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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 Diploma / Certificate 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 / Certificate Program can meet the academic challenges of the best domestic and foreign colleges and universities. Eligible students in the ninth grades take PreIB honors courses.

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 academic records and notification of eligibility.

COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION:

- the front and back of the middle school permanent record card (HISD students only)
the 7th grade final report card
the 8th grade report card with first semester averages listed (available in January)
standardized achievement test scores (ERB's, Stanford 10, ITBS, etc.) from the 6th and 7th grades
a handwritten essay on the assigned topic (located on the last page of this application)

APPLICANT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Form with fields for Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, Sex, Date of Application, Street Address, Apt #, City, State, ZIP, Home Phone, Date of Birth, Current Grade, Current School, Zoned High School, With whom does student live as a permanent resident?, Ethnicity, Father's / Guardian's Name, Work Number, Does either parent work for HISD?, Mother's / Guardian's Name, Work Number, Has the student also applied to Lamar's magnet program?, 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 READ CAREFULLY)

➤ The standard curriculum for an incoming freshman is the following:

- **English 1**
- **Biology** (if IPC was previously taken)
- **Geometry** (if Algebra 1 was previously taken)
- **Speech / Health** (can be taken in summer school)
- **World Geography**
- **Physical Education or Athletics or ROTC**
- **Foreign Language – 2nd year** (★)
- **Elective**

(★) In middle school, high school credit is awarded for the first year of foreign language only if it has been taken in both the 7th and 8th grades.

➤ For PreIB 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 language and circle the year and/or level. **The full IB Program is English, mathematics, social studies, science, and foreign language.** PreIB fine arts begin in the 10th grade.

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

ENGLISH	
	PreIB English 1

SOCIAL STUDIES	
	PreIB Geography

FOREIGN LANGUAGES				
		Year / Level		
	Chinese	1	2	3
	French	1	2	3
	Italian	1	2	3
	Russian	1	2	3
	Spanish	1	2	3

MATHEMATICS	
	PreIB Algebra 1
	PreIB Geometry

SCIENCES	
	PreIB Biology

## 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 Diploma / Certificate 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 DIPLOMA / CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**  
**INSTRUCTIONS AND DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICATION AND ADMISSION**

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

**For All Students**

- This IB application completed and signed by the parents and student with subjects selected for consideration.
- A copy of the 8th grade report card with first semester averages listed (available in January).
- A handwritten essay on the assigned topic.

**Current HISD Students**

- A copy of the front and back of the middle school permanent record card which contains marks and test scores from the 6th and 7th grades.

**Students New or Returning to HISD**

- A copy of the 7th grade final report card.
- A copy of nationally normed standardized achievement test scores (ERB's, Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), Stanford 10, etc.) from the 6th and 7th grades.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- 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. ***Please note: TAKS test scores do not satisfy this requirement.***
- For all Texas public school students, a passing score on all sections of the most recent TAKS test taken.
- Average grade of 80 ("B") or better in the subject areas of English, mathematics, science, and social studies during the last semester completed.
- Acceptable performance on an essay written by the applicant in his/her own handwriting. The student's essay must demonstrate the ability to think and write clearly, correctly, purposefully, and logically.
- Past experience with honors courses is preferred and taken into consideration when determining placement.
- An acceptable school conduct and attendance history. ***Poor conduct or excessive absences will disqualify applicants!***
- Conditional acceptance may be offered to students who do not fully qualify.

**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 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 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.
- ***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.

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

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

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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.

**ESSAY TOPIC:** What work of art, music, science, mathematics, or literature has surprised, unsettled, or challenged you, and in what way?

## SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

Please note that summer work for IB subjects is assigned every summer especially in English, social studies, and Spanish classes and are usually due the first week of classes. Summer assignments are included as part of the student's IB acceptance packet. Summer assignments may require the purchase of paperback novels and/or textbooks at local bookstores.

## ADDITIONAL TESTING

- **NAGLIERI NON-VERBAL ABILITIES TEST (NNAT).** Students who are new *or* are returning to HISD will be required to take this exam. Scheduled testing dates are as follows:
  - **Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 10:30 am at Lamar High School (reservations required)**
  - **Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 9:00 am at Lamar High School – Room E-205**
- **END-OF-COURSE ALGEBRA 1 PROFICIENCY EXAM:** Go to the following website and take the test to determine how well-prepared the student is for PreIB Geometry or PreIB Algebra 2:  
**[www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/online/2002/eoc/algebra.html](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/online/2002/eoc/algebra.html)**
- **SPANISH 1 PROFICIENCY EXAM** (for students requesting PreIB Spanish 2): Additional information about this exam will be provided upon acceptance.
  - **Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 10:00 am at Lamar High School – Room E-200.**

## APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009

**ALL STUDENTS** who submit their applications by February 2, 2008, 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.

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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Should you have any questions regarding the IB Program at Lamar High School, please contact Jon Mallam, IB Diploma Coordinator, at Lamar High School by phone at (713) 522-5960, or by e-mail at the following address:  
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