



Liberal Arts and Science Academy High School

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Dear Prospective LASA Student:

Welcome to high school! I want to thank you for your interest in the Liberal Arts and Science Academy High School. LASA is an advanced academic magnet, meaning that every core class, English, Math, Science and Social Studies provides a more enriched and accelerated curriculum than what the state of Texas expects for high school students.

In addition to the core classes, we offer advanced courses in, Robotics, Computer Science, Languages Other Than English, including Spanish, German, French, Latin and Japanese, Fine Arts and Technology, as well as vast opportunities to participate in UIL athletics, academics, and fine arts competitions. Students who are certain about what they wish to study in college come away with the skills and knowledge to succeed in that area and, frequently, they graduate with college credit, either in the form of Advanced Placement tests or Dual Enrollment with Austin Community College. For example, our 840 students combined took nearly than 1000 AP exams and scored a passing rate of 80%. Our teachers create curious learners by developing each student's competency in teamwork, problem solving, research, and written, spoken, and electronic communication.

Over one half of our students come from 8 zip codes ranging from north of US 183 to south of Slaughter to right across the street from LBJ High School, our home. The other 48% of students come from every other AISD zip code. We have nationally-ranked programs and national contest winners in Robotics, Newspaper, Science Olympiad, Math Club, Siemens-Westinghouse, and Amateur Radio. Many of our other programs are state ranked, if not state winners. Last year, LASA had 15 of Austin ISD's 41 National Merit Finalists; that is, 1 out of 13 graduating LASA seniors was a finalist. Additionally, we are home to "The One, The Only," the highly decorated and world-traveling LBJ Jaguar Band.

The LASA application has several parts; you will find a checklist on the back of the student information sheet. The Admission Committee wants to see your grades, teacher recommendations, test scores, and your thoughts about your future during our decision-making process. Remember, the only way we can see you, as a whole student, is to have ALL parts of the application turned in by the postmark deadline of January 22, 2009.

We, the faculty and administration of LASA, look forward to reading your application, meeting you along the way, and beginning the first day of your high school experience with you. Should you or your parents have any questions, please call the LASA office at (512) 414-LASA or visit <http://www.lasaonline.org>. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Rene Sanchez
Principal
Liberal Arts and Science Academy High School