



LEANDER

HOME OF THE LIONS

HIGH SCHOOL

EMPOWERING ALL TO A LIMITLESS FUTURE

HOT OFF
THE PRESSES

CHRIS
SIMPSON

TAKES THE HELM AS THE SCHOOL'S
NEW PRINCIPAL.

- Seventeen year veteran of the Leander Independent School District
- Served as principal of Wiley Middle School from 2014 to present
- Served as assistant principal at both Wiley Middle School and Rouse High School
- Earned a bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Texas at Austin
- Earned a master's degree in Educational Administration from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.



ESTABLISHED IN 1999 AS AN
INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE (IB)
PROGRAMME

This two-year comprehensive advanced academic studies program develops the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills necessary for students to live, learn, and work in a globalizing world.

Fifty-four percent of Leander High students participate in
in Advanced Placement courses (AP).

City of Leander

#1 PLACE

to raise a family in Texas

Smartasset.com named the city of Leander the best place to raise a family in the state of Texas. This New York based financial technology firm utilizes modeling to give consumers advice on major decisions including where to buy a home.

Here's the reasons why Leander tops the list and you won't be surprised.

- The incredible education system of the Leander Independent School District
- All Leander ISD campuses received a Met Standard rating for State Accountability 2016
- The 96 percent district graduation rate is the seventh highest in the study
- 33 percent of students in the district take at least one AP exam.
- 73 percent of students in LISD that take an AP exam score a 3 or higher
- And, factoring in is the city's 2.8 percent unemployment rate and 3.04 percent job growth rate.

WAY
TO GO

Leander ISD students continue to shine, outpacing the rest of the state on assessment scores released by the **Texas Education Agency (TEA)** last week. At the high school level **End of Course** exams for Algebra 1, Biology, English 1 and 2, and U.S. History were all above the state level.

COLLEGE BOUND

LEANDER HIGH SCORED

8/10

For college readiness

96 %

Graduation rate

1528

Average SAT score

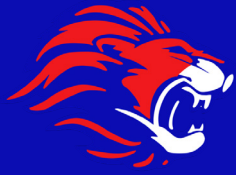
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Average ACT score

PROVIDING AN
EDGE

The Leander Independent School District provides its student body with a challenging curriculum that fosters college readiness. Opportunities for students that are prepping for college include:

- AP, IB, and Pre-AP/IB programs
- Internationally recognized college-prep courses in math, science, language, social sciences, arts and technology
- Dual Credit Program allows students to earn college credit while in high school.
- Students are able to choose a specific program of study based on their individual interests, aptitudes and goals that combines academically challenging courses and electives.



LEANDER HIGH SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES, ATHLETICS, CLUBS, and ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT EXCELLENCE

AWARDS, ACCOLADES AND APPLAUSE!

- Junior **Josiah Sotomayor**, qualified for this year's AAU Track and Field Junior Olympics. He competes in Michigan this summer against some of the best athletes in the country.

- The varsity wrestling team placed fourth in this year's district meet.

- The boys and girls swim teams competed in regionals placing best overall and beating their personal times and breaking 11 out of 24 previously held records. Among those records that were broken include girls and boys freestyle relay, boys 400-meter freestyle relay and 100-meter freestyle relay.

- The youth and government team completed in the **70th Annual YMCA State Conference**. Five out of nine students placed as Distinguished Delegates, awarded to the top delegate in each section. Named as Distinguished Delegates were **Jared Bouloy** for Senate, **Bri Branscomb** for House of Representatives, **Jesse-Elijah Williams** for Hyde Senate, **Richard Philip** for Hyde House, and **Kyle Gehman** for Print Media.

- This year's Robotics team advanced to regionals after placing third in the district competition.

- Freshman track and field standout **Elizabeth Roca** broke the school record for the 400-meter dash running a 57.87 during the Area Track Meet held on April 19 and 20 at D.W. Rutledge Stadium. And, junior **Gavin Davis** placed first in the boys varsity 400-meter dash setting his own personal record.

- Senior basketball standout **Kobe Thompson** accepted a scholarship with Lubbock Christian University and will continue his academic and athletic career starting in the



PTA REFLECTIONS

THE PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM OFFER STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE WORKS OF ART FOR FUN AND RECOGNITION. STUDENTS IN PRESCHOOL

THROUGH GRADE 12 CREATE AND SUBMIT WORKS OF ART IN SIX AREAS: LITERATURE, MUSICAL COMPOSITION, PHOTOGRAPHY, DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY, FILM PRODUCTION, AND VISUAL ARTS. KUDOS TO LEANDER HIGH WINNERS...

★ FILM PRODUCTION

"The Audience of Me" by junior **Jayton de La Zerda** advanced to the Council level

"Find Your Wings" by sophomore **Alexia Rowling**

★ LITERATURE

"Heroine" by junior **Ariana Vieira** advanced to the Council level

★ MUSIC COMPOSITION

"Rain," a music composition by **Luke Wilkins** advanced to the state judging level

★ PHOTOGRAPHY

"My Eye In The Sky" by freshman **Billy Roberts** advanced to the Council level

"Can I Buy Lunch?" by senior **Michale Beard** advanced to the Council level

"Can I Earn It, Please?" by **Michale Beard**

"Blue Ball" by freshman **Karson d. Schubert**

"A Window of Possibilities" by senior **Elizabeth Barczy**

→ THE PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM ANNOUNCED "WITHIN REACH" AS THE THEME FOR THE 2017/2018 COMPETITION. BEST OF LUCK TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!

Fine ARTS

- The **Theater Department** performed the musical "Pippin" at the fourth annual **Greater Austin High School Musical Theater Awards**. The musical was nominated in five categories including Best Lighting Design, Best Orchestra, Best Ensemble, Best Leading Actor and Best Production. WAY TO GO!

- The **Blue Belles** dance team's spring production of *Milestones* was performed among sold out crowds. Kudos to both **Running Brushy** and **Leander** middle schools for entertaining the crowd in between dance numbers.

- Kudos to this year's **Band Program** for earning the following awards:

- Bands of America Grand National Finalist
- Bands of America Class 3A National Champion
- UIL 6A State Marching Band Contest Finalist

AWESOME!!