

Lamar Consolidated ISD Special Programs & Services

Resource Guide

Family Support Services:

Common Threads - Common Threads is the Lamar CISD clothing-recycling program committed to providing families with uniform and non-uniform supplies and backpacks for their school aged children. This program is based on the belief that by providing students with the basic necessities to attend school, they are more confident about themselves and able to focus on educational goals. Those needing assistance should contact their student's school nurse to determine eligibility. Community organizations, churches, or social organizations can also refer any family or student by contacting a school nurse, a Common Threads manager, or the district's Parent Involvement Facilitator.

Eligible students will receive a variety of uniform and non-uniform clothing, as well as any school supplies and shoes that are available. Clothes can be sent to the student's campus should transportation to the Common Threads facility be an issue. Common Threads would not exist without the volunteers who give of their time and the donations that are given by past recipients, families, business leaders, community members and school organizations. Throughout the year, volunteers are always needed and service hours are provided to teen volunteers. All donations are accepted and tax-deductible. For more information regarding Common Threads, please call 832-223-0342.

Project LEARN (Let's Eliminate At-Risk Needs) - Project LEARN impacts the entire family. Parents are given the opportunity to increase their literacy levels through enrollment in ESL, Adult Basic Education (ABE) or GED, and learn how to become involved in their children's education. Additionally, while the parents are in class, their children receive homework assistance, tutoring or early childhood education. Student involvement in LEARN begins at birth through fifth grade and afterwards many become program volunteers. In addition to Adult and Early Childhood Education, LEARN offers Parent Education, Computer learning, Intergenerational activities and Home Instruction. There is something for every family member and all services are FREE of charge! For more information on Project LEARN, please contact 832-223-0435.

School social workers - Lamar Consolidated ISD has three social workers who provide an array of services to LCISD families. School social workers collaborate with families, schools and communities to help foster school and family settings that are appropriate for learning, so that students can achieve academic success. This can include helping students' families access needed social services, acting as advocates for the families in dealing with the school system, as well as with local social service agencies. They also help address any existing family problems, such as truancy, homelessness, or substance abuse. Social workers also inform parents of their

rights and responsibilities under Federal and State law, including compulsory attendance. For more information regarding social work services, please call 832-223-0126.

LCISD Memorial Hermann Health Center - LCISD Memorial Hermann Health Center is a collaborative effort between Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, Lamar Consolidated ISD and The George Foundation that provides basic health services for uninsured and underinsured students. The goal of the health center is to maintain student health so that students function to their fullest potential in the classroom. The district currently has two school-based health centers. The Lamar Health Center is located in a modular building next to Lamar Consolidated High School and the Terry Health Center is located on the Terry HS campus. Lamar CISD provides transportation to and from the health centers each morning. The health centers serve students zoned to Austin, Beasley, Bowie, Hutchison, Jackson, Long , Meyer, Pink, Ray, Smith, Thomas and Travis elementary schools as well as the Seguin Early Childhood Center. Service is also provided for students attending Lamar High School, Lamar Junior High, Wessendorff Middle School, Terry High School, George Junior High and Navarro Middle School. For more information regarding the Lamar Health Center please call 281-762-8383. For information regarding the Terry Health Center call 281-238-0852.

Seguin Early Childhood Center – Lamar CISD offers Pre-Kindergarten classes to support the development of early literacy for children zoned to Bowie, Jackson, Long, Pink, Ray, Smith or Travis elementary schools. Eligible children must be four years old on or before September 1 as well as one of the following:

- Unable to speak and/or comprehend English;
- Qualify for Free or Reduced lunches;
- Homeless;
- The dependent child of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces;
- The dependent child of a United States Armed Forces member injured or killed while on active duty;
- Previously in foster care or other residential care under the conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS); or
- Under the conservatorship as a result of an adversary hearing with DFPS.

For more information on the Seguin Early Childhood Center please call 832-223-2200.

Migrant Services - Migrant families are identified by LCISD and the Region Educational Service Center in order to eliminate educational barriers and provide continuity of education. There are numerous services including materials and educational assistance that is provided through a network of resources in collaboration with Region IV. To learn more about our migrant services please contact your child's campus or the Accelerated Language Programs Department at 832-223-0127.

Specialized Instruction Services:

Bilingual - The district offers bilingual services to students in grades Pre-K to 5. The purpose is to help students with limited English proficiency (LEP) to master the state curriculum. For additional information, please contact your child's campus, or the Accelerated Language Programs Department at 832-223-0127.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Services - ESL provides intensive language instruction to qualifying students in grades Pre-K to 12. ESL instruction is conducted by ESL-trained instructors that provide intensive English instruction by utilizing research based methods and strategies. ESL counselors and instructional facilitators are available to assist students in mastering the district's curriculum. For additional information, please contact your child's campus, or the Accelerated Language Programs Department at 832-223-0127.

Gifted and Talented (G/T) - Identified G/T Elementary students are clustered in classrooms taught by G/T trained teachers. G/T Facilitators also pull out these students for specialized instruction. Middle School and Junior High students identified as G/T have the opportunity to take G/T classes taught by G/T trained teachers. High School students identified as G/T have the opportunity to take Pre-AP and AP classes taught by G/T trained teachers. For more information regarding Gifted and Talented please call 832-223-0145.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) - CTE is a LCISD program designed to guide students into career pathways during high school that will provide a firm academic and technological foundation on which to build their career plans. Because today's jobs require a blend of strong academic skills and an understanding of technology, a high school diploma is no longer the ticket to a secure job. In the future, employment will require retraining for new jobs that currently do not exist, while many of today's jobs will no longer exist.

Career and Technical Education can lead to certificates required for certain fields, two-year associate degrees and four-year bachelor's degrees. To guarantee that students who complete the program will have the skills needed for employment in current and future job markets, Career and Technical Education's varied curriculum has been jointly developed by representatives of secondary and post-secondary education along with business and industry.

CTE courses begin at the junior high school level which explore various career areas and teach introductory skills. Students entering high school can select from student-tailored programs of study or steps that suggest courses that lead toward career goals. College credit is gained for several courses at specific community colleges through articulation process or dual credit. For additional information on Career and Technical Education, please call 832-223-0128.

Special Education – Lamar Consolidated ISD believes that all children are entitled to educational opportunities designed to meet a child's unique needs and prepare them for maximum independence as adults. Disabilities that determine a student's eligibility for Special Education services include auditory (hearing impairment), autism, deaf-blind, emotional disturbance disorder, learning disability, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, non-

categorical early childhood, orthopedic or other health impairment(s), speech impairment, traumatic brain injury or visual impairment.

Each campus has a Student Study Committee, which reviews all information and, if appropriate, refers the student for a comprehensive assessment. Special education staff will administer appropriate assessments to obtain specific information about the child's strengths and needs. An Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) committee will then review all of the data and determine whether a child qualifies for services. The ARD committee, which includes the parent(s), campus administrator, teacher, and other staff familiar with the child's needs, make all decisions concerning the educational program/services available to the child. Special Education services include inclusion with support, regular classroom instruction with modifications and support, additional resources, speech therapy, centralized special needs settings, community based instruction, vocational adjustment classes (VAC), hospital or homebound services, psychological services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, vision training, orientation and mobility, in-home training, counseling, school health services, parent training, technology assistance. For additional information on Special Education services, please call 832-223-0402.

Special Education / Section 504 - Lamar CISD offers a Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD) that provides special services to children ages 3-5 with severe learning problems caused by poor speech, vision or hearing. Children with physical, mental or emotional difficulties are also eligible. LCISD will screen any child whose development is of concern to his or her parents. PPCD is offered at most elementary campuses across the District. Please contact the Special Education office at 832-223-0400 for additional information.

Dyslexia - Lamar CISD provides an array of dyslexia services for all students K-12. Services include Multisensory Language Arts, Multisensory Direct Instruction of Language, Direct Instruction of Language and Literature and a Dyslexia Intervention Program. Student progress is evaluated and reviewed annually. For more information on Dyslexia services offered, please contact the principal at your child's campus or the LCISD Dyslexia facilitator at 832-223-0413.

Intensive Behavior Class (IBC) - IBC is an education program for students grade K-12 who exhibit extreme emotional/mental illness, categorized by, but not limited to, numerous or lengthy stays in some sort of psychiatric care facility. Placement is available only after it is demonstrated that all efforts and options at the home campus have been exhausted and have proven to be unsuccessful. Students may qualify for IBC services based on the frequency and severity of aggressive behavior in the classroom. All students enrolled in IBC will have a transition plan developed for returning to their general education campus.

Student Support Services:

Drug Free Schools and Communities - Drug Free Schools and Communities is a comprehensive school and community program designed to prevent, educate, identify and provide prevention and intervention for violence and substance abuse. Curriculum and services are provided for students and their families grades Pre – K to 12. For more information on Drug-Free Schools and Communities, please call 832-223-0126

ASAP (Activities Supporting Adolescent Parents) – ASAP is a teen parent support service designed to assist pregnant or parenting teens with the process of completing high school. Information and instruction relating to pregnancy, parenting skills, careers and other related topics are offered. Case management and referral is provided in order to obtain needed services with childcare and transportation. For more information regarding ASAP contact 832-223-0354.

Drop Out Prevention/Intervention - This program is designed to support students, teachers and parents in addressing school attendance and high school graduation. Initiatives are established to eliminate any barriers to student success and to ensure graduation from high school. Additional information regarding Drop Out Prevention/Intervention can be obtained by calling 832-223-0406.

Alternative Learning Center (ALC) – ALC is Lamar CISD’s Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP). LCISD provides a school-community guidance center that assists students with behavioral problems which interfere with their education. Students who engage in serious misconduct that mandates the removal from their campus are reassigned to the ALC. For questions or additional information regarding ALC, please call 832-223-0953.

1621 Place - 1621 Place is a program of choice offered to Lamar C.I.S.D. high school students. Three programs are offered: The AM Diploma Program for juniors and seniors who are approaching graduation. These students attend class in the mornings at 1621 Place and are not in Lamar C.I.S.D. classes in the afternoons. The PM Rebound Program is for sophomores, juniors and seniors who are behind on credits. These students attend their home high school in the mornings and 1621 Place in the afternoons. The Operation Graduation Night School (OGNS) Program is for over-age students to complete their high school diplomas. These students attend classes from 4:30-8:30 Monday through Thursday as well as on Saturdays from 9am to 1 pm. Students in all of the 1621 Place programs receive their diplomas through their home high schools. Please call 832-223-0905 for further information.

Fort Bend County Alternative School - Lamar CISD provides a community-based juvenile justice alternative program (JJAEP) in conjunction with Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, Juvenile Board, Juvenile Probation Department and other school districts in Fort Bend County. Students who have committed serious offenses and who have been expelled as mandated by Texas Education Code Sub-chapter G, Section 37 shall be reassigned to the Fort Bend County Alternative School. For more information please contact 832-223-0953.

Juvenile Detention/Boot Camp Center - Lamar CISD provides an educational program for students, ages 10 – 16, who have been detained in the Fort Bend County Juvenile Detention Center. The detention school closely replicates the regular school environment. The classrooms are staffed by certified teachers. The Juvenile Detention Center offers individualized education for all students in an effort to maximize their potential – intellectually, socially, emotionally and ethically. The goal of the Juvenile Detention Center is to help the student(s) achieve a smooth transition back to their home campus. To contact the Juvenile Detention Center please call 832-223-0953.