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## APPLAUSE

### LISD Schools Earn Top UIL Recognition

Congratulations to Vandegrift High School for winning the prestigious UIL Lone Star Cup for Conference 5A, an award that recognizes the best overall athletic and academic programs in Texas. Vandegrift earned a total of 94 points, with top-five finishes at the state level in activities such as boys' golf and girls' swimming and diving. The Vipers were also state finalists in girls' soccer and state semifinalists in football. The VHS marching band is the reigning state champion, as well. Two other high schools in LISD earned top-10 finishes, with Cedar Park High School totaling 68 points tying for fourth place and Vista Ridge High School totaling 66 points in seventh place.



### District Reports Increased Number of Students Earned AP Scholar Awards

Leander ISD Superintendent Bret Champion announced that 769 students earned 827 Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the 2015 AP Exams. This is a 21-percent increase from the previous year when 638 students earned 684 distinctions. [Read more...](#)

### CPMS Band Earns State Honor

The Texas Bandmasters Association has named the Cedar Park Middle School Band as recipient of a 2015 Exemplary Band Program Award. The band is directed by Manuel C. San Luis. The Exemplary Band Program Award is given once a year by the TBA Board of Directors to one Texas high school and one middle school band program that has proven to consistently produce an exemplary performing band program for an extended period of time. [Read more about the CPMS Band's successes!](#)



*CPMS Band Director Manuel C. San Luis (right) accepts the 2015 Exemplary Band Program Award from the Texas Bandmasters Association.*



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION

### Monday, Aug. 24 is the First Day of School.

#### General Information

- [LISD School Information](#)
- [Are you new to LISD?](#)
- [txConnect Parent Portal](#)
- [Free and Reduced Meal applications](#)

#### Helpful Parent Information

- [Dress Code](#)
- [Meal prices](#)
- [After-school care](#)
- [Immunization Information](#)

#### Important Back-to-School Events

- **Elementary New Family Orientation**  
- Aug. 13, 6:30 p.m.
- **Elementary Open House – Aug. 20**  
*Student last names: A-M at 5:30-6:15 p.m.; N-Z at 6:15-7 p.m.*
- **Sixth Grade Open House – Aug. 19, 6:30 p.m.**
- **Seventh and Eighth Grade Open House – Aug. 27, 6:30 p.m.**
- **High School Open House – Aug. 31, 6 p.m.**

Visit Leander ISD's [back-to-school page](#) for more information.

#### LISD Calendar Available at Online

[Download the 2015-16 Leander ISD calendar.](#) Remember to plan family trips during school holidays and make sure your child is present and ready to learn every day, unless your child is sick. Attendance is the key to student success!



#### Summer Assignments for Middle and High School Students

The purpose of summer assignments is to continue skill practice and to develop necessary "habits of mind" beyond the school year. Summer assignments promote an early start to academic thinking and skill application while supporting common experiences that foster immediate instructional opportunities once students arrive on campus on August 24. [Summer assignments are posted here.](#)

## Complete Your Child's First Day Packet Online

Beginning on Monday, Aug. 17 parents can complete their child's first day packet forms and print forms through txConnect, which includes updating student information, the health and allergy form, residency questionnaire, directory information, migrant survey and student code of conduct. Visit the txConnect webpage for help on setting up an account and many more "how to" documents, or simply login to your txConnect account. If you have questions, please contact your campus registrar.

[More information about txConnect.](#)

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Public Meeting on 15-16 District Budget Scheduled

On Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015, at 6:15 p.m. the Leander ISD Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold a public meeting on the 2015-16 Budget and Tax Rate at Support Services, located at 1900 Cougar Country, Cedar Park, TX 78613. For information about the 2015-16 Budget, visit the [Budget page](#).

### Districtwide Educational Improvement Council (DWEIC) Seeking Reps for 2015-16

The Districtwide Educational Improvement Council (DWEIC) is seeking volunteers for 2015-16. This committee of parents, business and community members, teachers, principals and other district staff advises the Board in establishing and reviewing the District's educational goals, objectives, major districtwide classroom instructional programs, and to approve staff development of a Districtwide nature. [Learn more...](#)

### Athletic Family Pass Available from Athletics Department

The Leander ISD Athletics Department has announced the sale of the "Family Pass." This annual pass will allow immediate family into all LISD regular season sporting events, with the exception of varsity football games. Family passes are \$80 each, with one pass issued per purchase. [Learn more](#) or purchase your tickets [here](#).



### Elementary After-School Enrichment Classes Now Enrolling

The deadline to register for Session 1 of LISD's After-School Enrichment Program is Tuesday, September 8. Classes will take place on your child's campus immediately after school. The campus office will let your child's teacher know the location of the class they will be attending.

## School Health Advisory Council Members Needed

Leander ISD has several openings for new members to join the 2015-16 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC). LISD parents, community members or organizational representatives are needed to assist district and campus staff in guiding the district as it addresses areas such as nutrition, physical activity, social-emotional, environmental wellness and human sexuality. SHAC will meet seven times this year from 5:30-7 pm at the LISD Support Services Building (across from Running Brushy Middle School). The meeting dates are scheduled for Mondays: Sept. 21; Oct. 19; Nov. 16; Feb. 15; March 28; April 18; and May 16. If you are interested, please email the Asst. Director for Whole Student Initiatives, Ray Langlois, at [ray.langlois@leanderisd.org](mailto:ray.langlois@leanderisd.org).



## SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

LISD Superintendent Bret Champion invites parents and community members to get involved in LISD. [Read more...](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

August	
13	Elementary New Family Orientation, 6:30 p.m.
19	Sixth-Grade Open House, 6:30 p.m.
20	Elementary Open House
24	<b>First Day of School</b>
27	LISD Board Meeting/Final Budget Amendment, Support Services 6:15 p.m.
27	Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Open House, 6:30 p.m.
31	High School Open House, 6 p.m.
September	
2	Camacho Elementary Dedication, 6 p.m.
3	LISD Board Meeting, Support Services, 6:15 p.m.
7	Student/Staff Holiday
16	Early Release Day
17	LISD Board Meeting, Support Services, 6:15 p.m.
21	LISD Festival of Bands, 6:30 p.m.

