limit a child's ability to receive an appropriate education as defined by Section 504, s/he may be considered to have an "impairment" under Section 504.

Students with a suspected impairment should be referred to Section 504 for evaluation through the campus Intervention Assistance Team (IAT). The 504 Committee will review a student's grades over the past several years, teachers' reports, information from parents or other agencies, state assessment scores or other school administered tests, observations, discipline reports, attendance records, health records and adaptive behavior information. A variety of sources must be considered, as a single source of information (such as a doctor's report) cannot be the only consideration.

Once a student is identified as having an impairment under Section 504, and it is demonstrated that the impairment substantially limits a major life function, then the student is considered disabled and eligible for protections, services, and reasonable accommodations. Section 504 accommodations or services are developed and implemented to provide the student an "equal opportunity" and/or "equal access." After a student's 504 eligibility is established, the 504 Committee will periodically review his/her 504 plan to determine continued eligibility and to update his/her accommodations. At the beginning of each school year, all Lamar HS faculty and staff are provided an updated list identifying the 504 students on campus. Classroom teachers are also provided copies of the accommodation plans for their specific students.

If you suspect that your child has a disability and that s/he may qualify under Section 504, please contact your child's Assistant Principal or Academic Dean to begin the IAT process. If your child is currently served through Section 504 at Lamar HS and you have questions, please contact Lamar's 504 Coordinator.

## **Special Education**

Lamar High School provides various special education services and are identified through an individual student's ARD (Admission Review and Dismissal)/IEP (Individual Education Plan) document and meeting. Students qualify for special education services based on an FIE (Full and Individual Evaluation) conducted by an HISD Evaluation Specialist. If you have any questions regarding services, please contact the Lamar Special Education Chairperson and/or Coordinator.

Students with a suspected disability should be referred to the campus Intervention Assistance Team (IAT). The IAT committee will review a student's grades over the past several years, teachers' reports, information from parents or other agencies, state assessment scores or other school administered tests, observations, discipline reports, attendance records, health records and adaptive behavior information. This information will be used to determine the need for further district level evaluations. Once the evaluation is complete, the ARD committee will determine eligibility, needs and services.

For students new to Lamar and already receiving Special Education Services-

If your student has had an IEP from a previous school in HISD, we will have access to the IEP and will know that your student receives services. If a new ARD/IEP meeting is required to make changes to services while at Lamar High School, we will contact you the schedule an ARD meeting.

If you are transferring from another district and receive special education services, we will not automatically be aware of the student's eligibility and needs. If this is the case, please provide a copy of the last ARD/IEP and the last FIE (Full and Individual Evaluation). We will share the last FIE with the Lamar Evaluation Specialist and we will schedule an ARD/IEP meeting to address eligibility and needs.

## Tutorials

A tutorial period is built into the school day after lunch and before 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> period. Students should review the tutorial schedule published by each teacher.

Individual teachers provide special help for their students upon request. Student must receive a permit from the teacher to report to the third or fourth floors of the Academic Building or to enter the North Building before 8:15 AM.

Campus-wide tutorials are available in all core subject areas are available in the neighborhoods for all students from 7:15 AM to 8:15 AM Monday through Friday and 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM Monday through Thursday.

Students who have not passed any or all portions of the STAAR EOC may be required to take the noncredit STAAR EOC tutorial. The only exception would be for a senior who is enrolled in eight corecurriculum and required courses needed for graduation.

## Lamar Policies at a Glance

## **Dress Code**

Note: Per HISD this policy has been relaxed for the 2020 2021 school year.

#### **Dress and Grooming**

The health and safety of everyone on campus is at the heart of our dress code guidelines. Lamar will not tolerate gang-related behavior and/or the wearing of gang-identified articles of clothing and/or other gang symbols. Any articles of clothing, symbols, or emblems thought to signify gang membership will be banned.

The Lamar faculty and administration will enforce the Lamar dress code in a uniform manner. They also will determine the appropriateness of attire for school occasions and activities. All students have the responsibility to wear clothing that contributes both to their own health and safety as well as that of others. The student dress code applies to students on campus, whether during the school day or after hours, including those serving detention.

### The Uniform Policy

All Lamar students are required to adhere to the uniform policy. The policy includes extra- curricular uniforms which may require additional clothing to be in compliance.

### Tops

- Students must wear a uniform white or navy blue polo shirt with "LAMAR IB" embroidery **at all times**. These items may be purchased in the school store.
- Undershirts, if worn, must be white.
- Students with tattoos and henna markings with inappropriate or vulgar messages must ensure they are covered and not visible.
- All cold weather clothing such as jackets, sweaters, hoodies and sweatshirts **must** have the Lamar logo.
- Athletic and Physical Education practice uniforms are required and consist of a white Lamar Tshirt and blue Lamar shorts. These must be purchased through the school. No personal clothing for these activities is acceptable. These items are required materials for Athletics and P.E. classes.

NOTE: Lamar spirit shirts may only be worn on Fridays. Alterations of any kind to any clothing are not acceptable, including, but not limited to writing on clothing. Students may not wear sleeveless tops.

### Pants, Shorts and Skirts

• Students are required to wear khaki uniform slacks, khaki shorts, khaki uniform skirts (**unrolled**, **mid-thigh**). A plaid skirt option will be available for purchase from Academic

Outfitters. **Note:** These items may be purchased at any nearby uniform store or department store that sells standard school uniforms.

• All slacks, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the natural waist height and be of proper length. All must fit properly and may not be excessively loose or baggy.

#### Shoes

- Students must wear shoes at all times.
- No slippers, house shoes, or shower shoes are allowed.

Please note: Violations of the Lamar dress code will result in disciplinary action. Depending on the number of dress code offenses and the gravity of the offense, discipline may range from Level I to a Level III offense within the Student Code of Conduct.

Courts at both the state and federal levels have recognized the rights of school officials to regulate standards of student dress and grooming.

## **Assessment and Grading Policy**

Report card and transcript grades are reported in accordance with state law as follows:

Course Grades				
Letter	Numerical			
Grade	Average	Description		
А	89.5 - 100.0	Excellent Progress		
В	79.5 - 89.4	Good Progress		
С	74.5 - 79.4	Normal Progress		
D	69.5 - 74.4	Poor Progress		
F	0.0 - 69.4	Failure		
INC	N/A	Incomplete		

### Assessment in the IB

#### Assessment in the MYP

Assessment is integral to all teaching and learning. MYP assessment requires teachers to assess the prescribed subject-group objectives using the assessment criteria for each subject group in each year of the program. In order to provide students with opportunities to achieve at the highest level, MYP teachers develop rigorous tasks that embrace a variety of assessment strategies.

Internal (school-based) summative assessment is part of every MYP unit. Summative assessments are designed to provide evidence for evaluating student achievement using required MYP subject-group specific assessment criteria. Below is an example of the assessment criteria for one subject-group objective:

Achievement level	Level descriptor		
0	The student <b>does not</b> reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.		
	The student:		
1-2	<ul> <li>i. provides <b>limited</b> analysis of the content, context, language, structure, technique and style of text(s) and the relationship among texts</li> <li>ii. provides <b>limited</b> analysis of the effects of the creator's choices on an audience</li> </ul>		
	iii. rarely justifies opinions and ideas with examples or explanations; uses little or no terminology		
	<ul> <li>evaluates few similarities and differences by making minimal connections in features across and within genres and texts.</li> </ul>		
	The student:		
	<ul> <li>provides adequate analysis of the content, context, language, structure technique and style of text(s) and the relationship among texts</li> </ul>		
3-4	ii. provides <b>adequate</b> analysis of the effects of the creator's choices on an audience		
	<li>justifies opinions and ideas with some examples and explanations, though this may not be consistent; uses some terminology</li>		
	<li>evaluates some similarities and differences by making adequate connections in features across and within genres and texts.</li>		
Achievement level	Level descriptor		
	The student:		
	<ul> <li>competently analyses the content, context, language, structure, technique, style of text(s) and the relationship among texts</li> </ul>		
5-6	ii. competently analyses the effects of the creator's choices on an audience		
	<li>iii. sufficiently justifies opinions and ideas with examples and explanations; uses accurate terminology</li>		
	<ul> <li>evaluates similarities and differences by making substantial connections in features across and within genres and texts.</li> </ul>		
	The student:		
	<ul> <li>provides perceptive analysis of the content, context, language, structure, technique, style of text(s) and the relationship among texts</li> </ul>		
7_8	ii. perceptively analyses the effects of the creator's choices on an audience		
7–8	<ul> <li>ii. perceptively analyses the effects of the creator's choices on an audience</li> <li>iii. gives detailed justification of opinions and ideas with a range of examples, and thorough explanations; uses accurate terminology</li> </ul>		

## DP/CP Assessment Components

External Assessment (EA) components are assessed by trained IB examiners from around the world. External assessments include the written IB exams taken by the student at the end of a DP course, normally in their second year of the program. In some courses, EAs are performance-based products, such as written assignments and creative portfolios. IB examiners employ specific assessment criteria to measure each piece of work submitted by students.

Internal Assessment (IA) components are evaluated by the subject teacher using a list of criteria developed by IB. IA projects are focused on subject-related work. They take the form of oral work in languages, fieldwork in the human sciences, laboratory work in the natural sciences, investigations in mathematics and artistic performances. Alongside the criteria, samples of student work (oral performances, portfolios, lab reports, and essays) are submitted to the IB for moderation.

Moderation is the process of evaluation of the subject teachers' interpretation and application of the IB assessment criteria for the internal assessment component used by an appointed IB assessor from around the world. Moderation ensures that the IB's reliable global standards are maintained at all IB World Schools. Annual IA feedback is provided to the subject teachers to guide their teaching and evaluation of the IA component.

The IB provides task-specific assessment rubrics for all internally-assessed components. Teachers use the IB IA rubrics to determine the total marks awarded for the component. Total marks awarded from the rubrics is reported to IB.

The most recent *Subject Report* for the course provides IA marks conversion to a scale of 1 to 7. The 1 to 7 score is converted to an appropriate HISD grade on a 100-point scale for purposes of state graduation requirements. Examples of such conversions are below.

Marks awarded	Component grade	HISD grade
22 – 30	7	96 – 100
19 – 21	6	90 – 95
15 – 18	5	84 - 89
12 - 14	4	80-83
9 - 11	3	74 – 79
5 – 8	2	70 – 73
0-4	1	60 – 69

## **Grading Categories**

### **Preparation Assessments 25%**

In flipped learning, students are asked to take responsibility for their learning outside of the classroom prior to the class period. These assignments may include watching videos or tutorials, reading a passage or researching a topic. Students are held accountable for the preparation with a graded assignment (Cornell Notes, open ended responses, short quizzes, online accountability checks such as Blend Space etc.)

### **Formative Assessments 50%**

Formative Assessments provide both students and teachers with the information they need to improve the learning process while it's happening. The goal of a formative assessment is to monitor progress toward a goal or objective, providing information in an expedient manner which allows both teachers and students to respond to the academic needs of the students. (practice problems, quizzes, rough drafts, lab reports, in class assignments, notebook checks.)

#### Summative Assessments 25%

Summative assessments are generally administered at the end of a unit or course. Unlike formative assessments, which may occur several times during a course or unit, summative assessments occur only a few times over the course of the academic year. A common goal of this type of evaluation is to measure the mastery of learning standards. (projects, cumulative tasks, chapter tests, final draft essays, MYP Unit Tasks)

## Communications

Parents are encouraged to read the weekly newsletter, which is sent to the parent email on file, the student's HISD email, and posted on the Lamar website. Lamar also utilizes the district call out and text message system for more urgent matters. Phone numbers on file will receive the calls and text messages. Parents are also encouraged to log into their student's Hub page to view assigned work and due dates.

Report cards and progress reports are distributed at the end of each grading period. A reporting cycle is established on the HISD website. Modifications to grade reporting dates will be communicated by HISD and Lamar.

Lamar High School encourages parents to contact the school concerning the education of their children. A healthy partnership between parents, students and staff members benefits all involved. Our Neighborhood system allows for parents to meet with all four of their child's core teachers at the same time.

Parents requesting a telephone conference, especially with their son or daughter's teachers, should provide both a day and an evening telephone number with their message. Please give teachers at least 48 hours to respond to your message. As a rule, teachers cannot be called to the phone (or to a conference) while they are teaching. Should you not receive a return call from the staff member you called within a reasonable amount of time, please call the assigned neighborhood clerk and note that you are making a second call.

Email is an effective form of communication between a student's parent/guardian and the student's teacher. Email addresses can be found on the Lamar website.

Should parents wish to arrange a conference, they may call the school office at (713) 522-5960 to make an appointment or request a return call. Given the various duties and commitments of school personnel during the school day, teachers and other school officials may not be able to meet with parents who arrive at the school without an appointment. Parents can leave their names and phone numbers with the Welcome Center. Please note, there may be periods of time in which no visitors are allowed on campus to ensure the health and safety of faculty and staff.

## **PowerSchool Parent Portal**

PowerSchool Parent Portal is an online service that gives parents access to information about the student. After registering for an account, you will have the ability to view period and daily attendance, class schedules and assignments, progress reports, report cards, as well as other resources for parents and students. Parents are encouraged to check this site on a regular basis.

## **Updating Contact Information**

If your family moves during the school year, you must report that address change (and/or new telephone number) immediately to the Registrar's Office. Also, if your parent or guardian has a change in work or personal telephone numbers or email addresses, that information should be updated in the Registrar's Office. To ensure the safety of our students — especially in an emergency — and to allow for timely parent and student contact, it is critical that the school have accurate addresses and phone numbers.

In addition, students who are not on valid HISD transfers or do not live in the Lamar attendance zone are generally not eligible to attend Lamar High School and may be withdrawn from school. If students are planning a move or have any questions about their school zone residency or transfer status, they should consult with the Lamar Admissions Coordinator BEFORE moving.

## **Credits and Grade Level Classification**

The Registrar will assign each student a grade level based on the number of credits earned at the end of the previous school year. Only students who are eligible to graduate at the end of the school year will be reclassified before the end of the school year.

(	Grade Level Classifications				
Grade		Credits Earned			
9	Freshman	0.0 - 5.5			
10	Sophomore	6.0 - 11.5			
11	Junior	12.0 - 17.5			
12	Senior	18.0+			

## **Course Credit**

- Students must maintain a grade average of 70 or above on a scale of 100 in order to receive credit for a course.
- Students may not be given credit for a class if they have attended fewer than the required number of days/ class period. (90% of the semester)

Students must comply with all attendance requirements for each course taken. Students may be
assigned to Credit Appeal to recover the time and curriculum missed due to excessive absences.
Appeals will only be considered when the student has passed the course with a final semester
average of 70% or better and meets qualifying attendance guidelines.

## Alternate ways to earn credit

- Middle school Students may earn high school credit in middle school. For students enrolled in Texas public schools this credit will automatically be added to their high school transcript. Students entering Lamar from a non-Texas public school will have their credit assessed to ensure it aligns with Texas Education Agency guidelines on content and rigor.
- Summer school Students who did not earn full credit for a course during the regular academic year will be required to enroll in summer school to recover their lost credit. Summer school dates and requirements will be announced in May and registration will also take place in May. Students will be enrolled by their Academic Dean and students should contact their Academic Dean or the Dean of Students with questions.

Students who are pursuing the IB Diploma may need to enroll in summer school if they did not receive Algebra 1 credit in middle school. Students can enroll in Algebra 2 between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade or Geometry between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade. A fee will be assessed for accelerated summer school. Summer school dates and requirements will be announced in May and registration will also take place in May. Students will be enrolled by their Academic Dean and students should contact their Academic Dean or the Dean of Students with questions.

- Credit Appeals & Recovery A student who has credit denied for a class may appeal for the credit if:
  - the student has earned a passing semester grade in the class; and
  - attends assigned credit appeal sessions;

Regular attendance and punctuality are the responsibilities of student and parent.

• Physical Education Requirements

Students are required to complete one credit of physical education. Students have two options to satisfy this requirement.

- 1. By taking a Physical Education course on the Lamar campus
- 2. By participating in a physical education equivalent activity. Several courses, including all athletic classes, will provide the equivalent credit of the physical education course. These courses include:
  - On campus Lamar athletics (club sports do not qualify)

- Marching Band (Fall)
- Drill Team (Fall)
- Cheerleading (Fall)
- JROTC (full year)

Most of these activities require an audition/coach approval to enroll in the course. Your Academic Dean can assist you in selecting an appropriate option to fulfill your physical education requirement.

## **Parking and Transportation**

## Private Car Drop Off & Pick Up

Parents and others who drive students to and from school are encouraged to carpool and to stop only at designated points. Drivers should drop off and pick up students on Eastside in the transit center. Do not exit your vehicle while in the street in areas identified as "moving traffic" lanes.

## **Bus Transportation**

The time spent on the bus is considered an extension of the school day. All school rules apply. A student who misbehaves on the bus may lose bus-riding privileges. Metro bus riders will be held to the same standards. Students zoned to Lamar who live more than two miles from school may apply for transportation through their Neighborhood Office. If a student is attending Lamar on a transfer they may apply for transportation through their Neighborhood Office, but please note that not all transfers are eligible for HISD transportation.

### Parking Garage

The parking garage is on the east side of campus. There

When purchasing a parking tag, a student must furnish:

- his or her valid driver's license;
- current proof of liability insurance for the vehicle(s) that the student will be driving, with the student listed as a covered driver
- current registration of the vehicle(s) that the student will be driving.

Students may register an EZtag (or other Texas toll tags) for access or be provided a Lamar parking tag.

# Home of the Texans

## **Fight Song**

Fight Lamar forever We will see you through We'll defend your honor All brave and so true FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT! Hail, Hail the gang's all here Sound your colors true We'll fight forever for the Crimson and Blue L-L-L-A-M M-M-M-A-R L-A-M M-A-R GOOOOOOO LAMAR! Fight! Fight! Fight!



# I'm So Glad

I'm so glad I go to LHS <sup>(because I'm a Freshman/ Sophomore/ Junior/Senior)</sup> I'm so glad I go to LHS I'm so glad I go to LHS Sing Glory Hallelujah I go to LHS!

# Alma Mater

Hail to Lamar, Alma Mater dear Sing her joyful praise Sound it far and near Rally around her banner. WE WILL NEVER FAIL So to Lamar, Alma Mater Sing Hail...Hail...HAIL