

Lanier Middle School FAQ

2023-2024

What is the program focus?

We are a Vanguard magnet campus. We focus on the four core areas of study- Math, Language and Literature, Individuals & Societies, and Science. All G/T identified students participate in our Vanguard academic pathway for all four core courses. We are also an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP) World School.

Is there a separate application for the IB MYP programme?

No separate IB MYP application is necessary. All students participate in our IB MYP programme. The IB 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.

Does Lanier accept multiple types of transfers?

We are only accepting magnet transfers for the 24-25 school year.

Who should submit a magnet application?

A magnet application should be submitted for any student interested in attending Lanier who does not reside in our attendance zone. All magnet applications are completed and submitted via the HISD School Choice online application system.

When should a student submit a magnet application to Lanier?

Due to the large volume of applications we receive, we only accept magnet applications during Phase 1 of the School Choice application process.

How many magnet applications does Lanier receive each year?

Last year we received over 1,300 applications for 6th grade.

How many magnet students are accepted each year?

We will offer between 200-250 magnet seats for the 24-25 school year.

Does Lanier accept magnet applications for all grade levels?

We are only accepting 6th grade magnet applications for the 24-25 school year.

What are the program requirements for acceptance?

Students must be G/T (Gifted and Talented) identified in all four core areas to qualify for our magnet lottery. If a student is not already G/T identified, he/she should request G/T testing at his/her current or zoned HISD elementary campus. Students already identified as G/T do not need to be retested.

What is a magnet lottery?

Magnet programs that receive more applications than have space available hold magnet lotteries. All qualified students are placed in the lottery, which is run by the HISD Office of School Choice via computer system. The lottery is random selection, so all qualified students have an equal opportunity to be accepted.

Do zoned students need to apply?

Zoned students **should not** apply to Lanier via School Choice unless they plan on moving out of the Lanier attendance zone. All zoned students are guaranteed a space at Lanier. Zoned students do not have to be G/T identified to enroll at Lanier. Zoned students that are G/T identified will automatically be placed in our Vanguard program. Please keep in mind that zoned students must remain in our attendance zone for the duration of the time the student attends Lanier.

Is there a timeline to move into the Lanier attendance zone?

No. There is no timeline to move into the Lanier attendance zone, we enroll students year around.

Who attends Lanier Middle School?

Lanier is a very diverse campus. We serve over 1,400 students in grades 6-8. We enroll students from over 70 different elementary campuses across Houston as well as students from all over the country and world.

What are the school hours?

Our school day begins at 8:30 am and ends at 4:00 pm daily.

Where is the school located?

Lanier is located at 2600 Woodhead Street, Houston, TX 77098. We are located in Montrose, near The Medical Center and Rice University.

Are uniforms required?

Yes, uniforms are required. Students wear a Lanier polo shirt and khaki or navy bottoms Monday through Thursday. A Lanier spirit shirt and blue jeans may be worn on Fridays. Students are provided a school issued ID at the beginning of the year and are required to wear it daily as part of their uniform. Research shows that wearing uniforms benefits students by minimizing social, psychological, economic, and emotional distractions. Just think how quickly you can get ready for school without the time-consuming decisions of what to wear.

Is transportation provided?

Yes, students who reside two or more miles (as measured along the shortest route that may be traveled on public roads) from their assigned campuses are eligible for transportation services at district-designated stops.

Do you offer athletics?

Yes! In sixth grade students can participate in club sports, which include tennis, wrestling, baseball, and softball. In seventh and eighth grade, students participate in a variety of UIL sports, including volleyball, soccer, football, cheerleading, cross country, basketball, track & field, and swimming.

What other extra-curricular opportunities available?

We offer a variety of academic and extracurricular clubs students can participate in after school. Students are also encouraged to organize clubs that they would like to see on campus.

Does Lanier have an after-school program?

Lanier does offer an on-site after care program Mondays-Thursdays from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Does Lanier offer high school credit courses?

For the 23-24 school year, we offer the following high school credit courses:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Speech and Debate
- Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC)
- Spanish
- French
- Mandarin
- Principles of Information Technology
- Principles of Government and Public Administration
- Student Leadership
- Concepts of Engineering and Technology

Does Lanier offer AP (Advanced Placement) courses?

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program established by the College Board, offers college-level courses and exams that can be taken in most HISD high schools. For the 23-24 school year Lanier MS offers AP Spanish.

Does Lanier provide students with a laptop?

We are a Power Up middle school. All students are provided a Chromebook for use on and off campus. We require all students to comply with our technology policies to use the provided HISD devices and accounts.

When are school tours offered?

Tours for the 2024-2025 school year will be held at 1pm every Thursday from October 19th - December 7th, 2023, except for November 23rd.

Who do I contact if I need more information or have additional questions?

Contact Mrs. Garza Pender, Magnet Coordinator, via email: jgarza8@houstonisd.org