

# Bob Lanier Middle School

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Magnet Information Session



# Meeting Norms



Begin and end on time



Be an engaged participant, ask questions via the Teams chat



Be an active listener

# Application Process



## Parent Login

If you have already created an account  
please login to your account to continue:

Email or Phone :

Password :

Login

[Forgot your password?](#) | [Forgot your email?](#)

- Apply online- [www.hisdchoice.com](http://www.hisdchoice.com)
- 24/7 Access online
- Re-arrange ranking of your choices through November 11, 2021
- View outcome of applications on January 27 , 2022
- Upload required documentation
- Track status of wait list position

# Application Process

Application starts with student ID or grade level applying (will generate district magnet matrix score if available) and filters for programs parent can apply for

You must fill out an application for each transfer type/school you wish to apply to. The first application takes about 5 – 10 minutes, subsequent applications take about 1 minute

Each CTE pathway will be considered as One application

Weigh choices carefully-**Ranking matters**



# Application Process

- Students may apply for a combination of 10 School Choice transfers, with no more than 5 Magnet applications (Stem, Vanguard, Early College, etc.)
- Each transfer application may require specific paperwork, so be sure to check with each school you apply to
- School choice transfer examples:
  - IB
  - Career and Technical
  - Dual Language
  - Language of Instruction
- Be wary of open enrollment/special transfers:
  - Hardship
  - Open enrollment
  - Space available

Number of Magnet Choices	Number of Possible Choice Transfers
0 Magnet Choices	10 Choice Transfers are available if a Magnet choice is not selected.
1 Magnet Choice	9 Choice Transfers available
2 Magnet Choices	8 Choice Transfers available
3 Magnet Choices	7 Choice Transfers available
4 Magnet Choices	6 Choice Transfers available
5 Magnet Choices	5 Choice Transfers available

# Application Process-Siblings

- Up to 25% of initial accepted slots are given to students applying to entry grade levels with siblings who will be attending the same Magnet school
- Any remaining students applying to entry grade levels with siblings who will be attending the same Magnet program are placed at top of wait list
- **“Applicant with Sibling Applying”** refers to a qualified Phase 1 applicant applying to an entry grade who has a sibling applying to the same Magnet school
  - If the sibling applying to a non-entry grade level accepts an offered seat, the other sibling is then considered as an “Applicant with Sibling Attending”
  - The other sibling will be placed at the top of the waitlist in the order he/she was drawn in the lottery, above the non-sibling applicants.

# Phases

## Application Phases K-12

### **Phase 1 (September 10, 2021 – November 11, 2021)**

All qualified applications submitted during Phase I will be entered either in a lottery or will be eligible for auditions at secondary fine arts programs

### **Phase 2 (November 12, 2021 – March 10, 2022)**

All qualified *in-district* applicants will be considered on a space-available basis and will be placed on the offered list after Phase II closes.

### **Phase 3 (March 11, 2022 - Onward)**

All qualified applicants that are currently NOT in HISD or out of district will be considered on a space-available and first-come-first-served basis. Tuition is required for OOD students accepted at SUS and Specialty Schools.

# Application Lotteries

- A random lottery will be conducted for magnet programs that have more qualified Phase 1 applicants than space available.
- A lottery will be conducted by the Office of School Choice to ensure fairness. A lottery is not final until confirmed by the Office of School Choice.
- Qualified Phase 2 applicants are not entered into the Phase 1 lottery but are offered seats on a space available basis.

# Ranking

- For the 2022-2023 application year, you must rank your schools in the application system
- The first application you complete will automatically become your rank 1 school by system default. The second application you complete will become your 2nd ranked choice and so forth
- Families will need to place schools in order of preference by placing “1” next to the most desired program, “2” next to the second highest ranked choice, and so on
- Applicants have until midnight on November 11, 2021, to re-arrange school rankings. The order schools are ranked have absolutely no impact on the lottery. All students will enter the lottery pool for the schools in which they have both applied and qualified
- It is very important that you think carefully about your ranking, because if your child is accepted to a program, any lower-ranked choice will be removed.
  - For example: If a student has not been identified as G/T prior to **Phase 1** deadline (November 11, 2021), and subsequently does not qualify as G/T, and has applied to 5 Vanguard magnet programs, the student will not have qualified at any of the Vanguard programs ).

# Ranking cont.

All qualified applications are placed in the lottery for all choices

All applications below the highest offer selection are “dropped”

Wait list rankings are maintained for all higher-ranked choices

Rank:	School:	What Happened in Lottery:	What Parents See:
Rank 1	School A	Wait List	Wait List
Rank 2	School B	Not Qualified	Not Qualified
Rank 3	School C	Accepted	Accepted
Rank 4	School D	Accepted	** Dropped **
Rank 5	School E	Wait Listed	** Dropped **

**Accepting Offered Seat (even your 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> choice, will not remove you from waitlist at higher ranked school**

# Eligibility

- **Magnet secondary programs** will screen applicants based on District Matrix.
- **Fine and/or Performing Arts Magnet secondary programs** *High School programs will screen applicants by an audition process only. Final screening and selection is based on audition(s).*
  - *Per Board policy, a lottery is not conducted for audition-based selected students.*
- **Vanguard** Identification as G/T is determined by points obtained based on various criteria: achievement test, abilities test, grades, obstacles, and teacher recommendation or in the case of the very young, parent recommendation. Scores are entered and converted into points on a G/T Identification Matrix. To be identified as G/T, a student must have a total identification matrix score of 62 points or above.
- **MSAP grant schools** have no eligibility criteria

# Magnet Matrix

ALL highs schools, except Vanguard and fine arts magnet high schools, will use a matrix to determine which programs your child qualifies for. The highest matrix score a school can set for their program is 80 points. However, schools have the option to lower that score to best suit the needs of their campus.

## 2021-2022 Magnet Matrix Calculation

### Rationale:

Given a lack of student performance data due to the pandemic, matrix scores will be calculated in TWO ways. *The higher of the two scores will be used* for selection from:

#1: STAAR Matrix Formula

#2: Weighted Matrix Formula

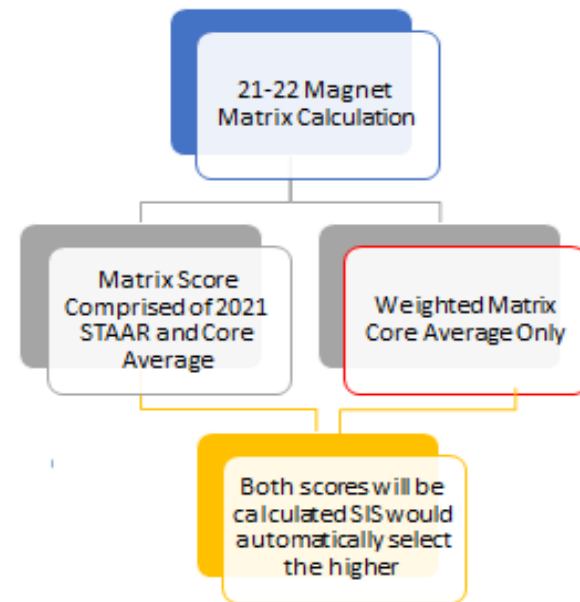
### STAAR Matrix Formula (Current)

40% 20-21 STAAR Scores  
60% Core Average

### Weighted Matrix Formula (Modification)

20-21 End of Year Average comprised of:

- English Language Arts
- Math
- Reading
- Science
- Social Studies



**Magnet Matrices/scores are NOT yet available, first part of October**

# Magnet Matrix Consideration Points

All high school applicants who qualify for any of the following criteria, will be awarded an additional 10 points on the Magnet matrix for students identified in HISD Connect as:

- Economically Disadvantaged
  - Student eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Child Nutrition Program (CNP) based on approved application or direct certification
- English Language Learners
  - Student of limited English proficiency whose primary language is other than English and whose English language skills are such that the student has difficulty performing ordinary classwork in English, as defined in Texas Education Code (TEC) §29.052
- Special Education
  - Student eligible to receive special education services as a child with a disability as defined in 34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and eligibility criteria established in Texas Education Code (TEC) Sec. 29.003
- 504 Students
  - Student eligible to receive 504/ADA services as a child with a disability as defined in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of a disability

# Magnet Choices

- Logistical Careers
- Early College
- Fine Arts
- Business Careers
- International Studies
- World Languages
- College Preparatory
- STEM
- Vanguard
- Technology
- Service Careers
- Medical Careers

# Testing/Auditions

If the program to which you are applying requires an audition (HSPVA) or a test (Bellaire and DeBakey), completing an application earlier will allow you more options regarding when the audition/test will be.

# Audition Based Programs

**High schools that require additional testing or auditions should still be ranked in order of preference**

## **HSPVA**

"If Kinder HSPVA is your first choice, you should rank us #1. If you rank Kinder HSPVA lower than #1 and you are accepted into a higher-ranked program, you may be "dropped" or "released" even if you qualify for one of our programs."

# Gifted and Talented

- If your child is already identified as G/T they do not need to re-qualify for G/T services in high school. Your child will retain their G/T label all the way through high school.
  - Please **DO NOT** sign up for achievement or abilities tests.
  - Please **DO NOT** request a teacher recommendation
- Carnegie is the only Vanguard high school in HISD. They do not use a general matrix score, they use G/T identification for qualification. If you apply to Carnegie, and your child is already G/T identified, they are qualified for Carnegies' lottery.

\*If your child has not already been identified as G/T by HISD, you still need to apply by November 11, 2021, and you will need to sign up for G/T testing through Lanier Middle School

# Feeder Pattern High School

## Lamar High School

- Zoned students should not apply
  - Lamar will decline apps from zoned students.
  - All programs (IB and CTE) are open to all zoned students
- Course selection events will be offered for zoned students (dates TBA)
  - students will select their courses, level of rigor (PreIB vs Recommended) and CTE pathways
  - Lamar will not run out of space in any class so no need to apply to guarantee a spot in any class or in the school in general.
- Contact form for prospective students-  
<https://forms.gle/3x48L7GEYM9qjqPA8>
- Information for zoned and non zoned students plus everything about IB, pathways, course descriptions etc.- [Prospective Lamar Students](#)
- Lamar Magnet Coordinator- Casey Titus- [CTITUS@houstonisd.org](mailto:CTITUS@houstonisd.org)

# Best Fit for Your Student

- Talk to your student about their interests
- Attend virtual Thursday tours
- Attend nightly events
- Find out about their partnerships with colleges, the medical center, and the oil and gas industry
- Don't let the neighborhood, the numbers, or the ratings discourage you
- There are many schools that have futures academies or schools within schools that offer programs and options that can't be found anywhere else (Sterling offers a pilot's license at 16)
- Do your due diligence and get out of that cookie cutter mindset!

# Big 5

- We all know about the “BIG 5”
  - Carnegie- G/T identification
  - Lamar- 80 matrix score
  - Bellaire- 80 matrix score
  - HSPVA
  - DeBakey
- Phase 1 only schools
  - more applications than spaces available
  - require lottery selection
- There are a huge number of fantastic programs. If you only apply to the “BIG 5,” your child may be waitlisted for every school and not get in anywhere.

# Lanier High School Recruitment

## Visits by Magnet High School Representatives to Middle Schools

Date	Format	Middle Schools	Start Time
Tuesday 10/12/2021	Virtual	Hamilton, Black Burbank, Lanier	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

ALL Lanier 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity to visit with all HISD magnet high school coordinators to learn about their programs and ask questions

# Virtual Events

**HISD secondary virtual tours are every Thursday  
at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00pm, September 23rd- November 11<sup>th</sup>**

If your child attends the 1:00pm session:

- Your student will need to attend the session off campus
- Your student will miss their P3/R3 class and will be marked absent
- Your student will need to contact all teachers about missing work prior to the tours
- Your student will need to submit evidence of virtual tour engagement, to Ms. Nguyen, for the absence to be marked excused

There are 4 Office of School Choice Virtual Open Houses

- ~~September 18th~~ — (9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.) Virtual Event
- ~~October 2nd~~ — (9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.) Virtual Event
- October 16th – (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) Virtual Event
- October 30<sup>th</sup> – (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) Virtual Event

Visit <https://www.houstonisd.org/schoolchoice> for Teams links to virtual events

# Records Request

If you need school records or documents, please email our registrar, Ms. Nguyen, and provide her with a list of the exact documents you need. Please allow a minimum of 48 hours for her to process your request.

Ms. Nguyen- [knguyen8@houstonisd.org](mailto:knguyen8@houstonisd.org)

***For STAAR results, please use the following link***

***<https://www.texasassessment.gov/>***

***(you will need your student's social security number)***

# Recommendations

- **No** HISD school will need a teacher recommendation. Please do not use that feature to email the eighth-grade teachers.
- If you are applying to a private school, all recommendation forms should be submitted with a self-addressed stamped envelope for each school application.
  - Counselor recommendations should be sent to Mr. Maluski in Office C
  - Principal/Administrator recommendations should be sent to Mr. Williams or Mr. Cooper in Office A

*All recommendation forms need to be submitted to teachers, counselor and administrator as early as possible.*

# Important Dates

**Nov. 11**

- Phase 1 Ends; Final date to change priority order of applications (Choice ranking).

**Jan. 27**

- Parents are notified of Phase 1 results by midnight.

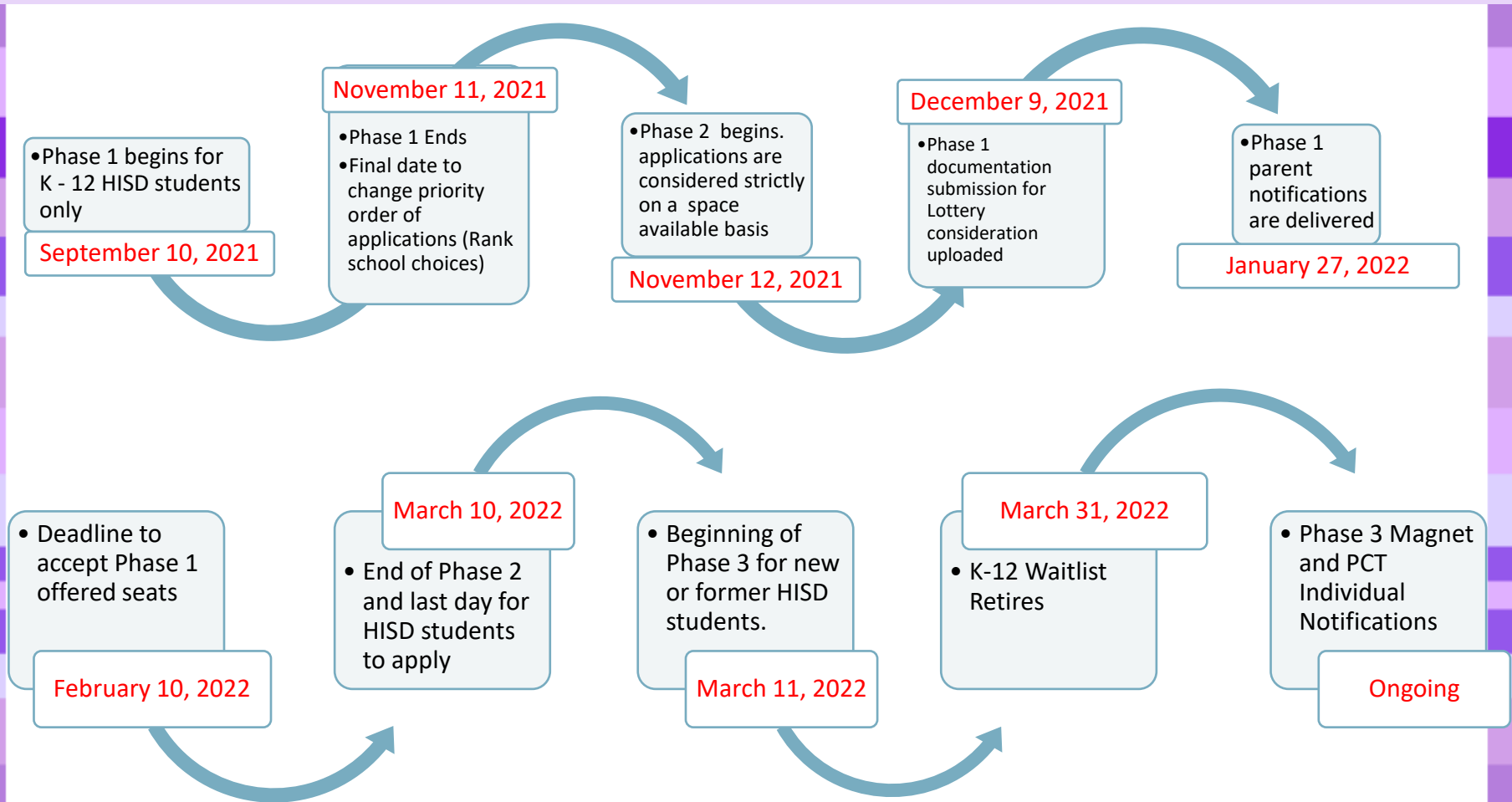
**Feb. 10**

- Deadline for parents to accept any programs offered on January 27 and make arrangements to provide required documentation to keep the offer.

**3 Days**

- Amount of time parents have to respond to offers made after January 27 and make arrangements to provide required documentation to keep the offer.

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# Resources

## HISD Office of School Choice

<https://www.houstonisd.org/schoolchoice>

- **School Choice Saturdays**
  - Learn more about all programs and narrow it down
- **Magnet schools**
  - Websites
  - After school events
  - Virtual Thursdays
    - Decide to apply and how to rank
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