



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Lamar Weekly Newsletter

Principal's Corner



What are IB Exams and How are they Scored?

The IB Diploma Program (IBDP) examinations are beginning! If students are enrolled in IBDP courses, they will be taking the paper exams for those courses over the next month. Most courses have 2-3 paper exams, all of which are mandatory to attend if the student is testing in that subject. Juniors cannot test in more than 2 IBDP subjects.

The exams form the basis of the assessment for most IBDP courses. The exams take many forms, including essays, structured problems, short-response questions, data-response questions, text-response questions, case-study questions, and (rarely) multiple-choice questions.

Assessment for most IB Diploma subjects is made up of several components (e.g. multiple paper exams taken during May, externally assessed work completed during the course, internally assessed work completed during the course, and/or creative portfolios). Each of these is scored and combined to produce a subject grade (1-7). A score of 4 is generally considered "passing". Though every university has different policies, college credit can be earned at many universities for IB courses in which a student earns a 4 or higher. Senior IB Diploma Candidates will be awarded the IB Diploma if they earn 24 total points from their 6 different Diploma subjects and fulfill all other program requirements.

Highlighted Events

- **Monday, May 6th-10th- Teacher Appreciation Week**
- **Monday, May 2nd - 24th - 11th & 12th IB Written Exams**
- **Monday, May 6th - 10th-** 9th, 11th Retesters STAAR EOC Alg 1 (5/6), BIO (5/7) & US HIS (5/8)
- **Monday, May 6th-** AP US Gov & POL (12th) Testing
- **Tuesday, May 7th-** Course Selection For Current 8th/Rising 9th-All (Cafeteria) 6 pm
- **Wednesday, May 8th-** Voter Registration for Students (Cafeteria) All Lunches
- **Thursday, May 9th-** AP Com Sci PRI (Noon) 9th
- **Thursday, May 9th-** Choir Pop Show (Performance Hall) 6 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mon. May 6th-A-Day**
- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6th - 10th)
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA
- AP US Gov & Pol (12th) Testing (LHS) TBA
- Balfour Letterman Jacket Fitting- Rangerettes (Cafeteria) All Lunches
- 9th, 11th Retesters STAAR EOC Alg 1 (5/6), BIO (5/7) & US HIS (5/8) (LHS) TBA
- **Tues. May 7th-B-Day**
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA
- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6th - 10th)
- 9th, 11th Retesters STAAR EOC Alg 1 (5/6), BIO (5/7) & US HIS (5/8) (LHS) TBA
- Course Selection for Current 8th/Rising 9th/All (Cafeteria) 6 pm
- **Wed. May 8th-A-Day**
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA
- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6th - 10th)
- 9th, 11th Retesters STAAR EOC Alg 1 (5/6), BIO (5/7) & US HIS (5/8) (LHS) TBA
- Voter Registration for Students (Cafeteria) All lunches

- **Thursday, May 9th-** Choir Pop Show (Performance Hall) 6 pm
- **Thursday, May 9th-** Course Selection For Current 8th/Rising 9th-All (Cafeteria) 6 pm
- **Friday, May 10th-** AP Com Sci PRI (Noon) 9th
- **Friday, May 10th-** Orchestra Spring Show (Performance Hall) 7 pm
- **Saturday, May 11th-** NHS Event - Houston Sharity Concert (Performance Hall) 6 pm
- **Monday, May 13th - 17th- Laptop Collection**
- **Monday, May 13th-** Band Spring Show (Performance Hall) 6 pm
- **Tuesday, May 14th-** AP Art History (12th Testing)
- **Tuesday, May 14th-** AP Hum Geo (9th Testing)
- **Tuesday, May 14th-** FFA Banquet (Cafeteria) 6 pm
- **Thursday, May 16th-** AP W HIS Testing (10th)
- **Thursday, May 16th-** Cheer Banquet (Cafeteria) 6 pm
- **Friday, May 17th-** Theatre Banquet (Cafeteria) 6 pm
- **Saturday, May 18th-** Student Directed One Act Play (Cafeteria) TBA

Senior Check-Out and Graduation Information

Thursday, May 30th	Senior Checkout 8:30-11:00 A-L Cafeteria M-Z Gym
Friday, May 31st	Senior Checkout 8:30-11:00 A-L Gym M-Z Cafeteria

You must come to the designated location above within your allotted time. You will not be allowed to check out early. You must attend check-out on both days and sign in both days.

Senior Checkout sheets will be distributed by your English or Grad Lab teacher starting May 20th. Seniors should be taking care of any remaining fines and fees. No senior will be allowed to participate in commencement without going through the check-out process.

Saturday, June 8th **GRADUATION DAY**
9:00 AM in NRG Stadium
Seniors will report at 7:30 AM

Graduation is an optional activity. If you choose to participate, proper attire **must** be worn. Proper attire is:

1. The mortarboard (cap) should sit FLAT on the head, not tilted at an angle. All hairstyles should allow the mortarboard to sit correctly on the head. **A decorated mortarboard (cap) is not allowed and will be confiscated upon entry.**
2. Gentlemen must wear a collared shirt, with a tie, dark slacks and dress shoes. Dark shoes are best.
3. Young ladies should wear dresses, skirts, or dress slacks. Please avoid high heels. They can be a hazard on the ramps as ladies walk across the stage. Also, there is a lot of walking so comfortable shoes are preferred.
4. **Jeans, shorts, flip-flops, and tennis shoes of any kind** are not acceptable. If you wear these items, you will not be permitted to participate in graduation exercises.
5. No electronics of any kind will be permitted in the stage area. Seniors will be screened for them before entry.

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- **Thurs. May 9th-B-Day**
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA
- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6th - 10th)
- 9th, 11th Retesters STAAR EOC Alg 1 (5/6), BIO (5/7) & US HIS (5/8) (LHS) TBA
- AP Com Sci PRI (Noon) 9th
- Choir Pop Show (Performance Hall) 6 pm
- Course Selection for Current 8th/Rising 9th - All (Cafeteria) 6 pm
- **Fri. May 10th-A-Day**
- AP Com Sci PRI (noon) 9th
- Varsity State Championship (Mike A. Meyers STD - Austin) TBA
- Orchestra Spring Show (Performance Hall) 7 pm
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA
- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6th - 10th)
- 9th, 11th Retesters STAAR EOC Alg 1 (5/6), BIO (5/7) & US HIS (5/8) (LHS) TBA
- **Sat. May 11th**
- NHS Houston Sharity Concert (Performance Hall) 6 pm
- Varsity State Championship (Mike A. Meyers STD-Austin) TBA
- **Mon. May 13th-B-Day**
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA
- Laptop Collection (LHS) During History Class
- Band Spring Show (Performance Hall) 6 pm
- **Tues. May 14th-A-Day**
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA
- Laptop Collection (LHS) During History Class
- AP Art History (12th)

Family and friends will be admitted for seating at 7:30 AM in NRG Stadium. Early arrival is advised to ensure best seating. No one may block off seats for guests arriving later. There are no tickets needed for graduation. Handicap seating is available; please check with a representative upon entering for assistance. Metal detectors will be used for everyone's safety.

No balloons, banners, air horns or items that distract from the ceremony will be allowed. Security will confiscate these items. This is a solemn and dignified event, and we ask that all families be respectful and attentive as each student graduates.

All graduates must leave cameras, purses, cell phones and other personal items outside or with family members. Graduates may bring only their cap and gown into the stadium with them. Caps and gowns must be carried through the security checkpoint and may not be worn as they enter the facility. All Graduates **must** stay for the entire ceremony.

Other Information:

Still photos will be taken by Flash Photography, 3001 South University, Ft. Worth, TX 76109. Their phone number is 1.800.410.8070. A proof will be sent by the company after graduation to the graduate's home. You may order your photos directly from Flash Photography.

Letter to Parents Regarding Security at Graduation:

Please click the following link to obtain information about graduation security.
<https://connectapps.houstonisd.org/smemos/Lists/AcademicServiceMemos/CustDispForm.aspx?ID=3344>

Global Graduate Student Survey

All students are invited to complete the District Global Graduate Student Survey. The link is available on the Hub for all Lamar students. The District is requesting 100% participation, so please take a moment and complete the survey.

Grad Lab Completion Deadline

May 9th is the deadline for seniors to finish grad labs! Help us help our students by passing this information along to your student(s) who have open grad lab courses!

What's Our Goal?

GRAD LAB

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Testing)	Act Play (Performance Hall) TBA
• AP Hum Geo (9th Testing)	
• FFA Banquet (Cafeteria) 6 pm	
• <u>Wed. May 15th-B-Day.</u>	
• 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA	
• Laptop Collection (LHS) During History Class	
• <u>Thurs. May-16th-A-Day.</u>	
• AP W His Testing (10th)	
• 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA	
• Laptop Collection (LHS) During History Class	
• Cheer Banquet (Cafeteria) 6 pm	
• <u>Fri. May 17th-B-Day.</u>	
• 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA	
• Laptop Collection (LHS) During History Class	
• Theatre Banquet (Cafeteria) 6 pm	
• <u>Sat. May 18th</u>	
• Student Directed One	

UIL All-State Journalism Meet

Freshman Lauren Koong and senior Madeleine Graves left to compete in the UIL State Journalism meet.

Additionally they both have been named to the UIL All-State Journalism team - a first for Lamar!

We are the only HISD school, besides Carnegie, still standing in any UIL academic event.

We are so proud of their diligence and hard work!! Congratulate them upon their return.

Spring Final Exam Test Schedule (9th - 12th)

Click the following attachment for the upcoming spring final exam test schedule.

[spring 2019 final exam schedule.pdf](#)

STAAR Test Schedule

Click the following attachment for upcoming testing information.

[LHS Testing 2018-2019 Test Schedule.docx](#)

Academic Advisors' Corner

Click the following attachment for summer school registration.

[Summer School Registration Info for PN.pdf](#)

If you have not yet signed your child's PGP, it was sent home on Wednesday. Please sign and return it on tomorrow.

The Sharity Concert

Come to the Sharity Concert!

"Sharing talent and giving support for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention"

Attend the Sharity Concert on **May 11th at 6:00 pm** in the Lamar High School Performance Hall to see performances by

- Yale Out of the Blue Acapella group
- Dexter Maryland
- Daniella Basquine
- Savannah Jackson, Keaun Adams, and Maisha Walker
- Shelby Ruger
- Adrian Washington (the MC)

A majority of the ticket sales will be donated to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in honor of the students we lost this year and in recognition of the mental health issues that many Americans face.

CIS & LHS Celebrating Custodial Day

Lamar High School celebrated Custodial Day, Tuesday, April 30th. Special thanks to CIS: Alejandro Cubria, Merci Gregory, Principal Graves, Michael Ventura, James Connatser, Oliver Villalobollos, Matthew Ferrier, Dylan Smith, Jereth Lepuer, and Minkah Readus. CIS and LHS rolled out the red carpet for our custodial staff by providing a catered dinner from Olive Garden. Coach McDonald also sponsored lunch for the staff to show appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

Remember to give a smile or tell our custodial staff how much you appreciate their commitment they put in every day for our school, students, faculty and staff.

Lunch Hero Day

Lamar celebrated Lunch Hero Day by presenting each member of our food service department with a rose and a thank you card from Principal Graves. Also, our cafeteria manager (Catherine Collins) provided cake and punch to celebrate their efforts. Lamar's Lunch Heroes rock!

Student Internships

Attention All Juniors! If you will be taking a CTE Practicum or any CTE course during your senior year you are eligible to participate in the Student Internship Program. Stop by Ms. Ballard's office, N211L, to pick up an application packet. Businesses will be at Lamar on Thursday, May 23, from 5:00-7:00 pm to meet you and tell you about their companies. You will also have an opportunity to hear from a former Lamar student who participated in the Business Magnet and has been able to use what he gained into the work he does today. Applications and resumes are due by May 10, so stop by and get your packet today!

Student Parking Applications

2019 - 2020 School Year

Student parking application permits for the 2019-2020 school year are available in the main office beginning April 5th.

- Students must be classified as a 12th or 11th grader by the registrar for the 2019-2020 school year.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Lamar Business Office with:

- Proof of payment - \$160. Fee may be paid on SchoolPay or payment can be made in cash in the business office to avoid the convenience fee.
- Current Texas Driver's License or Texas Learners Permit

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 15, 2019 by 4:15 pm

Texas A & M University Summer Camp Information

STARS is a **free, three-day summer enrichment camp** hosted by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Students accepted into the program will get the opportunity to:

- Explore different majors within the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
- Receive admissions information

- Receive admissions information
- Meet current students in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
- Obtain career advice in science-based fields
- Participate in hands on learning opportunities.
- Stay in an on-campus residence hall

STARS camp targets current freshman, sophomore, and junior students with outstanding academics from local high schools. These students should have a passion for pursuing degrees in the areas of biological sciences, animal and plant sciences, health, communication, agribusiness, agricultural engineering, forensics, nutrition, food science, etc.; and are looking to join the Texas A&M family. To view a complete list of majors in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, please visit <https://aglifesciences.tamu.edu/>.

2019 STARS Houston Application

Link: https://tamuag.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3L9W1sgwDMMcYD3

Due by May 13th.

Students will be asked to provide the following information:

- Participant information
- Academic background (class rank, grade point average, grades in math, science and English, etc.)
- ACT and SAT test scores (if applicable)
- Organization, extracurricular activities, internship or employment
- Three open ended questions
 1. Please describe your career interests and future plans. Include why you chose that career pathway.
 2. What are you hoping to gain from attending STARS camp?
 3. Tell us about yourself (interests, unique opportunities, challenges, talents, etc.)

It's recommended that students include quality responses as the open-ended questions will be used to determine selection of students. Please allow enough time to complete the survey entirely.

Camp Dates: June 19-21, 2019

Application Deadline: May 13, 2019

Subscribe to Aggie Bound magazine (free) as a prospective student, parent, or counselor on www.AggieBound.com. This is to receive information regarding opportunities and admissions information at Texas A&M University.

Click the following attachment for further details: [Houston STARS Camp.pdf](#)

Med Club Application

Our mission is to bring together students who share the same interests and passion for medicine. We hope to teach for the next couple of years to promote health, education and wellness at Lamar High School. Each year we are looking for ways to improve Med Club for our members to have a better experience, we hope to expand our club to as many people as possible for them to enjoy this amazing opportunity.

The Med Club application is opening April 11th and closes May 31st – however, the application will re-open in August for students who sign up during the club fair.

More info can be found at: <https://lhsmedicalclub4.wixsite.com/lhsmed>

Metro Summer of Fun Program

Click the following link regarding free rides.

<https://connectapps.houstonisd.org/smemos/Lists/AcademicServiceMemos/CustDispForm.aspx?ID=3340>

Junior Class Survey

Juniors please see link below for the junior survey:

<http://bit.ly/HISD19-20>

2019 Senior Information

Important Dates:

- Graduation - **Saturday, June 8th (NRG Stadium) @ 9 am**
- Senior Check-Out- **May 30th & 31st**

Cap and Gowns

Place your cap and gown orders online at balfour.com. **Cap and gowns will be delivered during Senior check-out.**

Invitations

Go to balfour.com to place your order for graduation invitations.

LHS Balfour Ring Orders

It's not too late to place your Class of 2019 and 2020 Class Ring orders! Orders can be placed at balfour.com at any time. Extra packets can be found in the front office for any Seniors who may want to order a class ring or if you have misplaced yours.

2019 Senior Fees

Regular Senior Fees: \$90.00 (For the rest of the year)

Method of payment: School Pay:

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2019-/McHW>

Included in the regular Senior Fees: Senior Breakfast, Senior T-Shirt, Class Sticker, Diploma Cover, and Senior Gift

Yearbook is not included in the Senior Fees

Yearbooks

The yearbooks are on sale for \$100.00. You can purchase the yearbook on schoolpay:

[www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Yearbook-20182019-Price-before-Jan/leiMP?](http://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Yearbook-20182019-Price-before-Jan/leiMP?mip=McHW)

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For additional information email csmith41@houstonisd.org.

Inspiring Moment

The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.

John Greenleaf Whittier



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