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LAREDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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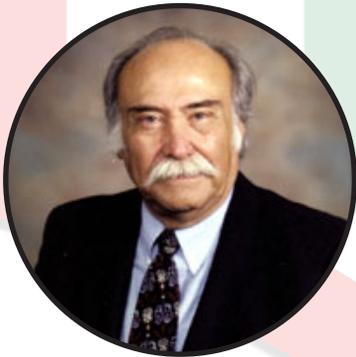
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## Laredo ISD Vision and Mission

### *Vision*

Diverse opportunities for student excellence make LISD schools the primary choice for families in the district. Our schools are safe and nurturing environments that motivate and prepare students to contribute and excel in life. They build on the strong and expanding foundation already established by families, local business leaders and community partners involved in student learning.

### *Mission*

LISD will prepare students to be highly successful, critical thinkers and effective problem solvers who are confident, self-motivated, and actively involved in our local and global community.

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## Student athletes attend leadership conference

In preparation for the upcoming athletic season, LISD high school student-athletes recently participated in a Student Athlete Leadership Conference. The conference allowed the athletes to enhance their leadership skills through speakers, discussions, workshops, and team building activities.



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## LISD promotes educators

LISD appoints new principal and director.

### On the cover:

Santiago Rodriguez and Sofia Gomez are ready for the 2022-2023 school-year.



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## LISD provides exceptional digital learning experience

Laredo Independent School District is ready with hands-on education, providing teachers and students the best possible advanced technology for their curriculum.

## STAY INFORMED!





# Superintendent's Message

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Greetings LISD Family:

As Superintendent of Laredo ISD, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome our students, parents, and staff members to the 2022-2023 school year. I especially want to welcome our new families and thank our returning families for their continuing partnership. Our goal is to make sure that 100% of our students graduate from high school prepared for higher education, service in the military, or start a fulfilling career.

Without a doubt, we have so much for which to be proud as our LISD community starts the new school year! In just a few days, our classrooms will be filled with children eager to return to their schools, see their friends, and learn from their teachers!

To this end, we have been hard at work, strategically planning for the successful and safe return of our LISD school community back to our classrooms, offices and departments. I want to reassure you that we have devoted countless hours and resources to make sure that all of our facilities are safe, secure and conducive to the quality teaching and learning to which our families and staff have become accustomed.

Every staff member has been working very hard to prepare for the return of our young scholars. Our principals and teachers are setting very high expectations again this year, and these will be communicated to you in their upcoming messages.

LISD has a rich history that began in 1882. Our 140-year-old institution has not been without challenges especially these last two years. Fortunately, our Board of

Trustees has continued to forge ahead and established policies for the benefit of our youngsters. I shall always be grateful for their leadership, the dedication of our employees and the support we receive from our parents and school community.

This school year promises to be filled with a multitude of opportunities and possibilities. Please know that I am always available to discuss any questions or concerns related to serving the children of LISD. My office phone number is 956-273-1406 and my email address is [sgrios@laredoisd.org](mailto:sgrios@laredoisd.org)

Our students and staff are Leading the Way and creating a better world that we envision for our students!

Here's hoping to see you soon.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sylvia A. Proa".

LISD Superintendent of Schools

# LISD: LEADING THE WAY



**L**aredo ISD continues its five-year partnership with the Holdsworth Center to develop the District's future leaders. LISD was one of six districts selected in 2021 to partner with the Holdsworth Center, a non-profit organization founded by H.E.B. Chairman Charles Butt.

This strategic partnership helps districts such as LISD grow their own bench of strong, skilled leaders who create conditions in which teachers thrive and all students get what they need to succeed.

The collaboration began with LISD Central Office administrators attending leadership trainings throughout the year at the Holdsworth Center located in the Austin area. The training now includes a group of LISD Principals with more principals added in the coming months. The first group of LISD principals attending the profession-

al development this summer at the Holdsworth Center included Melissa Valdez, Memorial Middle School; Cassandra Mendoza, Nixon High School; Jorge Silva, Gallego Elementary School; and Cindy Villarreal, D.D. Hachar Elementary School.

With input from the community LISD has determined their leadership definition and identified role specific behaviors for the District's future leaders. This coming school year, LISD will ensure that all campus instructional staff know what the leadership definition is, how it was created, and the purpose behind it. Educators will use the definition as a tool to drive self-reflection and growth. The definition and role specific behaviors establish common language, expectations, and boost culture through specific recognition strategies aligned to the definition.

The Holdsworth Center positively impacts K-12

public education for Texas students by supporting and developing educational leaders. Charles Butt has directed much of his personal and corporate giving toward education, developing initiatives such as the annual H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards, the H-E-B Read 3 early literacy program and Raise Your Hand Texas, an advocacy organization focused on public policies that support and improve our public schools. The Holdsworth Center builds on those efforts by strengthening the leaders who serve educators and students.

LISD principals Cindy Villarreal, Cassandra Mendoza, Melissa Valdez, and Jorge Silva attended the Holdsworth Training for principals and administrators at the Holdsworth Center campus on Lake Austin.



# IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



## HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

### STUDENTS

Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced  
Do business as usual

### ADULTS

Close and lock door  
Account for students and adults  
Do business as usual



## SECURE! (Lockout) Get inside. Lock outside doors.

### STUDENTS

Return to inside of building  
Do business as usual

### ADULTS

Bring everyone indoors  
Lock outside doors  
Increase situational awareness  
Account for students and adults  
Do business as usual



## LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

### STUDENTS

Move away from sight  
Maintain silence  
Do not open the door

### ADULTS

Recover students from hallway if possible  
Lock the classroom door  
Turn out the lights  
Move away from sight  
Maintain silence  
Do not open the door  
Prepare to evade or defend



## EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

### STUDENTS

Leave stuff behind if required to  
If possible, bring your phone  
Follow instructions

### ADULTS

Lead students to Evacuation location  
Account for students and adults  
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults



## SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

### STUDENTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

### ADULTS

Lead safety strategy  
Account for students and adults  
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults

### Hazard

Tornado  
Hazmat  
Earthquake  
Tsunami

### Safety Strategy

Evacuate to shelter area  
Seal the room  
Drop, cover and hold  
Get to high ground



# LAREDO ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILLS

For the safety of our students and staff the LISD Police Department conducted its annual Active Shooter Drills this summer. The drills were conducted as a training exercise to improve and strengthen security during emergency and crisis situations.

The drills served as a model for LISD to evaluate district safety procedures. The training exercises are designed to teach appropriate responses to potential threats inside the campus. The drills also allow the staff to identify weaknesses in emergency preparations.

During the drills, LISD police officers re-enacted different scenarios where they

practiced their response to emergency situations. The campuses closed the gates and doors briefly and all visitors remained outside the school gates until the drills had been completed. Campus personnel also took part in the training exercises.

Also, throughout the summer, a group of LISD police officers attended the Texas School Safety Conference where they enhanced their knowledge in many school-based safety issues. District officials have been going to every campus at LISD to make sure all exterior doors and locks are all working properly. Our Health & Safety Support Services Department has been meeting about the district's reunification plan that reunites parents and students after an emergency. The reunification site will be at the Sames Auto Arena.

These drills served as an exposure, assessment, and evaluation of our District Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) policy and procedures. The district also continues to abide by the Texas Education Agency safety audits and Texas School Safety Center standard response protocols to apply immediate lockdown when needed at their schools.

“It’s very tragic and a sad situation but it should be an eye opener to all law enforcement agencies and unfortunately we have to look at what mistakes if any were made and to learn from that.”

- Chief Doreen Hale



# LISD names ANGEL RAMOS

*as VMT Principal*

**L**aredo Independent School District appointed Angel Ramos to be the new Principal at the Vidal M. Treviño School of Communications and Fine Arts.

With 21 years of educational experience, Ramos has previously served the district as an Assistant Principal for Nixon High School. During his time at NHS, he achieved three consecutive Social Studies Distinctions. Furthermore, Ramos continued his administrative services at F. S. Lara Academy where he was later promoted to lead Lara Academy as Principal.

Ramos received a Bachelor of Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Foreign Languages and Music Education from Tex-

as State University in San Marcos, Texas. He also garnered a Master of Science in Education Administration at Texas A&M International University.

Prior to his professional success, Ramos attended Martin High School and VMT. He continued his involvement with the district as a Percussion Coordinator for several drumline programs in LISD schools, member of the District Education Improvement Council, Campus Education Improvement Council, and Site Base Decision Making Committee.

Ramos was a distinguished nominee for the 2005-2006 Teacher Disney Awards for his motivation and creativity with the students inside and outside the classroom. He has performed at many venues, which include the Texas Music Educators Association Convention, and the Percussive Arts Society International Convention. His professional affiliations include the Percussive Arts Society, Texas Music Educators Association, and Texas

Bandmasters Association. Ramos has composed, arranged and served as a drumline clinician for several high schools and middle schools throughout South Texas.

Ramos earned certification for Principal, Instructional Leadership Development, and Texas Principal Evaluation and Support System.

In addition to his accomplishments, Ramos' new administrative position has lead him to become the first alumni to return to his stomping grounds and lead VMT. Ramos was part of the first Fall of 1993 VMT student cohort.

"I would like to thank my mother, Bertha Ramos, for always pushing me to excel in all endeavors, and the Laredo Independent School District for giving me the wonderful opportunity to lead VMT," Ramos said.

LISD has appointed Jose De Leon as Christen Middle School Principal. De Leon was previously at VMT.

Additionally, Sandra Garcia has been named Director of K-8 Instructional Accountability, and Sylvia Cantu will be serving as LISD's Homeless and Migrant Services Interventionist.



# *Dr. Carmen Pompa*

*LISD appoints*

## *Director of Bilingual Education*

**T**he Laredo ISD Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Carmen Amparo Pompa as the Director of Bilingual Education Program during a recent LISD Board of Trustees Meeting.

With 23 years of educational experience, Dr. Pompa, who served as Laredo ISD's Federal and Migrant Program School Improvement Intervention Coordinator, will lead the district's Bilingual and ESL Department.

"I am so happy LISD has provided me with the opportunity to serve the bilingual children from our community. It makes me proud to be part of this district because even though we faced challenges during the pandemic, we did not abandon our ideal, our sense of community, our vision, our mission, and our goals," said Dr. Pompa "I'm looking forward to leading the way and doing something I truly believe in and

that is Bilingual Education. I am a product of Laredo ISD, Toro Proud and I am ready to start working collaboratively with all stakeholders."

Dr. Pompa, received a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science in Psychology from TAMIU in 1998. She also has a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Literacy from TAMIU in 2006, and a Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Bi-literacy Education from Texas A&M University, College Station in 2016.

Before joining Laredo ISD, Dr. Pompa previously held the position of Instructional Training and Support Specialist at the Texas Center for Educator Excellence in Austin, Texas. She also served as Director of Bilingual/ESL/DUAL/Foreign Language, Early Childhood/Liter-

acy Coordinator, Assistant Principal, Reading Technical Assistance Specialist, Literacy Campus Coach, Reading Intervention teacher, and Early Childhood Bilingual teacher at United ISD, and as an adjunct professor at Texas A&M International University (TAMIU).

Dr. Pompa has published several articles in publications including "But I'm Just Their Teacher-Why Should I Care?."

Dr. Pompa is certified in Bilingual Education, Early Childhood Education, GT, Reading Recovery, School Administration, TTESS, TPSS, SIOP, Cohort Leader, and most recently the Superintendent certification.

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Pictured are Head Band Director Bobby Castro, Assistant Band Directors Jose Padilla, Seth Saucedo, Joseph Treviño, MHS Principal Mario Mireles and MHS student Nestor Olguin.

# Martin High senior attends Interlochen Summer Arts Camp

The Interlochen Center for the Arts accepted Martin High School senior Nestor Olguin into both the Interlochen Saxophone Intensive and Interlochen Wind Ensemble Program in Michigan this summer.

Olguin is one of 2,800 students from around the world to have the privilege to attend this Arts Camp. Admission into this seven-week summer program is highly competitive, which means that he will be surrounded and supported by young musicians who are equally passionate and driven. The accomplished faculty bring real-life expertise and laser-focused attention to address challenges and help him breakthrough to the next level.

“The Banda del Animo is an organization where I feel like I belong. Being a member of the band I can set a good example to others and help them achieve the levels I have,” Olguin said. “I’ve always had an eye on instruments since the 5th grade. At the summer camp, I feel like I will have a better understanding of how the instrument works. I’ve never left the State of Texas so it’s going to be pretty cool to go to another state.”

In addition to his accomplishments, Olguin earned his first chair All-State title as a saxophone player in the State of Texas at the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Music Convention.

As a student during the week-long Saxophone Intensive Program, Nestor will deepen his skill and understanding of the saxophone through a combination of daily masterclasses, seminars, and clinics. Following the saxophone intensive will be the six week long wind ensemble program where he will have the chance to train with professional conductors and other talented students in one of two large ensembles. Study will include large ensemble rehearsal, chamber music class, weekly private lessons with one of the outstanding faculty members, studio classes, and musician artistry classes.

“MHS Assistant Band Director and Woodwind Specialist Joseph Treviño worked diligently with Nestor and with Nestor’s determination to perfect his skill has allowed him great opportunities,” MHS Band Director Bobby Castro said. “Martin High School has a strong foundation of preparing all students for success and Nestor is one of them. We are very proud of Nestor Olguin for being such a talented student and representing Martin High School.”

Founded in 1928, Interlochen Arts Camp is the oldest and one of the most respected summer youth music programs in the United States, led by faculty from the nation’s top ensembles, institutions, and conservatories. Attending students will rehearse and perform exciting and challenging repertoire. A global destination for musicians for nearly a century, Interlochen Center for the Arts empowers emerging artists to transform their passion into purpose, and unleash their capacity as creative change-makers.



# JUMP START

## Program

**W**ith the school year just underway, LISD is providing students in 1st-12th grade a jump start to the new academic school year. The Jump Start Program will take place over the next four Saturdays beginning Saturday, August 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at all LISD campuses. The Jump Start Program will also be held on Saturday, August 20, Saturday, August 27, and Saturday, September 3.

The elementary school Jump Start Program is aimed at any student recently promoted to grades 1st to 5th for the 2022-2023 school year with an early introduction to Reading, Math, or Science. The program will help students who may have struggled to learn during the 2021-2022 academic school year and had attendance concerns during the 2021-2022 academic school year. Students will be able to participate in instructional, hands on, fun activities focused in Reading and Social Studies integrated lessons and Math and Science STEM activities.

The Jump Start Program middle and high school is designed to engage and minimize student learning gaps. The hands-on interactive activities will facilitate student engagement while making learning fun. Youngsters recently promoted to grades 6th to 12th for the 2022-2023 school year may benefit from an early introduction to Reading, Math, Social Studies, and/or Science curriculum. The program will also focus on students who were struggling learners during the 2021-2022 school year, who wants to get a head start on TS12/ACT/SAT/PSAT, and who need to meet HB4545 criteria.

Students will be able to participate in EOC (End of Course) Early Start classes in Algebra I, English I and II, Biology, and U.S. History, PSAT/SAT/ACT and TSI 2 Preparedness Camp for 9th to 12th grade students pending TSI2 areas who want to enroll in a college course, and Middle School Core Subjects for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

For more information on the Jump Start Program please contact your child's campus.

## Cigarroa H.S. and Sabas Perez STEM Early College Academy students certified in CSWA Solidworks.

**T**his summer, 10 Cigarroa High School and Sabas Perez STEM Early College Academy students were certified in Certified SolidWorks Association (CSWA) SolidWorks. According to the Dassault Systems website, this program establishes an industry standard by which SolidWorks professionals are evaluated through a fair, comprehensive test of your knowledge of SolidWorks both in the areas of Mechanical Design and Design Validation. Becoming certified establishes students as a highly competent SolidWorks professionals. Hiring managers can be confident in their decision to hire a certified candidate reducing the time it takes to bring a new team member on board.



Benito Mancillas



Caleb Luna



Carlos Gomez Lara



Homero Lopez



Jose Orozco



Aaron Luna



Antonio SanGerman



Ariana Gutierrez



Valerie Esparza



Edgar Lujano

# 2022-2023 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE

## Shirts/Tops

Elementary students can wear any solid color top/shirt; OR a college/University, military, or campus spirit shirt. Shirts must fit the individual properly. Shirts may be long or short sleeved. (Not including Lara AEP)

Solid colors only (with any shade of recommended colors)  
Specify US Military Shirts/Spirit Shirts

## Bottoms

Elementary students can wear bottoms that fit the individual properly. Material and colors limited to approved solid colors and denim. Clothing cannot be too big or too tight. Skirts must be no shorter than 3 inches from the knee.

Solid colors: Brown, Black, Gray, Blue, Denim  
Elastic waist pants are allowed. PK elastic waist pants preferred.

## Skirts/Dresses

Dresses must have sleeves. Dresses, skirts, and shorts must fit appropriately and must not be too tight or no shorter than 3 inches from the knee.



## Shoes/Belts

Shoes must be worn at all times. Any color of shoes are allowed. PK shoes with velcro highly recommended. Belts, any color, are recommended.

Outerwear: Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Jackets, Coats, Hoodies

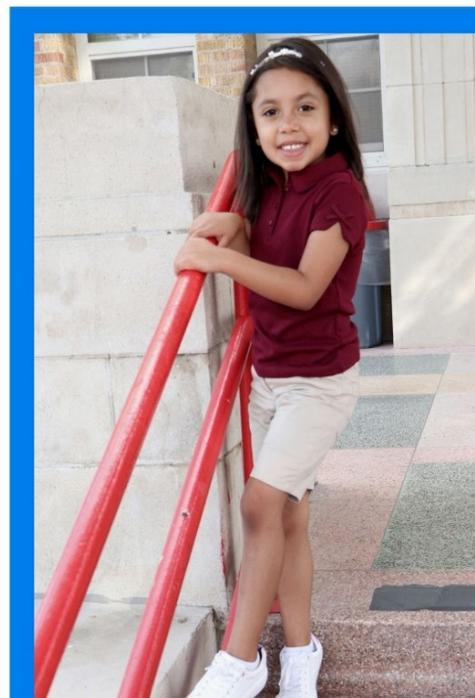
Elementary students can wear any solid color of outerwear. Outerwear must be appropriately sized. Limit solid colors or Red, White, Green, Yellow/Gold, Blue, Maroon. Campus logo recommended

## Masks

Masks are not mandatory but are highly encouraged.



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# 2022-2023 SECONDARY SCHOOL

## STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### Shirts/Tops

Middle school students may wear approved solid color top/shirt; OR a college, military, or spirit shirt. Shirts must fit the individual properly. Shirts may be long or short sleeved. (Not including Lara AEP)

Solid Colors only (with any shade of recommended colors)  
Limit solid colors to Red, White, Green, Yellow/Gold, Blue, Maroon.

#### Bottoms

Middle school students may wear bottoms that fit the individual properly. Any material of an approved solid color and denim is acceptable. However, clothing cannot be too big or too tight. Skirts must be no shorter than three (3) inches from the knee.

Approved colors: black, gray, khaki, brown, blue, denim

#### Skirts/Dresses

Dresses must have sleeves. Dresses, skirts, and shorts must fit appropriately and must not be too tight or no shorter than 3 inches from the knee.

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

#### Shoes/Belts

Shoes must be worn at all times. Any color of shoes are allowed. Belts, any color, are recommended.

Outerwear: Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Jackets, Coats, Hoodies

Students may wear any color outerwear. Outerwear must be appropriately sized.

#### Masks

Masks are not mandatory but are highly encouraged.



### HIGH SCHOOL

#### Shirts/Tops

High school students can wear any color or pattern top/shirt; OR a college, military, or spirit shirt. Shirts must fit the individual properly. Shirts can be long or short sleeved. Shirts are not limited to solid colors. (Not including Lara AEP). Spirit shirts with campus logos may be worn at any time.

#### Bottoms

High School students can wear bottoms that fit the individual properly. Any material and color are acceptable. However, clothing cannot be too big or too tight. Skirts must be no shorter than (3) inches from the knee.

#### Skirts/Dresses

Dresses must have sleeves. Dresses, skirts, and shorts must fit appropriately and must not be too tight or no shorter than (3) inches from the knee.



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# MHS students certified in disaster preparedness



**F**ive Martin High School Criminal Justice students received in-depth disaster preparedness training at the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) camp at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.

The CERT program is a nationally supported, locally implemented initiative that teaches students how to better prepare themselves for hazards that may affect the community. CERT trained the students in basic disaster response skills such as team organization, action planning, leadership skills, disaster medical operations, fire safety, and light search and rescue.

“As a school and community, we need to better prepare ourselves for any type of emergency from first aid to evacuating someone. This camp helped the students understand and see what it takes to respond to an emergency,” MHS Criminal Justice Teacher Deborah Sepulveda said. “The training prepared us to be able to help our community in case of an emergency. The camp made the students aware of their abilities to help and serve their school and community during any type of event.”

The students who participated in this camp were Alondra Carlos, Valerie Carlos, Monserrat Mosqueda, Kayla Rodriguez, and Sara Ramos; accompanied by Sepulveda and Spanish Teacher Sugey Mendiola.

The five-day program trained the students in Disaster Preparedness, CERT Organization, Disaster Medical Operation, Disaster Psychology, Fire Safety and Utility Controls, Light Search and Rescue Operations, and Terrorism and CERT. The first two days consisted of lectures and team building activities. For the remainder of their time, the students conducted multiple hands-on activities where they had the opportunity to practice many of the medical operations such as inserting a sling and a tourniquet, applying pressure to a wound and properly wrapping the wound.

In addition to their safety training, the students learned the proper procedures for a search and rescue. As part of their activity, the students had to extract someone by carrying them or putting them on a chair. As a team, the students were taught about fire safety and how to use a fire extinguisher through a small live demonstration.

“The students alternated within different groups. As part of their crucial training, they had to respond to various scenarios that tested what they learned. The scenarios consisted of critical thinking where students had to make decisions, search and rescue, and provide medical care,” Sepulveda added. “The camp did an awesome job in keeping the students engaged and on task. We encourage others to apply. It is a good opportunity to learn something new and be involved with our community to be better prepared.”

Through their hard work, perseverance, and their determination working 14 hour days, the students received a FEMA Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic training that includes a CERT certificate of completion. They also developed a



community action plan as a team, and acquired the leadership skills needed to address emergency preparedness in their school or community.

As part of their requirement and completion of the program, the students will work closely with the district and its community to conduct necessary assessments and develop a successful plan for specific needs as part of their final project.

# Meet the Teacher Night

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4,  
4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17,  
4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOLS  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31,  
4:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

## 2022-2023 BELL SCHEDULE



### Elementary

7:45 AM - 3:30 PM (M - TH)  
7:45 AM - 3:15 PM (Friday)



### Middle School

7:55 AM - 4:15 PM

### High School

8:15 AM - 4:00 PM (M - F)

Visit our Back to School page for more information.



## Varsity Football Schedule

District 13-5A Division 1

2022 - 2023



Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri. 08/12	Carrizo Springs (Scr.)	Away	6:30								
Th. 08/18	Eagle Pass (Scr.)	SF	6:30	Fri. 08/19	United (Scr.)	SF	7:00		Hebbronville (Scr.)	Away	6:00
Fri. 08/26	Lyndon B. Johnson	SF	7:00	Fri. 08/26	@ Corpus Christi Ray	Away	7:00	Th. 08/25	Zapata	SF	7:00
Fri. 09/02	@ Zapata	Away	7:30	Th. 09/01	Corpus Christi King	SF	7:00	Th. 09/01	@ Lyndon B. Johnson	Away	7:00
Fri. 09/09	@ *SA Southwest	Away	7:00	Fri. 09/09	*SA Southside	SF	7:00	Fri. 09/09	@ *SA South San	Away	7:00
Fri. 09/16	*Medina Valley	SF	7:00	Fri. 09/16	@ *EP CC Winn	Away	7:00	Fri. 09/16	BYE WEEK		
Fri. 09/23	@ *SA South San	Away	7:00	Fri. 09/23	BYE WEEK			Fri. 09/23	*SA SW Legacy	SF	7:00
Fri. 09/30	*Cigarroa	SF	7:00	Th. 09/29	*SA Southwest	SF	7:00	Fri. 09/30	@ *Martin	SF	7:00
Fri. 10/07	@ *SA SW Legacy	Away	7:00	Fri. 10/07	@ *Medina Valley	Away	7:00	Fri. 10/07	@ *SA Southside	Away	7:00
Fri. 10/14	BYE WEEK			Fri. 10/14	*SA South San	SF	7:00	Th. 10/13	@ *EP CC Winn	Away	7:00
Th. 10/20	*SA Southside	SF	7:00	Fri. 10/21	@ *Cigarroa	SF	7:00	Fri. 10/21	*Nixon	SF	7:00
Fri. 10/28	@ *EP CC Winn	Away	7:00	Fri. 10/28	*SA SW Legacy	SF	7:00	Fri. 10/28	@ *SA Southwest	Away	7:00
Sat. 11/05	*Nixon	SF	7:00	Sat. 11/05	@ *Martin	SF	7:00	Th. 11/03	*Medina Valley	SF	7:00

\*Denotes - District Games

(PN - Parent's Night / HC - Homecoming / SW - Senior Walk)



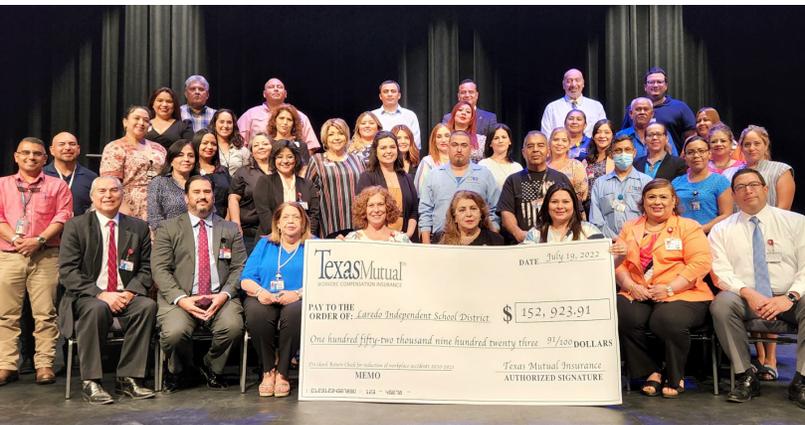
# Summer Highlights



NHSgraduate Marcela Rodriguez who has committed to running track at Cowley Community College. She signed her National Letter of Intent to continue her academic and track career at Cowley Community College in Kansas. She will be majoring in Nursing.



NHS graduate and softball player Rihanna Rodriguez has committed to play softball at Oakton College. She signed her National Letter of Intent to continue her academic and softball career at Oakton College in Illinois. Rihanna plans to major in Biology.



Texas Mutual Insurance presented LISD with a dividend check in the amount of \$152,00. LISD received the award because the district has continued to decrease worker injuries throughout its campuses and administrative offices.



LISD was presented with the Driscoll Extracurricular Activities check. The \$10,000 was awarded to the district to encourage extracurricular activities such as athletics and band for students. The partnership will allow LISD students to access physical activities by providing sports physicals at no cost to students and their parents/guardians.



This summer the sounds of music were heard coming from the Lamar Middle School Band Hall. Over 120 incoming 7th and 8th grade band members were fine tuning their instruments and honing their skills while attending the Lamar Middle School Mighty Lion Band Summer Camp.



LISD kicked-off summer with over 120 students participating in the district's Learn to Swim Program at the Dr. Cecilia May Moreno Aquatic Center. Local students participated in the summer swimming lessons where they learned the fundamentals of swimming including breathing, techniques, floating, and gliding.

LISD has teamed up with United ISD and the South Texas Food Bank to feed people in need.

Cigarroa, Martin, and Nixon High Schools will team up with UISD high schools on the gridiron to collect peanut butter for local families by participating in the 2022 Peanut Butter Bowl.



# LISD STUDENT ATHLETE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



In preparation for the upcoming athletic season, LISD high school student-athletes recently participated in a Student Athlete Leadership Conference. The conference allowed the athletes to enhance their leadership skills through speakers, discussions, workshops, and team building activities.

Close to 40 student-athletes from each LISD high school attended motivational presentations where they heard LISD alumnae discuss the various skills they gained from competing in LISD athletic programs and how they have used these skills throughout their careers.

Board members Monica Garcia and Rick Garza spoke about from being a student leader to a district leader. Board member Dr. Minita Ramirez and Associate District Court Judge David Garcia discussed Embracing your Career Path.

The student athletes got tips on strategies to develop strong character, self-discipline and identify core values, initiate healthy relationships with their teammates, and achieving their potential. They also learned about becoming better role models and increase focus and production within their team and turn core values into positive actions for a successful outcome.

Also, over 100 student-athletes participated in "Fire Fighter Challenge" provided by the Laredo Fire Department as a team building competition.



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# LISD launches new website, app

The Laredo Independent School District is thrilled to launch a new app for smartphones and a redesigned mobile-friendly website. The new app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, by searching for Laredo Independent School District. Along with the release of the new app, the district is also debuting its new and improved website.

LISDe began working with Apptegy, an education technology company earlier this year to begin designing and building the school district's new website and mobile app. Apptegy focuses on improving the accessibility of school information on the quickly changing forms of technology.

While the school district has had a website for many years, it has never had a mobile app.

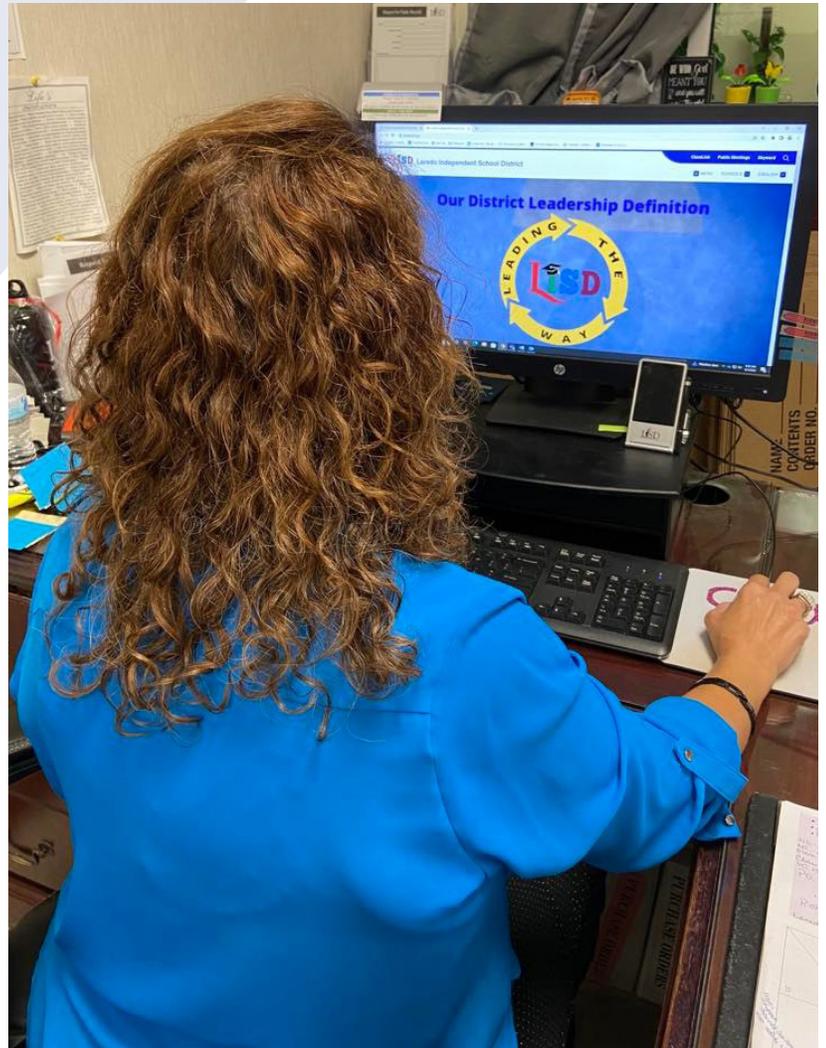
"We understand the importance of communication from the school district. The new app and redesigned mobile-friendly website will provide a better online experience for everyone," said Dr. Sylvia Rios, LISD Superintendent. "We're very excited about how the new app and website will improve the school district's ability to keep connected with students, families and the community, and provide them with the latest news and information about what's happening in our schools."

"Along with a new app and website, the school district is also receiving a new communication tool to help keep parents and the community informed," said Veronica Castillon, Executive Director of Communications. "We're able to make one post and share it multiple ways, including on the district's social media, live feed page on the app and website, app push notification, text message and if needed, an automated phone call simultaneously."

The app isn't just limited to those with students in the district. Anyone in the community can download the app or visit the new website to get the latest news and information about the school district.

The new app and website will be used not just for announcements and important notifications, but also to showcase the hard work of our students and staff.

The app allows users to choose from a list of settings, including the individual school or schools from which they want, and they can even receive push notifications from the district, any of the individual schools and even athletics. Building administrators will be able to immediately share news, send out alerts and keep families informed through the new app and the redesigned website.



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## "Fish" & "Guppy" Camp 9<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation 2022-2023

Rosina M. Silva, Director  
Guidance & Counseling/At-Risk Population Department

School	Date	Time	Location
Cigarroa Middle	August 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Boy's Gym
Christen Middle	August 8 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Cafeteria
Lamar Middle	August 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Cafeteria
Memorial Middle	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Gym
Cigarroa High	August 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Band Hall
Martin High	August 5 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Flores Gym
Nixon High	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Library
VMT Magnet	August 8 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Cafeteria
Dr. Dennis D. Cantu Early College High School	August 5 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Flores Gym
Sabas Perez Early College Academy	August 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Band Hall

# LISD CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS CONTINUE

**L**aredo ISD continues with the construction and renovations of several schools and support facilities including the former Civic Center, Instructional Technology Center, Martin High School's Multi-Purpose Building, Nixon High School's ROTC Building, Dovalina Elementary School, Heights Elementary School, Kawas Elementary School, and Cigarroa High School. The construction projects are funded by a \$150 million bond proposition approved by LISD voters in May of 2018.

The Performing Arts Complex (PAC) is divided into three main building: Performing Arts Center, Administrative Building, and Conference Center. The buildings are set to open this August. The total estimated amount for the PAC renovations and the construction of the new LISD administration building is \$37,132,000.

The district has a newly constructed Instructional Technology Training Center on Cedar Ave. The new Training Center was designed by Sepulveda Associates Architects and was built by Cobalt Construction. The cost of the new center is \$1,826,633.00

A new \$5.9M Multi-Purpose Building at Martin High School is being completed this summer. The new two-story Science and Culinary Arts Building will have a multi-use student gathering atrium and a culinary arts lab with a full commercial kitchen and classrooms, spacious dance studio, science classrooms and a robotics and technology lab.

The construction for Dovalina Elementary School's new campus located along the riverbanks of the Rio Grande River at 1700 W. Anna Ave, is almost complete. The new \$14.9 million facility will feature 21 instructional classrooms, two computer labs, a science lab, Library Media Center, a fine arts classroom, music classroom, and two self-contained classrooms. The new campus is expected to be fully complete for occupancy by Fall, 2022.

At Heights Elementary, the district will add four new classrooms, a new library, a new playground and will expand the teachers' parking lot. The interior demolition at the old Library and exterior demolition has been complet-



Constructions continues at the new Dovalina Elementary School campus located on 1700 W. Anna Ave. in west Laredo.

ed. The additions and renovations are designed by Design Group International and are being built by Summit Building and Design. The project will cost \$3,091,580.00 and will be completed in April of 2023.

The Board of Trustees also approved the first of many renovations for South Laredo. The 2018 bond proposition will also pay for renovations to Kawas Elementary School and Cigarroa High School. The funds will also be used to construct a new Cigarroa Middle School.

Kawas Elementary Schools \$16.4 million campus is under construction. The new campus will feature 31 instructional classrooms from Pre-K - fifth grade, three computer labs, two science labs, a music room, cafeteria and full kitchen prep, administrative offices, library media center, gymnasium, nurses' station, drop off/pick up lanes for students, parking lot improvements, security fencing and facility access control, covered canopies, and playground. The campus will be completed by Summer, 2022.

The new Cigarroa Middle School will be located at 3618 Ejido Road. in the Lomas Del Sur subdivision. The

new 250,000 square foot campus which sits on 23 acres of property will feature a three-story academic building with two wings each for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade classes. The campus will also have a boys and girls gymnasium with restrooms, lockers, weight rooms, and cheerleading and dance studio areas and its own cafeteria for 450 students with additional outdoor seating. The students will have access to a new band hall/fine arts area that will include orchestra ensemble, band hall rehearsal, choir area, storage and multiple sound-proof practice areas, a library with a lecture hall and computer lab, and a special education and life skills wing. The new school is designed by Sepulveda Associates and will be built by Leyendecker Construction.

Cigarroa High School already under construction will be completed in two phases. Phase 1 will include a new two-story facility that will replace the existing academic wings, vocational classrooms, and administration offices. Phase 1 will be completed by Winter, 2023.



New Technology Center opens in August for employee training.

## 2022-2023 School Year Vaccine Chart

Grade Level	Required * Please see information below chart for details on required vaccines*										Recommended	
Prek 3 - Prek 4	DTaP/DT/dTdap (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis)	IPV (Polio)	PCV (Pneumococcal)	HIB (Haemophilus influenzae)	MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	MCV4 (meningococcal)	Hepatitis B	Varicella	Hepatitis A	HPV	Influenza	COVID-19
Kinder - 6th												
7th												
8th to 12th												
TB Test												

As needed - contact school nurse

**Additional information:**

**DTaP/DT/dTdap** K – 6th grade: 5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine; 1 dose must have been received on or after the 4th birthday. However, 4 doses meet the requirement if the 4th dose was received on or after the 4th birthday. For students aged 7 years and older: 3 doses meet the requirement if 1 dose was received on or after the 4th birthday. For 7th grade: 1 dose of Tdap is required if at least 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. 8th – 12th grade: 1 dose of Tdap is required when 10 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. \* \*Td is acceptable in place of Tdap if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists.

**IPV:** K – 12th grade: 4 doses of polio; 1 dose must be received on or after the 4th birthday. 1 However, 3 doses meet the requirement if the 3rd dose was received on or after the 4th birthday. Children 24 months through 59 months meet the requirement if they have at least three doses with one dose on or after 12 months of age, or two doses with both doses on or after 12 months of age, or one dose on or after 24 months of age. Otherwise, one additional dose is required. Children 60 months of age and older are not required to receive PCV vaccine.

**PCV:** If a child receives the first dose of Hib vaccine at 12 - 14 months of age, only one additional dose is required (two doses total). Any child who has received a single dose of Hib vaccine on or after 15- 59 months of age is in compliance with these specified vaccine requirements. Children 60 months of age and older are not required to receive Hib vaccine.

**HIB:** K – 12th grade: 2 doses are required, with the 1st dose received on or after the 1st birthday. Students vaccinated prior to 2009 with 2 doses of measles and one dose each of rubella and mumps satisfy this requirement.

**MMR:** K – 12th grade: 2 doses are required, with the 1st dose received on or after the 1st birthday. Student's 11th birthday. Note: If a student received the vaccine at 10 years of age, this will satisfy the requirement.

**MCV 4:** 7th - 12 th grade: 1 dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine is required on or after the student's 11th birthday. Note: If a student received the vaccine at 10 years of age, this will satisfy the requirement. For students aged 11 – 15 years, 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax®) was received. Dosage (10 mcg /1.0 mL) and type of vaccine (Recombivax®) must be clearly documented. If Recombivax® was not the vaccine received, a 3-dose series is required

**Hep. B:** K – 12th grade: 2 doses are required, with the 1st dose received on or after the 1st birthday. 3 Previous illness may be documented with a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine." This written statement will be acceptable in place of any and all varicella vaccine doses required.

**Hep. A:** K – 12 th grade: 2 doses are required, with the 1st dose received on or after the 1st birthday.

**COVID-19:** Age group and dosage varies based on FDA & CDC recommendations

\*For complete information on vaccine requirements including exclusions from immunization requirements, provisional enrollment, and acceptable documentation of immunizations may be found in §97.62, §97.66, and §97.68 of the Texas Administrative Code, respectively and online at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/default.stm>

Students with no vaccine record please contact your campus nurse for assistance.

# LISD provides exceptional digital learning experience

**L**aredo Independent School District is ready with hands-on education, providing teachers and students the best possible advanced technology for their curriculum.

In an effort to build 21st century leaders and contributing members of our closely knit Laredo community, the district works diligently to cultivate a love of technology for teachers, students, administrators, and staff. "At Laredo ISD, we embrace technology as a powerful tool that empowers our students and teachers to transform education into a blended learning environment," LISD Executive Director of Information Technology Ambrosio Gomez said.

For the upcoming school year, the district will be adding mobile interactive SMART boards to each of the content area classrooms. These devices will provide students with the opportunity to collaborate with their peers and complete assignments. In addition, teachers will be provided with wireless voice amplifiers and document cameras to further assist them in large setting classrooms,

while following through with COVID-19 restrictions. Lastly, elementary and secondary teachers will be receiving new Windows laptops and iPads to further enhance their lessons and engage their students with interactive and hands-on activities utilizing technology and paper-based materials.

"Laredo ISD is leading the way with cutting edge technology programs that help our students bridge learning gaps in order to become successful college, career, or military contributing members of our society," Gomez said. "LISD provides opportunities for our students to engage in experiences that they would not otherwise have without the use of technology, such as virtual reality exploration, interactive assignments, blended learning, digital homework, coding, robotics, and so much more."

The goal of the district technology programs is to increase academic success and help students become digital literate in order to prepare them for the future. The processes used by learners within all of the district programs, including STEAM, Tech Expo, Coding Clubs, Robotics, etc., which allow students to become logical thinkers, problem solvers, and innovators that will in turn help them be ready for college, career or the military.

Laredo ISD understands the importance of providing all of its stakeholders with the latest information in a simple and easy to use manner when they are using their phones, tablets, laptops or desktops. Therefore, the

district has partnered up with Apptegy, a web hosting system, that will provide families and end users with an intuitive district and campus website experience that will provide them with all of the necessary tools to enroll their students online, monitor their students progress, locate sports event, view school menus, and stay in contact with their children's educators and administrators.

Additionally, the district takes pride in delivering secure public meetings that focus on the progress of their students, faculty, and staff. As such, an investment to utilize Board Book, a meetings preparation software, within all of the district's meetings was made to streamline seamless presentations, store documents in the cloud for easy access, support online policy management, and provide all stakeholders with a distinctive experience.

Aside from providing the district's parents with informational based tools, LISD hosts a fun-filled yearly Student Technology Exposition for students in grades Pre-Kinder through 12th. The mission of this event is to highlight students' 21st century digital learning talents utilizing the district's technology resources and tools. Elementary, middle, and high school students work together with their teacher sponsors in the creation of technology-infused projects focusing on various digital learning categories tied to the Technology Application TEKS.

To celebrate their extensive work, students are invited to present their projects during the showcase. For the 2021-2022 school year, the district held the 15th annual student technology event virtually. The Expo was kicked off with a drawing contest for students in grades Pre-K through 12th grade to compete in determining the T-Shirt designs and logos for this year's expo theme which was "Change the World with Technology – Be a Tech Hero!"

To further promote the annual student technology exposition and emphasize the importance of learning about digital literacy, the district conducts a week full of STEAM-infused activities during national Computer Science Education Week, which occurs December 6th - 10th. Students are engaged in a variety of Christmas activities focusing on STEAM, coding, robotics, virtual reality, and so much more. In addition, leading up to the district technology expo, elementary and middle school students are given the opportunity to compete in their campus annual Code-A-Thon. Campus digital learning specialists lead these competitions and provide their students with an array of CodeMonkey coding challenges to determine the winner, who will get to compete in the district Code-A-Thon to be held during the Expo.

The district Code-A-Thon has a representative from each of the elementary and middle schools competing for the distinction of being crowned the district coding champion! At the conclusion of the tech expo, student participants compete for the chance to win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place trophies in the project categories of digital graphic design in still and animated mediums, audio and video multimedia presenta-

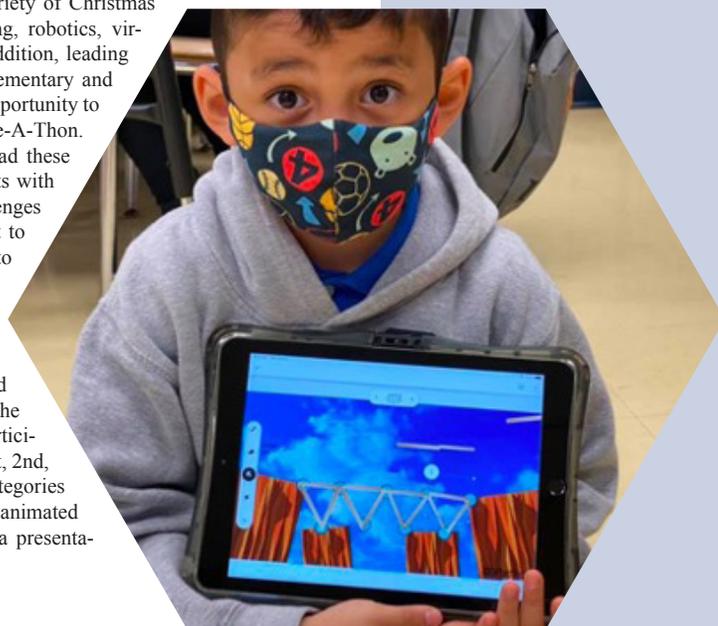
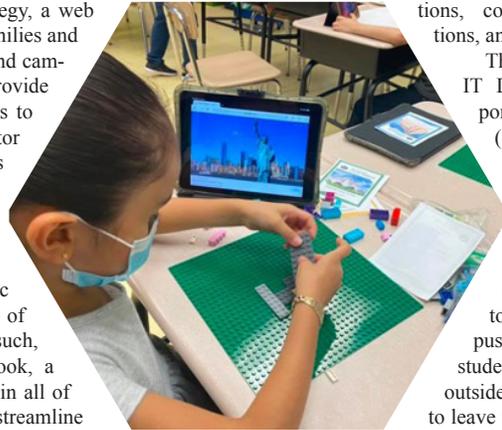
tions, coding/internet applications, and robotics.

Through the district's IT Department, the components of STEAM (coding, 3D printing, Virtual Reality, Green Screen, and Robotics integrates with science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) are brought to life within our campus laboratories where students get to explore the outside world without having to leave their classrooms. Innovative videos showcasing campus news, book reviews, concept main

ideas, science experiments, etc... are created by students using green screen technology. Models of different student-made projects and characters are designed using 3D Printing software and end products are colored to be put on display. Students are exposed to different coding challenges through CodeMonkey, Code.org, and Lego Robotics where the students work collaboratively to create robot prototypes to accomplish a determined set of tasks.

The district's top priority is to provide our students with a safe and exceptional digital learning experience while being in compliance with the Child Internet Protection Act, promoting responsible digital citizenship, training teachers to transform their traditional teaching practices into interactive, engaging platforms, and working together with their families by providing them with the technology knowledge, training, resources, and tools necessary to further support their children.

For the upcoming school year, the district will be adding mobile interactive SMART boards to each of the content area classrooms. These devices will provide students with the opportunity to collaborate with their peers and complete assignments within their classrooms in a project-based learning environment.



# LAREDO ISD SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

## Pre-Kinder 3, 4 and Kindergarten

- 1 schoolbox
- 1 pair of 5" blunt scissors
- 2 boxes (24 count) #2 pencils
- 2 boxes (8 count) washable markers
- 3 boxes of crayons (24 count)
- 2 bottles of white glue-(8oz.)
- 2 pkg. (2 count) glue sticks
- 2 primary composition notebooks (100 pages)
- 2 pkgs. Assorted construction paper (9x13)
- 1 pkg clear sheet protector
- 2 solid color plastic/poly pocket folders with prongs
- 1 pkg. Play-Doh 4-Pack (Classic Colors)
- 1 pkg. large paper plates
- 2 boxes ziploc bags (1 quart size)
- 2 boxes facial tissues
- 1 pkg. Baby wipes (only Prek 3/4)
- 1 pkg. of earbuds or headset for technology use



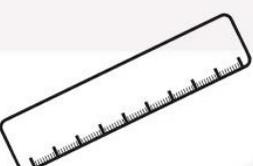
## First Grade

- 1 plastic zipper or school box
- 1 pair of 5" blunt scissors
- 2 boxes (24 count)#2 pencils
- 1 pkg. (2 count) pink block erasers
- 2 boxes (24 count) crayons
- 1 box of washable markers (FINE/BROAD)
- 2 bottles of white glue (8 oz.) or glue sticks
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 pkgs. theme paper (wide ruled)
- 8 composition notebooks
- 1 box ziploc bags (quart size)
- 2 boxes of facial tissue
- 1 pkg clear sheet protector
- 1 1 ½ inch clear binder
- 1 pkg. earbuds for technology use



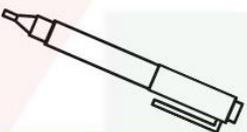
## Second Grade

- 1 plastic zipper bag or school bag
- 1 pair of 5" blunt scissors
- 2 boxes (24 count)#2 pencils
- 1 pkg. (2 count) pink block erasers
- 2 boxes (24 count) crayons
- 1 box of washable markers(fine/broad)
- 2 bottles white glue or glue sticks
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 pkgs. theme paper (wide ruled)
- 8 composition notebooks
- 1 1 ½ inch clear binder
- 1 box ziploc bags (quart size)
- 2 boxes facial tissue
- 1 pkg sheet protector (20)
- 1 pkg of highlighter
- 2 pkg. Post-ItTABS
- 1 pkg. earbuds for technology use



## Third Grade

- 1 plastic zipper or school box
- 1 pair of 5" blunt scissors
- 1 pkg. of red pens
- 2 boxes (24 count)#2 pencils
- 1 pkg. (2 count) pink block erasers
- 2 box (24 count) crayons
- 2 pkg. of washable markers (FINE/BROAD)
- 2 bottles of white glue (8 oz.) or glue sticks
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 8 composition notebooks
- 2 pkgs of theme paper(wide ruled)
- 5 solid color plastic/poly pocket folders with prongs
- 1 box of ziploc bags (quart size)
- 2 boxes of facial tissue
- 1 pkg. earbuds for technology use



## Fourth Grade

- 1 plastic zipper or school box
- 1 pair of 5" blunt scissors
- 1 pkg. of red pens
- 1 pkg. of 4 highlighters
- 2 boxes (24 count) #2 pencils
- 2 pkg. (2 count)pink block erasers
- 2 boxes (24 count)crayons
- 2 pkgs. of washable markers (FINE/BROAD)
- 2 bottles of white glue (8 oz.) or glue sticks
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 5 solid color plastic/poly pocket folders with prongs
- 6 composition notebooks (8)
- 2 pkgs of theme paper (wide ruled)
- 1 box of ziploc bags (quart size)
- 2 boxes of facial tissues
- 1 plastic ruler 12"
- 1 pkg. earbuds for technology use

## Fifth Grade

- 1 plastic zipper or school box
- 1 pair of 5" blunt scissors
- 1 pkg. of red pens
- 1 pkg. of 4 highlighters
- 3 erasable pens (black or blue) red
- 2 boxes (24 count) #2 pencils
- 2 pkg. (2 count) pink block erasers
- 1 box (24 count) crayons
- 1 pkg. of washable markers (FINE/BROAD)
- 2 bottles of white glue (8 oz.) or glue sticks
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 8 composition notebooks
- 2 pkgs of theme paper(wide ruled)
- 5 solid color plastic/poly pocket folders with prongs
- 2 boxes of facial tissues
- 1 pkg. earbuds for technology use

# LAREDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## JULY 2022

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## SEPTEMBER 2022

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## OCTOBER 2022

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## JANUARY 2023

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## FEBRUARY 2023

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## APRIL 2023

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## JUNE 2023

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### LEGEND

- First Day of School
- Holidays
- Professional Development
- Teacher Work Day
- Graduations
- New Employee Orientation
- Last Day of School
- STAAR Elementary & Middle School
- STAAR High School
- Early Release
- Bad Weather Day

	Six Weeks Period	Nine Weeks Period
1st	8/10 - 9/23 31	8/10 - 10/14 45
2nd	9/26 - 11/4 29	10/17 - 12/16 40
3rd	11/7 - 12/16 25	1/9 - 3/10 43
4th	1/9 - 2/16 29	3/20 - 5/24 47
5th	2/21 - 4/7 29	Fall 85
6th	4/11 - 5/24 32	Spring 90
		Total 175

### Graduation Dates

May 25, 2023 ~ Cigarroa, Martin, & Nixon High Schools  
 May 26, 2023 ~ Garcia Early College High School

