

# 2008 – 2009 Application for Distinguished Achievement Program

Student has already met all requirements for the DAP:

YES:

DATE:

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced Measures:** Indicate the 4 advanced measures completed by student and/or those which student intends to complete before graduation.

## I. ORIGINAL PRESEARCH PROJECTS (maximum of 2)

Project 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Project 2: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. TEST DATA (PSAT COMMENDED SCHOLARS) (maximum of 1)

\_\_\_ National Merit Finalist; \_\_\_ National Merit Semi Finalist; \_\_\_ National Hispanic Scholar; \_\_\_ National Achievement Scholar ; \_\_\_ Commended Scholar

## III. AP TEST DATA (score of 3 or greater)

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

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## IV. COLLEGE COURSES (B/86 or greater) and/or TECH-PREP ARTICULATED COLLEGE COURSES (80 or greater)

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

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## V. COLLEGE COURSES and/or TECH PREP ARTICULATED COURSES CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN (if needed to qualify for the DAP):

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ College/School: \_\_\_\_\_ Final Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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## VI. AP EXAMS TO BE TAKEN IN MAY 2009 (if needed to qualify for the DAP): -- this information needed by registrar

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

**LASA Counselor:** \_\_\_\_\_ (signature indicates that above has been verified)

STUDENT: "I want to graduate under the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP). To do so, I understand that I must meet the four advanced measure requirements stipulated on the back of this form. If I have not met these requirements by the time I graduate and/or if I need to score a 3 or better on AP exams administered in May 2009 to meet those requirements, I understand that my final high school transcript that will be sent to my college in June will indicate that I graduated on the *State Recommended Plan*. I understand that once the AP scores are received by LASA from the College Board in late July and they indicate that I have met all four advanced measure requirements, an amended transcript will be forwarded to my college noting that I graduated on the DAP."

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Not meeting the DAP graduation requirements will not keep a student from graduating from LASA if student meets the requirements for one of the other two state graduation programs.

*Liberal Arts and Science Academy High School*

**The Distinguished Achievement Program Requirements**

Students who intend to graduate on the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) must complete the following courses (for a detailed description, see Austin ISD's *Secondary School Information Guide*). **In addition to meeting the course requirements, students must complete four (4) advanced measures (see explanation below).**

|                       |             |                              |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| English Language Arts | 4.0 credits | Physical Education           | 1.5 credits |
| Mathematics           | 3.0 credits | Health Education             | .5 credits  |
| Science               | 3.0 credits | Fine Arts                    | 1.0 credits |
| Social Studies        | 3.5 credits | Technology Applications      | 1.0 credits |
| Economics             | .5 credits  | Languages Other Than English | 3.0 credits |
| Speech                | .5 credits  | Electives                    | 2.5 credits |

Advanced Measures:

A student must achieve any combination of four (4) of the following advance measures. The measures must focus on demonstrated student performance at the college or professional level. Student performance on advanced measures must be assessed through an external review process. The advanced measures are as follows:

1. An original research project that is
  - a) judged by a panel of professionals in the field that is the focus of the project; or
  - b) Conducted under the direction of mentor(s) and reported to an appropriate audience; and
  - c) Related to the required curriculum set forth in 19 TAC 74.1 (relating to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills).
    - *Original research projects may not be used for more than two of the four advanced measures.*
    - *LASA courses that fall into this category are: Sci-Tech, Planet Earth, and E-Zine*
  
2. Test data in which a student received
  - a) A score of three or above on a College Board Advanced Placement examination, or
  - b) A score of four or above on an International Baccalaureate examination, or
  - c) A score on the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) that qualifies a student for recognition as a Commended Scholar or higher by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; as part of the National Hispanic Scholar Program of the College Board; or as part of the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding African American Students of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

*\* The PSAT score may count as only one advanced measure regardless of the number of honors received by the student.*
  
3. A grade of 3.0 (B) or higher in courses that count for college academic credit, including tech-prep articulated college courses.
  - *College Course Examples:* US History I and US History II at ACC (college course work from other colleges MUST be pre-approved by AISD).
  - Articulated Tech-Prep college courses taught at LASA: (must receive a grade of 80 or above)
    1. Computer Applications - 7813.HT10.A/B
    2. Electronic Technology – 7313-HT10.A/B
    3. Independent Studies in Technology - 9224.H000.A/B
    4. Computer Multimedia and Animation – 8754.HT10.A/B
    5. N Plus - 8021.HT00.A/B
    6. AP Computer Science II – 3804.P000.A/B

Substitutions/Alternatives:

No substitutions shall be allowed, except as allowed by State Board rule and local policy. College Board Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate course may be substituted for requirement in appropriate academic areas. Credit may also be awarded without prior instruction through credit by examination. *Derived from 19 TAC 74.41(g), 74.24, 74.44(e), 74.54(e).*

- ***Not meeting the DAP graduation requirements will not keep a student from graduating from LASA if student meets the requirements for one of the other two state graduation programs.***

Students who intend to graduate on the DAP must not only complete the aforementioned courses, but also complete four advanced measures.

**Advanced Measures:**

A student must achieve any combination of four of the following advanced measures. The measures must focus on demonstrated student performance at the college or professional level. Student performance on advanced measure must be assessed through an external review process. The advanced measures are as follows:

1. An original research project.
  - a. Original research projects may not be used for more than two of the four advanced measures.
  - b. LASA courses that fall into this category are: Sci-Tech, E-Zine, and Planet Earth
  
2. Test data in which a student received
  - a. A score of 3 or above on an AP exam
  - b. A score on the PSAT that qualifies the student for recognition as a Commended Scholar or higher. (PSAT may count for only one advanced measure)
  
3. A grade of 3.0 (B) or higher in courses that count for college credit, including tech-prep articulated college courses.
  - a. College Course Examples: US History I and US History II at ACC
  - b. Tech-prep college courses taught at LASA: Computer Applications, Electronic Technology, Independent Studies in Technology, Computer Multimedia and Animation, N Plus, AP Computer Science II

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The following will give examples of how to obtain credit for the following courses:

**Technology:** Computer Science, AP Computer Science I, Computer Apps (Robotics I), Computer Multimedia and Animation, Desktop Publishing

**Fine Arts:** Art, Dance, Choir, Band, Music Theory, Theater Arts I

**PE Equivalents:** Wrestling, Baseball, Basketball, Track, Volleyball, Golf, Swimming, Football, Softball, Soccer, Tennis, Cheerleading, Drill Team, Off Campus PE Waiver, Marching Band (Fall Semester Only)

**Speech:** Communication Applications, Mock Trial, Model UN (1 year)