

COURSES REQUESTED (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

The standard curriculum for Grade 9 is as follows:

- English 1
- Language Acquisition – 1st or 2nd year (★)
- World Geography or AP Human Geography
- Biology
- Algebra 1 or Algebra 2 (if Algebra 1 credit is earned)
- Fine Arts
- Principles of Information Technology (PIT)
- Physical Education, Athletics, or ROTC

The standard curriculum for Grade 10 is as follows:

- English 2
- Language Acquisition – 2nd or 3rd year
- World History or AP World History
- Chemistry
- Algebra 2 or Geometry (if Algebra 2 credit is earned)
- Speech / Health (can be taken in tuition summer school)
- Business Information Management (BIM)
- PreDP Fine Arts or Elective

*** Please note:** If language acquisition courses are taken in middle school, high school credit is awarded for the first year of that language only if it has been taken in both the 7th and 8th grades.

- Please choose **one** course from **each** subject of interest below by placing an **X** in the corresponding box. When requesting a language acquisition course, please select the language and circle the year and/or level. **The full PreDiploma course of study consists of English, language acquisition, humanities, sciences, mathematics, and an additional course of fine arts or an elective.**
- Please choose your courses carefully, as changes will only be made according to class size and course availability.

ENGLISH	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PreDP English 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	PreDP English 2

HUMANITIES	
<input type="checkbox"/>	AP Geography
<input type="checkbox"/>	AP World History

LANGUAGES				
<i>Please circle year or level of the requested language.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese	1	2	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	French	1	2	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Italian	1	2	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Russian	1	2	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish	1	2	3

FINE ARTS & ELECTIVES	
<i>Please note: the courses below begin in the 10th grade.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PreDP Art 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	PreDP Dance 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	PreDP Music 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	PreDP Computer

MATHEMATICS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PreDP Algebra 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	PreDP Geometry
<input type="checkbox"/>	PreDP Algebra 2

SCIENCES	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PreDP Biology
<input type="checkbox"/>	PreDP Chemistry

SIGNATURES

By signing this assessment, we are requesting that the student named on this form be considered for Lamar High School's PreDiploma Program which is also the campus gifted and talented program. We certify that the information provided is complete and accurate.

Student Signature	Date
Parent Signature	Date

LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL
ADVANCED ACADEMICS PROGRAM
INSTRUCTIONS AND DIRECTIONS FOR ASSESSMENT AND SUBMISSION

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Current Houston ISD Students

- This Advanced Academics Assessment completed and signed by the parents and student with subjects selected.
- A copy of the current year's January issue of the report card with first semester averages listed.
- **For incoming 9th graders:** a copy of the front and back of the middle school permanent record card which contains 6th and 7th grade test scores and marks.
- **For incoming 10th graders:** a copy of the final 8th grade report card and current TAKS or EOC scores.

Students New or Returning to Houston ISD

- This Advanced Academics Assessment completed and signed by the parents and student with subjects selected.
- A copy of the current year's January issue of the report card with first semester averages listed.
- **For incoming 9th graders:** a copy of the final 7th grade report card, and 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.
- **For incoming 10th graders:** a copy of the final 8th grade report card, and a copy of nationally normed standardized achievement test scores (ERB's, Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), Stanford 10, etc.) from the 8th and 9th grades.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Students must remain in a PreDP subject for an entire year unless the student requests to drop the subject at semester break.
- Students may not withdraw from a PreDP level subject after the first two weeks of school. They must remain for the full semester.
- Any form of cheating is not tolerated and, if continued, will eventually lead to serious disciplinary and academic consequences.

ACADEMIC CONSIDERATIONS: 9 – 10

Enrollment in PreDP courses is determined by a combination of the factors below:

- A score at the 70th 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.
- For all Texas public school students, a passing score on all sections of the most recent TAKS test taken.
- Average grade of 70 or better in the subject areas of English, mathematics, science, and social studies during the last semester completed.
- Past experience with PreAP or PreDP courses.
- An acceptable school conduct and attendance history.
- Probationary acceptance may be offered to students who do not fully qualify.

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 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 back page of this application.*
- **PLEASE 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.

No other documentation should be included with the application.

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ADDITIONAL TESTING

- **NAGLIERI NON-VERBAL ABILITIES TEST (NNAT)**

Students who are new *or* are returning to HISD (after having left the district) are required to take this exam. Scheduled testing dates are as follows:

- **Saturday, January 14, 2012 or Friday, June 15, 2012**
- **10:30 am at Lamar High School / Room E-200**
- **Reservations are required.**
- **Please call the Advanced Academics Office (713) 522-5960, x546 for reservations.**

- **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS IN ALGEBRA 1 AND / OR SPANISH 1**

Go to the Lamar website at www.lamarhs.com, and take the test to determine how your child's readiness for PreDP Algebra 2 or PreDP Spanish 2. Under the Academics link, choose Advanced Academics and 9th Grade Placement.

SUMMER READING

Please see the Lamar website in June for required summer reading assignments. Summer reading may require the purchase of paperback novels and/or textbooks which will be available in Lamar's School Store beginning **June 4, 2012**.

ASSESSMENT DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

ALL STUDENTS who submit this form and accompanying documents by Monday, February 6, 2012, will be notified by mail during the week of **March 26 – 30, 2012**. Submissions received after **February 6, 2012** will be evaluated and students will be notified by mail after **March 30, 2012**.

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

Philip Mantaring, IBMYP Coordinator
Lamar High School
3325 Westheimer Road
Houston, TX 77098



For more information about the International Baccalaureate, please visit www.ibo.org.

For more information about the IB Americas, please visit www.ibo.org/iba.

Should you have any questions regarding the Advanced Academics Assessment at Lamar High School, please contact, Philip Mantaring by phone at **(713) 522-5960, ext. 371** or by e-mail at the following address:
pmantari@houstonisd.org.



For information about Lamar High School, please visit www.lamarhs.org.



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