



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Lamar Weekly Newsletter

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Principal's Corner



Highlighted Events

Fri. May 31st:-Wed. Jun. 5th: Underclassman Finals

Wed. Jun 5th: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Summer School Information

Summer School: **June 17 through July 19**

Breakfast will be available from 7:15-7:55

School begins at 8:00 AM and ends at 2:45 PM.

Lunch will be served 11:00 to 11:45

***Holidays: June 19, July 4, and July 5**

****Make-up date: July 22**

Students may complete up to 2 full credits or 4 classes during the 2024 summer session.

The Summer School Credit Recovery courses needed will be communicated by the Academic Dean.

The IB course available will be face-to-face instruction for the 5-week session, cost of \$260:

PDP Geometry

Attendance:

Students are only allowed to miss two days. If a student is ten minutes late for class, the student will be considered absent for that day. On the third absence, the student will be dropped from the class with no credit. Three tardies equal one absence. Inappropriate behavior during summer school will lead to being dropped from summer school.

Upcoming Events:

Thu. May 30th:

- Underclassman Dead Week

Fri. May 31st:

- Underclassman Finals Period
2nd & 3rd

Sat. Jun 1st:

Mon. Jun 3rd:

- Underclassman Finals Period
6th & 7th
- Senior Check Out

Tue. Jun 4th:

- Underclassman Finals Period
1st & 4th
- Senior Check Out
- Senior Sunset- Aloha 7:30-
9:30PM (Garage Roof)

Wed. Jun 5th:

- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- Underclassman Finals Period
5th & 8th
- Senior Check Out

Thu. Jun 6th:

Transportation:

Transportation will be provided for those who request it via the QR code on the summer school letter. Transportation will likely be a pick-up and drop-off at the student’s sending campus, though that has not been finalized by HISD transportation.

Summer testing: *If your child is required to sit for a STAAR EOC, that absence will not count as a summer school absence. The sending campus will provide the host campus the testing attendance.

High School

Test	Subject(s)	Test Window	Make-Ups
HS Course Pre Assessment	RLA, Science, Math, Social Studies	6/17/2024 - 6/28/2024	Campus required to test absent student upon return
Summer STAAR EOC	English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, US History	6/18/2024 English I 6/20/2024 English II 6/21/2024 Algebra I 6/24/2024 Biology 6/25/2024 US History	6/19/2024 - 6/28/2024
HS Course Post Assessment	RLA, Science, Math, Social Studies	7/15/2024 - 7/19/2024	Campus required to test absent student upon return

Important Spring Testing Updates

STAAR EOC Exams

Results from the Spring STAAR EOC exams should be available on the [Texas Assessment Family Portal](#) on June 8, 2024. All students who did not pass or take a STAAR EOC will be notified by school email on June 11, 2024 that they should retest during the summer administration.

Summer STAAR EOC Testing Dates

- June 18, 2024 – STAAR EOC English 1 (Retesters)
- June 20, 2024 – STAAR EOC English 2 (Retesters)
- June 21, 2024 – STAAR EOC Algebra 1 (Retesters)
- June 24, 2024 – STAAR EOC Biology (Retesters)
- June 25, 2024 – STAAR EOC US History (Retesters)

Finals Schedule

Seniors

Grades 9-11

Updates on Lamar Final Exam Schedule

Senior Final Exam Schedule – REVISED 5/20/24

Seniors will follow the regular bell schedule and all senior finals will be held during the 90-minute class periods. Each final exam will be designed for 60-minutes with 30-minutes of extended time available.

Date	Final Exam Periods
Friday, May 17, 2024	
Monday, May 20, 2024	
Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Period 1 and Period 4
Wednesday, May 22, 2024	Period 5, Period 7 and Period 8
Thursday, May 23, 2024	Period 2 and Period 3

Senior Attendance Expectations for May 23 – 31

Seniors will continue to attend their regularly scheduled classes on May 23 and May 24. Beginning May 28, 2024, students who need credit recovery, credit appeal, TSA2 test administration, IBC administration or some other requirement for graduation that has not been met will be identified and supported in meeting that requirement. Students who have met graduation requirements will take part in senior events. Students must be in attendance for all classes. Failure to attend may trigger additional NGs and could impact your eligibility to graduate.

Senior Check-out will be held June 3-5

Senior check-out events will begin at 10:00 a.m. each day. All seniors should arrive no later than 10:15 a.m. each day. Seniors will be required to sign-in each day of senior check-out to receive attendance credit. Failure to be in attendance may result in additional NGs and credit appeal may not be available. This may impact your ability to graduate with your classmates. Your next chance to graduate will be in August.

Grades 9 – 11

Final exam exemptions will be available for grades 9-11. Details will follow. Exams will be 90-minutes in length with 30-minutes for extended time. Students are expected to be in attendance for all exam periods. Missing a final exam will result in a zero on the report card until the final exam is made up. The make-up period is June 10-21, 2024. After that date, the zero is final.

Date	8:30 – 9:50	9:50 – 11:50	11:55 – 1:00	1:05 – 2:10	2:10 – 4:10
Friday, May 31	Period 2 Review	Period 2 Exam	Lunch	Period 1 Review	Period 1 Exam
Monday, June 3	Period 6 Review	Period 6 Exam	Lunch	Period 8 Review	Period 8 Exam
Tuesday, June 4	Period 3 Review	Period 3 Exam	Lunch	Period 4 Review	Period 4 Exam
Wednesday, June 5	Period 7 Review	Period 7 Exam	Lunch	Period 5 Review	Period 5 Exam

- Teachers Last Day

Fri. Jun 7th:

Sat. Jun 8th:

- Graduation 9:00AM (NRG)

Mon. Jun 17th:

Summer School Begins (LHS)

9th Grade Students and Parents

Students interested in participating in the IB Diploma Program or IB Math classes in 11th and 12th grades – this message is for YOU!

- In order to take the IB Math classes in 11th and 12th grades, students must have completed Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 before 11th grade.
- Students currently in Algebra 1 as 9th graders have the opportunity to take Geometry at Lamar HS in summer school, with a grade review and approval by their Academic Dean.
- There is a fee for the summer school class, which will be determined by the district late in the Spring semester.
- The NEW district dates for summer school are June 17-July 19, Monday -Friday, 8:00AM-2:45PM so please plan to be in town for those dates! Students are usually only allowed one absence during summer school.

Questions? Contact the 9th Grade Academic Deans listed below:

9A and 9B: Ms. Lawrence dlawren1@houstonisd.org

9C and 9D: Mrs. Clark-Davis shante.clarkdavis@houstonisd.org

Shout Outs:

Water Polo



Shoutout to our incredible water polo athletes representing us in the Junior US Olympics! Your dedication and perseverance inspire us all. Keep pushing boundaries and chasing greatness! We believe in you!

Senior Day of Service



What a great day at the Houston Food Bank for A Day of Service! Thank you, seniors, for making a lasting difference in our community. Together, we build a brighter tomorrow.

Visual Arts Showcase



Congratulations to **Jose Law** 12, **Zoe Villalobos** 11, **Dean Mills**, 11, **Olivia Jimenea** 12 for being selected to showcase your art at the HISD Visual Arts Showcase. All art pieces are on display at Mattie Mae White Building.

IB Fees are Past Due

IB Fees are past due. All students who are currently taking an IB course (SL or HL) have been registered for testing. Current seniors must pay the fee to complete senior check out.

The actual cost of registering students for courses is \$119 per subject. HISD and Lamar HS take on the majority of costs associated with the registration and administration of exams. Students are asked to cover part of the fee. Whether you are taking one exam or are testing in five subjects, we ask that each student pay \$90 for the school year. Students who complete the Socio Economic form and qualify for additional benefits are asked to pay a reduced fee of \$30 for the school year.

Make payments through School Pay at:

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/IB-Registration-Fees/MdWo>

To avoid convenience fees, payments may be made in the business office by cash, money order or cashier's check. IB Fees are non-refundable.

Parking Garage Application

2024-2025 Student Parking

Applications Open

Thursday May 9th, 2024

Apply for your parking permit for 2024-2025 School Year using the link below or scanning the QR code.

Parking Permit Link

<https://bit.ly/24-25parking>



Students must be classified as a 12th or 11th grader by the registrar for the 2024-20245school year.

- Online application must be completed.
- Applicant must have a Current Texas Driver License or Valid Texas Learners Permit to apply.
- If applications exceed the number of parking permits available a lottery will be held to distribute parking spots with incoming 12th graders given first priority over incoming 11th graders if students apply before the deadline of midnight on June 10th.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MIDNIGHT MONDAY JUNE 10TH 2024.

Once approved you must submit all required paperwork by Midnight June 30 to secure your parking permit.

After the deadline apply to the Parking Waitlist.

Applications will be processed in the order received not by grade level

Incoming Freshman

Attention Incoming Lamar Class of 2028

Accepted Incoming Freshmen: Please sign up for a summer orientation. Come to Lamar for an opportunity to meet new classmates from the Class of 2028, tour the building, get ID badges, obtain laptops and have some of your general questions answered about becoming a Lamar Texan! You will have four opportunities to choose from. See below.

July 30, from 9:00am -12:00pm or 1:00pm - 4:00pm

July 31, from 9:00am - 12:00pm or 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Only one session is allowed.

Submit the survey below by July 20, 2024.

Availability is limited, first come first serve.

Each session will be capped at 200 students.

If you filled out the survey, consider yourself registered for that session. If that session is full, you will need to fill out the survey for the remaining options.

Summer Academy Website Link

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/63084>

Summer Academy Registration Survey Link

<https://forms.gle/dYcYAzUNa9GPjk668>



College Corner

<https://bit.ly/lamarcollegecorner>

Newsletter

FAFSA Submission

FAFSA submission is a graduation requirement.

If you are experiencing any issues with the application, please contact the college corner.

If you are choosing to opt out of submitting the FAFSA. Please submit an OPT OUT form to the college corner. The opt-out form will satisfy the graduation requirement. You can access the FAFSA form at studentaid.gov

Senior Survey WITHOUT FAFSA

**LAMAR
SENIOR
SURVEY**



w/o FAFSA Completion

Senior Survey WITH FAFSA

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w/ FAFSA Completion

Scholarship Opportunities

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/181035>



Writing Lab



Peer Writing Consultant applications for the 2024-2025 school year are now open to current 10th- and 11th-grade students!

Access our app form at tinyurl.com/PWCapp2024

As a peer writing consultant, you will...

- Receive training in writing process and strategies
- Become proficient communication consultants
- Improve your own writing
- Collaborate to lead and expand Writing Lab programming

- Participate in our partnership with [Rice University's writing center](#)
- Add an impressive line to your academic resume
- Gain experience for college writing center jobs

Athletic Physicals



Please create an RMA account, add your documentation

for your sport. <https://www.registermyathlete.com/>

Note: Physicals taken before May 15th will not be accepted.

Speed Camp



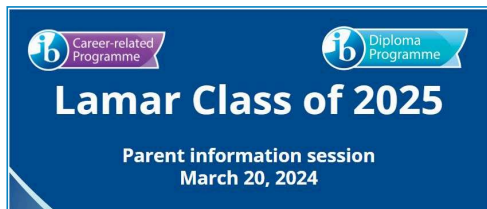
School Pay: <https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/2024-Lamar-Speed-Camp-50/SbZfPvu>

EMAIL philip.lindsey@houstonisd.org and kvessels@houstonisd.org to submit

Lamar Summer Sports Camp



Junior Parent Meeting



Click the link below for the Junior Parent Meeting slides.

tinyurl.com/lamar2025

Juniors - Rising Seniors Yearbook Photos



Bookings are now OPEN for senior photo sessions for the class of 2025. You must be photographed by CADY to be in the yearbook. Get photos for grad announcements, senior yearbook ads, and flawless Insta posts. Book now at cady.com/schedule.

Class of 2024 Senior Information

Poe Reunion

POE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

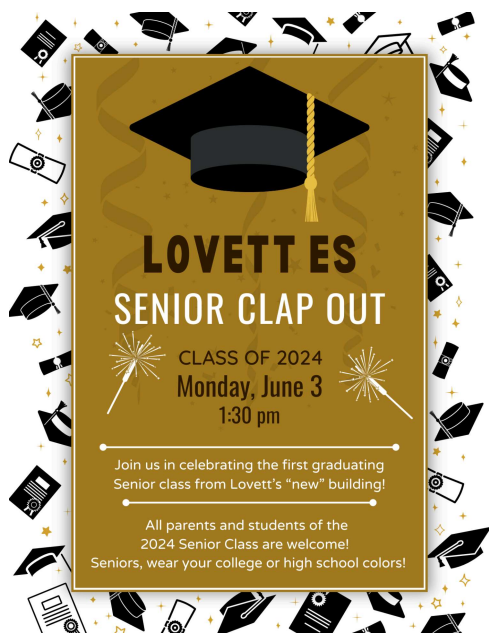
CLASS OF 2024 POE ELEM REUNION

It's time for our Poe Ravens to fly! Join us on the Poe Playground to reconnect with old friends and celebrate our 2024 seniors.

Sunday, June 2 at 5:00pm at Poe

All parents and students of the 2024 senior class are welcome!
Seniors, wear your college colors.

Lovett Reunion



End of Year Events

Attention parents: Your volunteer support is crucial for our upcoming senior events. Kindly consider chaperoning and complete the VIPS background check. Your support is invaluable!

[Signup here](#)

[More Events to Volunteer](#)

VIPS

We will need parent volunteers throughout the year - please make sure and get your VIPS approval.

The VIPS process is quick and easy online. <https://www.houstonisdpsd.org/dmol/VIPS/index.html#/>

Senior Check List



GRADUATION CHECK LIST

Senior Check Out is June 3rd-5th

- ☐ CPR Video- look at the bottom right side of transcript
- ☐ Peace Officer Video- look at the bottom right side of transcript
- ☐ Attendance/Credit Appeal- no more than 4 absences per class
- ☐ Grades
- ☐ FAFSA/TASFA- Student and Parent complete application.
- Cannot receive merit or athletic scholarships without a completed form.
- ☐ APEX- completed all classes
- ☐ STAAR Exams (or IGC)- passed all tests
- ☐ Pay IB Fees- on School Pay
- ☐ Pay Senior Dues – on School Pay
- ☐ Purchase cap and gown- <https://highschool.herffjones.com/>
- ☐ Cleared debt from the Business Office
- ☐ Laptop/Instruments/Athletic Equipment returned (May 20 & 21)
- ☐ Donate used uniforms

Ready to graduate? Scan the QR codes in the senior hall to make sure you've checked off all necessary payments for a smooth checkout process. Let's make this moment memorable and stress-free.

Senior Check-Out

Monday, June 3rd - 9:30AM

Tuesday, June 4th - 9:30AM

Wednesday, June 5th - 9:30AM

All students attend each day!

You will not be allowed to check out early.

Do NOT bring any bags or purses, except purses under 8x8x2 will be allowed.

Senior Checkout sheets* will be distributed in the Band Hall, Athletic Lobby or Performance Hall on the first day. Seniors must take care of any remaining fines and fees before check-out.

Settle all outstanding balances Pay on School Pay or at the Business Office.

No senior will be allowed to participate in commencement without going through the checkout process.

***If students lose their check out sheet, they will need to start again with a new check out sheet.**

Senior Check Out- Day 1- June 3rd 9:30AM

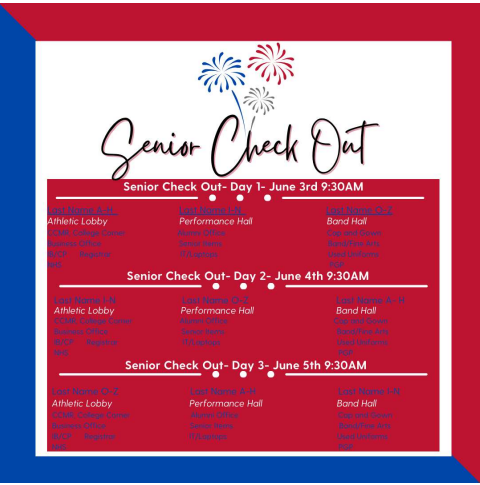
Last Name A-H	Last Name I-N	Last Name O-Z
Athletic Lobby	Performance Hall	Band Hall
Line up by the Blue Tables	Line up in front of North Building	Line up in the Grand Hall

Senior Check Out- Day 2- June 4th 9:30AM

Last Name I-N	Last Name O-Z	Last Name A- H
Athletic Lobby	Performance Hall	Band Hall
Line up by the Blue Tables	Line up in front of North Building	Line up in the Grand Hall

Senior Check Out- Day 3- June 5th 9:30AM

Last Name O-Z	Last Name A-H	Last Name I-N
Athletic Lobby	Performance Hall	Band Hall
Line up by the Blue Tables	Line up in front of North Building	Line up in the Grand Hall



Senior Sunset



Powderpuff Game



Cady - Cap and Gown Photo Orders



Parents and Seniors, Cap & Gown portraits are now available to view and purchase online through CADY! New items include tassel frames, yard signs and face fans featuring your student's Cap & Gown images. Celebrate this special achievement during graduation season! Deadline to order your items to receive them by Graduation is **Thursday, April 4th**.

Click below to order now!

cady.com/capgown24

Graduation

The Lamar High School Class of 2024 will graduate Saturday, June 8th at 9:00AM at NRG Stadium.

- The graduation ceremony will not be livestreamed (a recording of ceremony will be made available at www.houstonisd.org/graduation at a later date)
- The ceremony should be less than 2 hours

Graduate Entrance and check-in

- Graduates should arrive at 7:45AM
- Graduates will enter thru designated graduate entrance (**Amegy Gate**)
- Staging for graduates prior to the ceremony will occur in the Service Level.
- Graduates are not allowed to bring a cellphone, headphones, or other electronics devices into the venue. No bags will be allowed.
- HERFF Jones will be on-site (Service Level) to support graduates as needed.

Security/Bag Checks

- All guests will be scanned prior to entry into the Stadium.
- HISD Police will be onsite to ensure safety of all guests and graduates.
- Balloons, flowers, noise makers, signs, Fat Heads, etc. are not allowed in Stadium.
- NRG has a clear bag policy

Appropriate Dress

- Gentleman must wear collared shirts, with a tie, dark slacks and dress shoes. Dark shoes are best.
- Young ladies should wear dresses, skirts or dress slacks. Flat shoes or wedges are recommended as graduates will be walking across the NRG stadium floor and up stairs.
- Only allowed to wear the school approved stoles and cords.

Cap and Gown

- Cap and gowns will be distributed during senior check out on June 4th and 5th from 9:00-11:00AM in the 12th grade hall.
- The gown should be hung on a hanger to help remove wrinkles.

Pictures

- There will be a professional photographer on stage to take a picture as the diploma is presented to each graduate.
- Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase a copy of the picture. Family members are not allowed to be on the floor to take personal pictures. Seniors provided contact information to the photographer, Flash Photography.
- If you have questions about pictures please contact Flash Photography, 3001 South University, Fort Worth, Texas 79109. Their phone number is 1-800-4410-8070.
- A proof will be sent by the company after graduation to the graduate provided home address. You may order your photos directly from Flash Photography.

Behavior of Seniors

- Seniors are asked to enter NRG carrying their cap and gown (and car keys if applicable).
- **NO electronic devices will be allowed including cell phone, cameras, or earbuds.** You will be told to take these items back to your car, so do not try to bring them in. HISD security will be screening all seniors as they enter the stadium.
- Do not bring in any prohibited items that you would not be allowed to have at school such as pocketknives, tobacco products, or e cigs etc. Being in possession of any prohibited items may result in losing your opportunity to participate in this graduation exercise. We are expecting that all members of the senior class will show appropriate behavior during the ceremony.
- Students who interrupt the graduation exercises may be asked to leave and/or their diplomas may be withheld until a parent conference can be held at a later date. All graduates are expected to stay for the entire ceremony.
- NRG will wand guests/students and conduct bag checks.

Parking/Bus Drop-off

- Enter NRG complex off Kirby through Entrance 9. Traffic control will route you to parking assigned for graduation. (Lots 22, 23, 17)

NRG Park is now cashless (only credit cards accepting) \$25.00

- Parking for individuals with disabilities will be available in Lot 18. Traffic control at the stadium will route vehicles with permits to this lot. NRG Stadium is ADA Compliant and will meet the access and seating needs of our families and their guests.
- NRG will want guests/students and conduct bag checks.



After the Ceremony Ends

- Families and guest are invited to meet and to congratulate the new graduates outside NRG by the **Ford Gate**. We recommend looking at the parking and facility maps and selecting a meeting place outside the stadium. Remember seniors will not have cell phones in their possession.

Audience Expectations

- This is a solemn and dignified event, and we ask that all families be respectful and attentive as each student graduates.
- Horns, balloons, banners, Fat Heads or items that distract from the ceremony will not be allowed or other items that interrupt the graduation are not allowed into NRG. Security will confiscate these items. All students deserve to have their friends and family members hear their name as it is read. Students who are performing or delivering a speech deserve to be heard by everyone in the audience.

Tickets

- Tickets will not be used for entry into the Stadium. You may have unlimited guests.

Order Panoramic Pictures

If you missed Goldbeck on campus, you can still order panoramic pictures:

<https://www.goldbeckcompany.com/online-order.php>



2024 Senior Dues

Includes:

Senior Sunrise, Senior Breakfast, Senior T-shirt, Senior Rally Rag, Senior Stampede Events, Graduation Package (Diploma Cover, Diploma, transcripts, etc.), Senior Sunset, Senior Gift and Other Surprises.

OPTION 1:

Early Bird Special Aug. 1st - Dec 5th \$90

All the above plus Prom Ticket-

Early Bird Special Aug. 1st - Dec 5th -\$170

OPTION 2:

Dec. 6th- End of Year - \$140

Prom Ticket NOT included

Dec. 6th - End of Year plus Prom Ticket- \$230

School Pay Link:

Class of 2024 Senior Dues After December 5th \$140.00

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2024-Senior-Dues-After-December/ScsFKF>

Class of 2024 Senior Dues After December 5th Plus Prom Ticket \$230.00

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2024-Senior-Dues-After-December/Sc77PGc>

IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2024 DATES

August 28, 2023 Senior Sunrise

October 4, 2023 College Fair

October 21, 2023 HOCO Dance

November 16th, 2023 Herff Jones -Cap and Gown Orders

January 11, 2024 Senior Breakfast

January 11, 2024 Panoramic Photo

January 25, 2024 Herff Jones- Cap and Gown Orders

February 24, 2024 LHS Fest

April 20, 2024 Prom-BCEC

June 3, 2024 Senior Day

June 4, 2024 Senior Sunset

June 3, 4 & 5, 2024 Senior Checkout

June 8, 2024 Graduation 9:00AM

Yearbook, Panoramic Photo, Cap & Gown are NOT included in Senior Dues

All Cap & Gowns are ordered through Herff Jones <mailto:https://highschool.herffjones.com/>-

Price increase March 1st

**** May not purchase Prom ticket until all fees and dues are paid.**

Rugby



What is RUGBY?

We need you! Everyone gets a chance with the ball.

Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday after school 4:15-6:00PM - the back field by the greenhouse.

Come out and give it a try! Contact the coach and other players at

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GIX184XcprSA2pLrDj6Ny> or text 786-925-6416 for details



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During Senior checkout on June 3, 4 & 5 PTO will have a station for collecting gently used uniforms. This includes Lamar Polos, Lamar T-Shirts, Khaki shorts, skirts & pants. PLEASE be sure the uniforms are in good condition to be worn again.

Volunteers Needed will be needed to Collect & Sort and Wash Donated Uniforms.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BAEA829A1F58-49715957-senior#/>

QUICK LINKS

[VIPS](#)

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