

**10<sup>th</sup>** | **11<sup>th</sup>**  
 & | **12<sup>th</sup>**

**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM**  
*Mirabeau B. Lamar High School*  
**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION 2009-10**



Lamar High School is an authorized IB world school. Its honors students engage in a rigorous pre-university course of studies. The IB Program is designed for *highly motivated* and *academically gifted and talented* students who take courses specifically intended to prepare them for international examinations at the end of their junior and senior years. Students who successfully complete the prestigious IB Diploma Program can meet the academic challenges of the best domestic and foreign colleges and universities. PreIB honors courses are available for qualified students.

***Please read this application carefully and attach all required documentation. Incomplete applications will not be processed and will cause a significant delay in the evaluation of your child's information and notification of eligibility.***

**COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION:**

- an unofficial transcript of the previous year(s) grades
- standardized achievement test scores (ERB's, Stanford 10, ITBS, etc.) from the previous year(s)
- TAKS scores from the previous year(s) – for Texas public school students
- a handwritten essay on the assigned topic (located on the last page of this application)

**APPLICANT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)**

Last Name		First Name (no nicknames)		Middle Name		Sex	Date of Application
Street Address			Apt #	City		State	ZIP
Home Phone (with area code)		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	Current Grade	Current School		Zoned High School	
With whom does student live as a permanent resident?		Ethnicity (This information is requested in accordance with PEIMS and federal regulations.)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Both Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Father		<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Racial <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic		<input type="checkbox"/> Asian / Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian			
Father's / Guardian's Name		Work Number (with area code)		Does either parent work for HISD?		YES	NO
Mother's / Guardian's Name		Work Number (with area code)		Has the student applied to the Lamar IB Program before?		YES	NO
Parent E-mail Address							

**PLEASE NOTE !**

The IB Diploma/Certificate Program Application is **NOT** an application for transfer.  
 Acceptance to the IB Diploma/Certificate Program does not imply or guarantee an approval for transfer.

It is the policy of Lamar High School not to discriminate on the basis of age, color, handicap or disability, ancestry, national origin, marital status, race, religion, sex, veteran status, or political affiliation in its educational or employment programs and activities.

# COURSES REQUESTED (PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS)

➤ For IB placement, please choose one course from each subject area below for which the student would like to be considered by placing an **X** in the corresponding box. When requesting a foreign language, please select the course and circle the year and/or level. Please note that the first year of a foreign language does not receive honors credit. **The full IB Program is English, mathematics, social studies, science, foreign language, and fine arts.**

➤ Students will be considered for only the IB courses that are checked below. Test scores and grades determine which courses a student will be approved to take in the PreIB and IB Programs.

➤ Juniors who wish to pursue the IB Diploma must check the box for **Theory of Knowledge**, a required course for all IB Diploma Candidates (IBDC).

## ENGLISH

	PreIB English 2 (10 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
	IB English 3 (11 <sup>th</sup> Grade)

*Please note: IB English 4 is not available to incoming seniors.*

## SOCIAL STUDIES

	PreIB World History
	PreIB U.S. History
	IB Economics 1 – SL
	IB World Religions – SL

## FOREIGN LANGUAGES

	Chinese	2	3	4	5
	French	2	3	4	5
	German		3	4	5
	Hebrew		3	4	5
	Italian	2	3	4	5
	Japanese		3	4	5
	Russian	2	3	4	5
	Spanish	2	3	4	5

## SCIENCES

	PreIB Biology (1st Year)
	IB Biology SL (2nd Year)
	IB Biology HL (3rd Year)
	PreIB Chemistry (1st Year)
	IB Chemistry SL (2nd Year)
	IB Chemistry HL (3rd Year)
	PreIB Physics (1st Year)
	IB Physics SL (2nd Year)
	IB Physics HL (3rd Year)
	IB Environmental Science SL

## MATHEMATICS

	PreIB Geometry
	PreIB Algebra 2
	PreIB PreCalculus
	IB Math Studies (IBDC only)
	IB Calculus 2 (IBDC only)
	IB Calculus 1 (IBDC only)
	PreIB Computer Science
	IB Computer Science 1
	IB Computer Science 2

## FINE ARTS

	PreIB Art 2
	IB Art (teacher approval)
	IB Art History
	PreIB Dance 2
	IB Dance (teacher approval)
	PreIB Music 2
	IB Music (teacher approval)
	IB Film (teacher approval)
	IB Theatre (teacher approval)

Theory of Knowledge (11 <sup>th</sup> Grade – IB Diploma Candidates Only)
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# SIGNATURES

By signing this application, we are requesting that the student named on this application be considered for admission into the Lamar High School IB Program which is also the campus gifted and talented program. We certify that the information provided as part of this application is complete, accurate, and (in the case of the required essay) completely the student's own work. **We recognize that IB is an honors program with a very challenging and rigorous curriculum.** In addition, we will respect the decision of the admissions committee and will abide by their decision. We understand and recognize that should the student petition to be removed or is removed from an IB class, the student is no longer eligible for and cannot re-enter that particular subject area.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

# LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

### INSTRUCTIONS AND DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: 10 – 12

- Applicants currently attending **Lamar High School** or any other high school who wish to move from regular program subjects into PreIB and/or IB subjects will need to earn a yearly average of an “A” in the prerequisite course of the subject they wish to take. For example, a yearly average of an “A” in English 1 would be required for admission into PreIB English 2.
- A score at the 85th percentile or better on a nationally normed, standardized test (Stanford 10, ITBS, ERB, etc.) in each of the subject areas of English, mathematics, science, and social studies for which the student is requesting admission.
- Acceptable performance on an essay written by the applicant in his or her own handwriting. The student's essay must demonstrate the ability to think and write clearly, correctly, purposefully, and logically.
- For all Texas public school students, a passing score on all sections of the most recent TAKS test taken.
- An acceptable school conduct and attendance history. **Poor conduct or excessive absences will disqualify applicants.**
- **Lamar students will be notified in June when Stanford 10 and TAKS scores and the final report card have been reviewed to determine placement.**
- Conditional acceptance may be offered to students who do not fully qualify.

#### DO NOT INCLUDE

Please do not include the following items in the application. They will be not be considered in the student's acceptance into the IB Program.

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| • letters of recommendation  | • elementary academic records     |
| • portfolios                 | • honor roll information          |
| • videotapes                 | • club memberships                |
| • certificates of awards     | • résumés                         |
| • medical documents          | • birth certificates              |
| • proof of residence         | • copies of social security cards |
| • copies of driver's license |                                   |

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- The IB Program admission's committee consisting of the Dean of Instruction, the IB Diploma Coordinator, and representatives from the IB curricular areas will review applications and select students for entrance on the basis of the admission criteria.
- Students must maintain a yearly average of a 70 (“D”) or better in order to remain in a PreIB or IB subject.
- Students must remain in a PreIB or IB subject for an entire year unless the student requests to drop the subject at semester break or is withdrawn from the subject due to failure.
- Students who drop or are removed from a PreIB or IB subject may not continue in that IB subject area in subsequent years.
- Students may not withdraw from a PreIB or IB level subject after the first two weeks of school. They must remain for the full semester.
- Any form of cheating is not tolerated and will eventually lead to the student's removal from the IB Program.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Documentation submitted as part of this application will not be returned nor will it be shared with other programs in HISD or at Lamar. **Incomplete applications will not be processed nor will they be returned.**
- Please note the checklist on the front page of this application. The committee will consider only those applicants whose files are complete at the time of application.
- **DO NOT FAX DOCUMENTS!** Supporting documentation does not fax well due to small print which often makes the faxed copy illegible. Please deliver all documents by hand to the main office only or mail them to the school address listed on the other side of this page.
- **DO NOT STAPLE DOCUMENTS TOGETHER!**
- Transcripts and standardized test results should cover the previous two years of the student's school attendance. Do not write on the report card or transcript.
- Teacher recommendations are not used. Please do not include them as part of the application packet.

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## ESSAY QUESTION AND INSTRUCTIONS

- The essay is to be a minimum of one page in length, hand-written (print or cursive), and legible.
- The student's name must be written on the essay.
- The essay must accompany the application or it will be considered incomplete.

**ENTERING 10TH GRADE ESSAY TOPIC:** Describe a situation when you had to question your values and/or beliefs. What was the result?

**ENTERING 11TH GRADE ESSAY TOPIC:** Describe your experience living in a racially, culturally, or ethnically diverse environment? What do you expect to need to know to live successfully in the multi-cultural society of the future?

**ENTERING 12TH GRADE ESSAY TOPIC:** As you reflect on your life thus far, what has someone said, written or expressed in some fashion that is especially meaningful to you? Why?

## SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

Please note that summer work for IB subjects is assigned every summer especially in English, social studies, French and Spanish classes and are usually due during the first week of classes. Summer assignments are included as part of the student's IB acceptance packet. If you do not receive the summer assignment sheet(s) at that time, please call the IB office. Summer assignments may require the purchase of paperback novels and/or textbooks at local bookstores.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009

- **ALL STUDENTS** who submit their applications by February 2, 2009, will be notified by mail during the week of **March 30 – April 3, 2009**. Applications received after February 2, 2009 will be evaluated and considered on a space-available basis and students will be notified by mail before the end of June 2009.
- **Applications received after June 30th** will be evaluated as time permits and when the IB committee is available which may delay placement of a student in IB classes until after the start of school.
- **CURRENT LAMAR STUDENTS** will be notified by the end of June. The IB committee must review Stanford 10 and TAKS scores and the final report card to determine placement.

All completed applications are to be hand delivered to the Lamar High School Main Office or mailed to the following address:

**Jon Mallam, IB Diploma Coordinator  
Lamar High School  
3325 Westheimer Road  
Houston, TX 77098**



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For information about the IB Program in North America and the Caribbean, please visit [www.ibo.org/ibna](http://www.ibo.org/ibna).

Should you have any questions regarding the IB Program at Lamar High School, please call Jon Mallam, IB Diploma Coordinator, at Lamar High School at (713) 522-5960, or contact him by e-mail at the following address:  
[jmallam@houstonisd.org](mailto:jmallam@houstonisd.org).



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