



Liberal Arts and Science Academy High School

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Nurturing Innovation & Curiosity

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. Last year, LASA had 39 of Austin ISD's 57 National Merit Semifinalists.

In addition to core classes, we offer advanced courses in Robotics, Computer Science, Philosophy, Video Production, Multivariable Calculus, Environmental Science, 2-D/3-D design, and 7 different foreign languages. We also offer 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, last year 756 students combined to take 2,409 AP exams and scored a passing rate of just over 87%. For students who are less sure about what they wish to study at the collegiate level, we offer the opportunity to explore a variety of interests from Pathophysiology to American Film Analysis and Linear Algebra to Song Writing. Regardless of the topic, our teachers create curious learners by developing each student's competency in teamwork, problem solving, research, and written, spoken, and electronic communication.

We have a very diverse student population. We are lucky to have students from zip codes all across Austin. This diversity encourages even richer discussions and debates in class. In addition it allows us to have clubs and organizations that match any and all student interests. We have nationally-ranked programs and national contest winners in Robotics, Newspaper, Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, Math Club, Siemens-Westinghouse, Intel Science Fair, Japan Bowl and Amateur Radio just to name a few. Our students compete as Jaguars in every UIL sport available as well as having club teams in lacrosse, water polo and Ultimate Frisbee. Additionally, we are home to "The One, The Only," the highly decorated and world-traveling Jaguar Band.

The LASA application has several parts. As part of our decision-making process, LASA needs to see your grades, teacher recommendations, and standardized test scores. In addition, we require written responses, including an essay, to help us understand who you are as a student and your future goals. The first three items can be sent to us using our online application system or they can be mailed, emailed, or hand-delivered to us. 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 20, 2018. Applications that are missing any piece will not be considered.

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.lasahighschool.org>. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Stacia Crescenzi
Principal, LASA High School

LASA educates socially responsible leaders, problem solvers, and thinkers through a nationally recognized, rigorous, innovative, interdisciplinary curriculum.

