

Report to the Parents

We are proud of Lamar High School. This year we continue our record of excellence. Our "Report to the Parents" is presented to highlight some of the accomplishments, activities, and events of the past year. This spring we will be holding elections for new SIC officers and members. Thank you for allowing your children to be a part of our efforts to keep Lamar High School a vital part of the community.

Michelle R. Greene, SIC Chair



Message from the Principal

We are very proud of the work our students are doing. We want our students to continue to improve, so that they can accomplish whatever goals they set for themselves.

Kathy B. Gainey, Principal



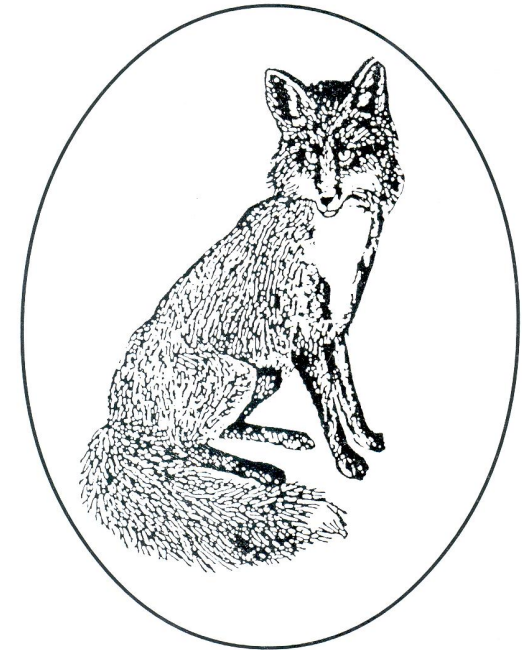
LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL
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School Improvement Council Members 2014-2015

Helen Alford, Parent
Carlos Burgess, Assistant Principal
Tonoria Durant, Student
Kathy Gainey, Principal
Michelle Greene, Chair
Dedra Hart, Teacher
Kimberly Hayes, Teacher
Susan Lear, Former SIC Chair
Karen Long, Parent
Luke Bolton, Teacher of the Year
Harriet McCray, Community Member
Marilyn Nelson, Community Member
Randy Reynolds, Community Member
Tywanda Robinson, Teacher
Tyler Smith, Student
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*2014-2015 SIC Annual Report
to the Parents*



Lamar High School's Mission

The mission of Lamar High School is to prepare all students to become competent, responsible, and productive individuals by providing challenging, educational, and extracurricular opportunities in a positive, safe environment supported by the community.

Lamar High School's Beliefs

1. Parents are the first teachers; therefore, we must employ family and community resources to ensure student success.
2. An environment that emphasizes safety, mutual respect, and academic focus is necessary for learning.
3. Everyone has the capacity and the responsibility to learn more than they are presently learning and at a higher level.
4. Family, school, and community expectations affect learning and achievement.
5. Cultural sensitivity is essential to success and wellbeing in our global society.
6. All faculty, staff, and community must be dedicated to the success of every student.
7. All stakeholders must be dedicated to preparing students to become productive members of society.



Lamar High School has focused on the following goals:

- Increasing student performance on EOCEP and other state testing
- Increasing the graduation rate
- Improving communication with parents
- Integrating technology to improve classroom performance
- Improving the special education resource students' performance on EOCEP, state testing, and graduation rate

How Lamar High School made progress in these goals:

- Offered double blocked year long courses in ELA and math for students identified through SCPASS scores
- Provided after school tutorial to improve student achievement
- Participated in district staff development
- Purchased additional laptops for our mobile lab
- Improved parent communication through Open House, Parent Workshops, PTSA, Academic Awards Programs, Athletic Awards Programs, newsletters, and use of School Connects and Parent Portal
- Implemented district wide curriculum program designed to improve EOCEP and state testing scores of special education resource students

Lamar High School's Academic Recognitions

Lamar High School has had a very good year academically. On the 2014 State Report Card, Lamar High School received an **Excellent** Absolute Rating for the fourth year in a row and an **Excellent** Growth Rating for the second time in the past three years. Our students did well on the Spring 2014 HSAP with 83.6% of students passing both parts on the first try which was an increase from 78.8% in 2013. Lamar was recognized as a Bronze Winner for the *US News and World Report*. These recognitions are a reflection of the hard work of our students and faculty.

