

LaSAS

Developing leadership,
personal growth and career
success through the integration
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Guide to Frequently Asked Questions

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FAQ

When and where can I apply to LaSAS?

The application process for LaSAS begins February 1 of each year and continues throughout the month. Applications are available at LaSAS, the school board office and every public school location in the district. Applications are taken from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and must be completed at one of those locations. Upon completion, you will be given the date for interviews.

How is the interview conducted?

Interviews are not conducted on a one-on-one basis due to the number of applicants. Instead, students provide a written response to a series of questions. Applicants are placed together in a classroom to write the responses. Responses should be written clearly, legibly and in complete sentences.

How are applicants selected?

A committee reviews all submitted records including but not limited to, interview responses, grades, test scores. The committee then will rank-order the applicants.

How will I know if my child is selected?

All applicants will receive a letter indicating whether they have been accepted or placed on a waiting list. Letters generally are mailed out near the end of April.

What are my chances of being accepted?

Competition has increased with over 250 applicants for 7th grade alone last year. Generally, 70-75 seventh graders are accepted. Fewer are taken in the other grades since vacancies are dependent on student transfers. If you have submitted an application in previous years and were placed on the waiting list, you must reapply each year.

What is the curriculum at LaSAS?

In many ways, the curriculum is similar to other schools in the district. We have a college prep curriculum (TOPS), as well as a technical/work-force ready (Jumpstart) pathway. Students who qualify are eligible to dual enroll as seniors for college classes. Our curriculum differs in that all 7th, 8th, and 9th graders are required to take Ag as an elective. We also offer specialized after school classes such as welding. All 7th & 8th grade students are assigned a peer mentor who has been

trained and will help them transition through middle school years.

Who is a good candidate for LaSAS?

Any students who are genuinely interested in project based learning, the outdoors, hands on activities and are interested in becoming an active member of FFA are best suited for LaSAS. Other students can thrive as well, but keep in mind all students are required to take Ag in 7th, 8th and 9th grade.

What extra-curricular activities are available?

LaSAS has several active clubs including Jr. & Sr. Beta, Jr. & Sr. FFA, Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS), Interact, JAG and 4-H. We do not offer sports, cheerleading, band or dance line. However students are able to participate in these activities at their home based zoned school.