



# The Weekly Spark

*LEAMAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL*

Mike Semmler, Principal

September 12, 2020

Issue 1

## Important Information

### Trustworthiness “TRUE BLUE”

Being a trustworthy Charger means:

- Being honest
- Don't deceive, cheat or steal
- Be reliable — do what you say you'll do
- Have the courage to do the right thing
- Build a good reputation
- Be loyal — stand by your family, friends, and country

#### Virtual Open House

September 15<sup>th</sup>

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## Reminders

September 15

Virtual Open House

September 23

Photos (All Students)  
See attached flyer

September 25

Fair Day (School Holiday)  
Parade & Fair have been  
cancelled this year

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Office Aide  
Application**

<http://bit.ly/OfficeAideApplication2020>

## Athletics

**Football Schedule:**

Visit Football's website for the practice & game schedule

[Leaman Football](http://www.leamanfootball.com)

[www.lcisid.org/campuses/leamanjh/athletics/football](http://www.lcisid.org/campuses/leamanjh/athletics/football)

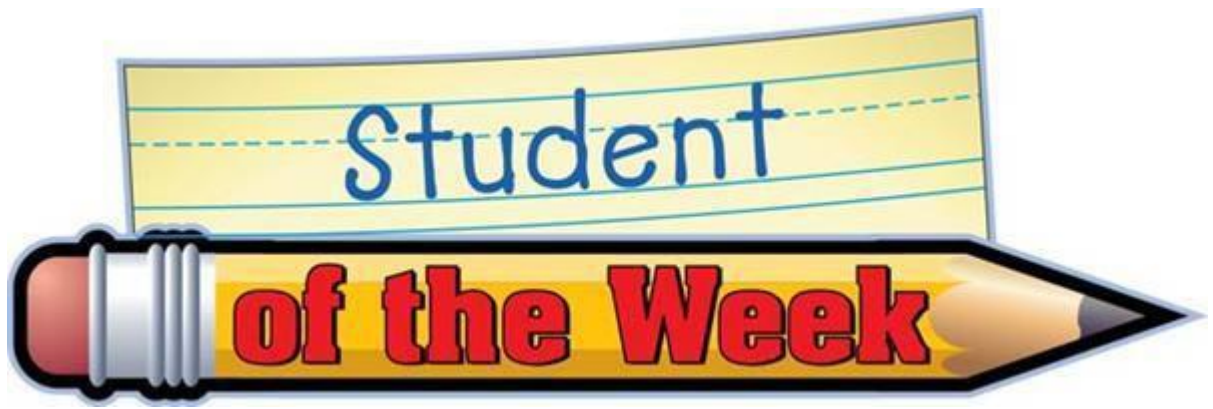


*New*

Information

This Week

**NEW!**



Student  
of the Week

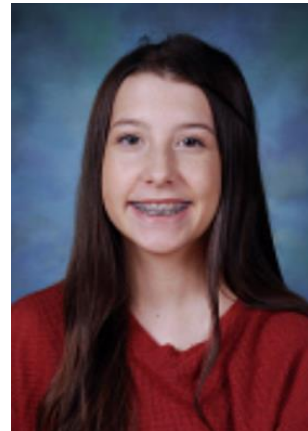
**7<sup>th</sup>** *Grade*

Ian Nkwell  
Nominated by: Ms. Stricker



**8<sup>th</sup>** *Grade*

Chloe Howe  
Nominated by: Ms. Del Pinto





# School Announcements

## TEACHER TUTORING SCHEDULE

All Teachers - Tutorials are scheduled daily,  
between 7:45am and 8:15am

## VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE - SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>

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## GRANDPARENTS DAY

Submit a picture of student with the grandparents and a small blurb. We will create a slide show movie to share on Facebook. Send their photos and information to Anita Oliphant – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor - [anita.oliphant@lcisd.org](mailto:anita.oliphant@lcisd.org)



I love my Grandmother,  
because she comes to all  
my football games!  
- Aaron

## FAIR DAY – SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Ft. Bend County Fair and Parade, are cancelled this year.  
School will be closed on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Students enjoy this day off!

## OFFICE AIDE ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Has your student expressed interest in becoming an Office Aide? If yes, please complete the form, via this link: <https://bit.ly/35v8SXH>

Once all submissions have been received, office staff will review and supply both, parent and student with the Office Aide Contract.



September 10, 2020

Lamar CISD Parents,

We know the 2020-2021 school year has come with additional challenges, and whether your students are learning virtually or on campus, we want to thank you for your support in making this a successful school year. The District understands that as COVID-19 conditions evolve, the needs of our families may change as well. As a result, parents are able to change their students' learning model (On-Campus or Virtual) at the end of each grading period.

A Learning Model Change Form for the second six weeks is now available in Skyward Family Access. The deadline for requesting a change in learning model for the second six weeks is Friday, Sept. 18. No changes in learning model will be accepted after Sept. 18, as the District must plan for master schedules, classroom space, virtual instruction and how to best meet the needs of our students.

Parents who would like to change their student's learning model can use [these instructions](#) to access and submit the form in Skyward. If there is no change for your student, you do not need to submit the form. It is also important to note:

If you change your student's learning model for the second six weeks, there is no guarantee that your student will have the same teacher.

Campuses will contact families with students transitioning from virtual to on-campus instruction to communicate safety protocols and ensure a safe return to campus.

All campuses will contact parents about next steps after the Sept. 18 deadline.

Overview of On-Campus Instruction:

All parents are expected to screen students for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending them to school.

While the COVID-19 Risk Level is red, orange or yellow, face coverings are required for all students when in common spaces, hallways, on buses and during arrival and dismissal.

Students in grades 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are also required to wear face coverings in the classroom.

Classroom furniture will be socially distanced as much as instructionally possible.

Overview of Virtual Instruction:

Virtual instruction will require students to participate in asynchronous (online without real-time interaction) and synchronous (real-time) online learning.

Each day, students will engage in daily lessons, activities and assignments in all classes to be marked present.

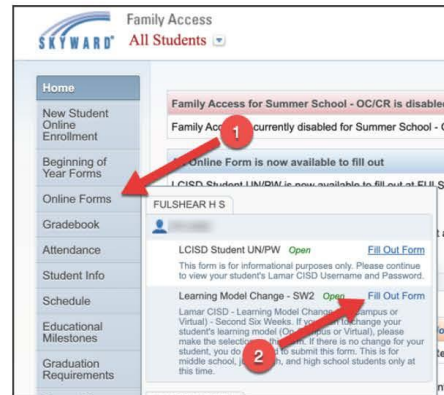
Each virtual student will likely need their own device and access to high-speed internet at home. If you have questions regarding the Learning Model Change form, please contact your child's campus.

[Click here](#) for more information on Lamar CISD's on-campus and virtual instruction, COVID-19 disease mitigation and more.

# Learning Model Change Form

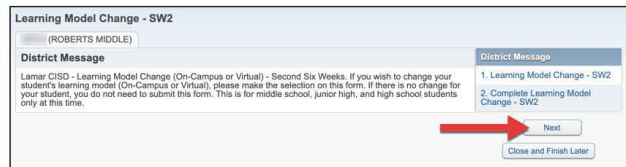
For information on how to access Skyward Family Access or how to access your guardian username or password, please visit <https://www.lcisd.org/students-parents/family-access>.

1. Login to the Skyward Family Access Center and click on the “Online Forms” menu option.

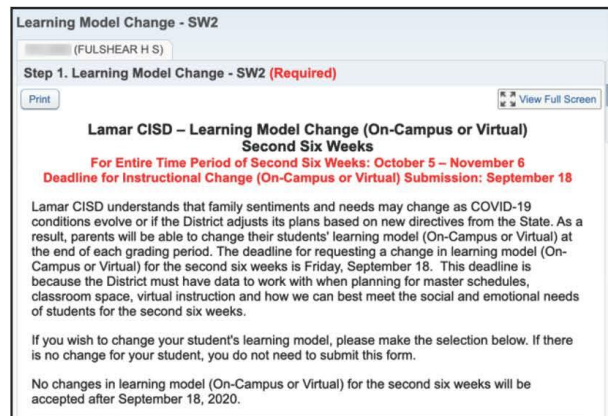


2. Click on the “Fill Out Form” button for the Learning Model Change form.

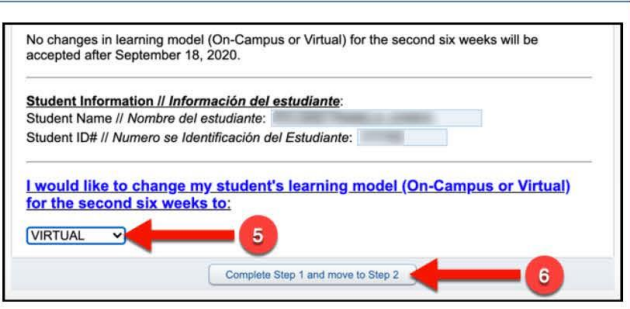
3. Read the summary information of the “Learning Model Change” and click the “Next” button on the right side of the screen.



4. Read through the information regarding making a change to your student’s learning model for the upcoming grading period.



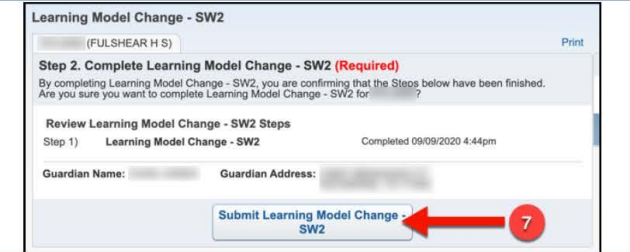
5. Select the type of learning model (On-Campus or Virtual) you would like to switch your student to for the upcoming grading period.



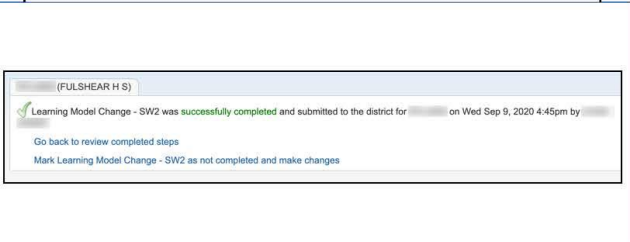
6. Click the “Complete Step 1 and move to Step 2” button at the bottom of the page.

If you cannot see this button, try maximizing your Internet browser window.

7. Click the “Submit Learning Model Change” button at the bottom of the Step 2 screen.

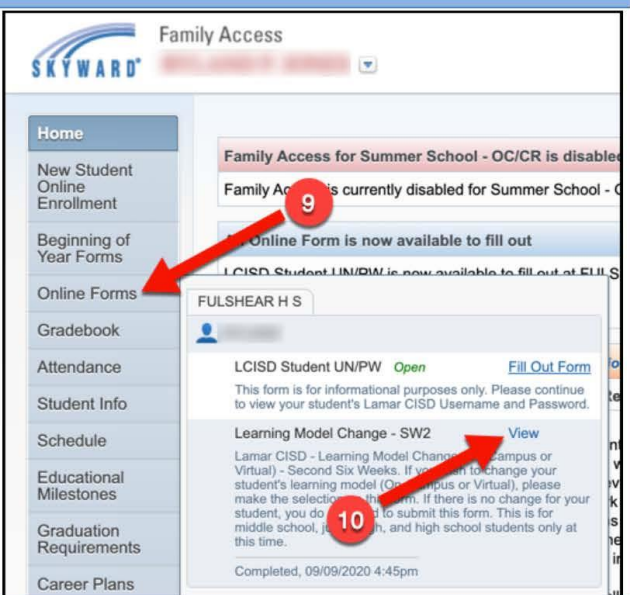


8. You will see a verification message that you have successfully completed the Learning Model Change form for your student for the upcoming grading period.



If you need to change your response before the grading period deadline, follow the steps below.

9. Login to the Skyward Family Access Center and click on the “Online Forms” menu option.

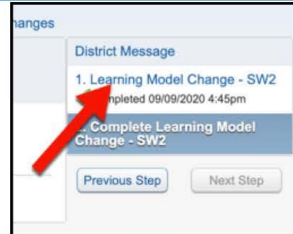


10. Click on the “View” button for the Learning Model Change form.

11. Click on the “Mark as not completed and make changes” button in the top right corner of the form summary page.



12. Click “1. Learning Model Change” in the right side menu.



13. Click the “Edit Step 1” button at the bottom of the page.

Complete steps 5 – 8 again to resubmit your Learning Model Change form.

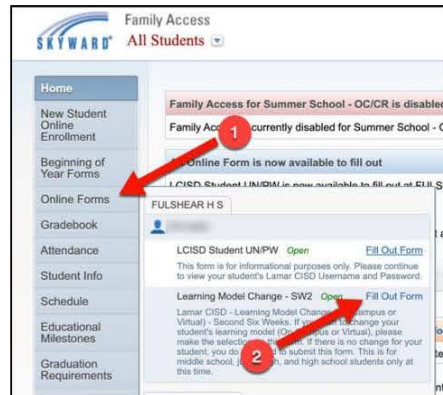




# FORMULARIO PARA EL CAMBIO DE MODELO DE INSTRUCCIÓN

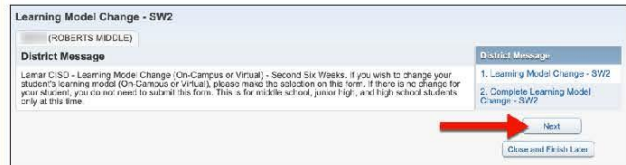
Para obtener información sobre cómo ingresar a “Skyward Family Access” o cómo acceder su nombre de usuario o contraseña de **tutor**, visite <https://www.lcisd.org/students-parents/family-access>.

1. Inicie sesión en “Skyward Family Access Center” y haga clic en la opción de menú “Online Forms”.

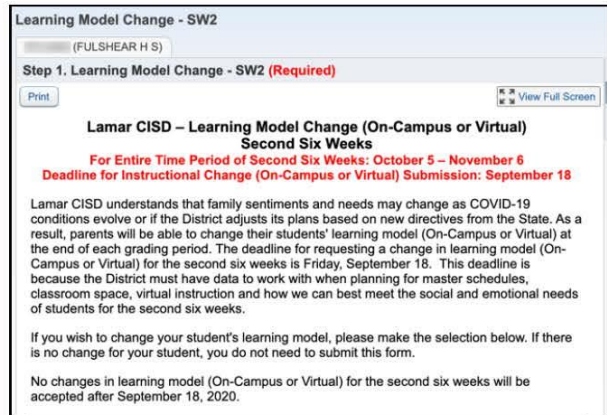


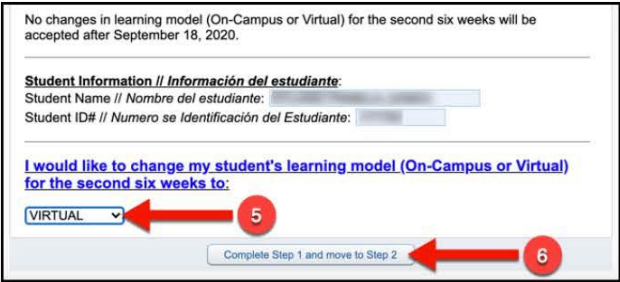
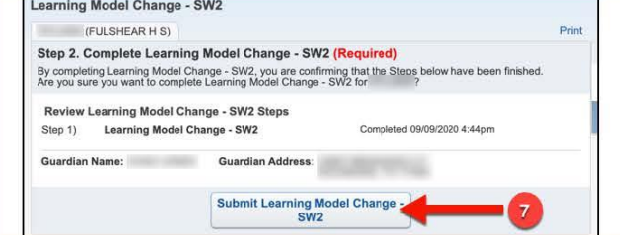


2. Haga clic en el “Fill Out Form” para abrir el “Formulario de cambio de modelo de instrucción”.

3. Lea la información del resumen de “Learning Model Change” y haga clic en “Next” del lado derecho de la pantalla.



4. Lea la información sobre cómo realizar el cambio de modelo de instrucción del estudiante para el próximo período de calificaciones.



<p>5. Seleccione el tipo de modelo de instrucción (en <b>Campus</b> o <b>Virtual</b>) al que desea cambiar al estudiante para el próximo período de calificación.</p>	 <p>No changes in learning model (On-Campus or Virtual) for the second six weeks will be accepted after September 18, 2020.</p> <p><b>Student Information // Información del estudiante:</b>  Student Name // Nombre del estudiante: _____  Student ID# // Numero de Identificación del Estudiante: _____</p> <p><b>I would like to change my student's learning model (On-Campus or Virtual) for the second six weeks to:</b></p> <p>VIRTUAL <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">5</span></p> <p>Complete Step 1 and move to Step 2 <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">6</span></p>
<p>6. Haga clic en el botón de <b>“Complete Step 1 and move to Step 2”</b> en la parte inferior de la página.</p> <p>Si no puede ver este botón, intente maximizar la ventana de su navegador de Internet.</p>	 <p>Learning Model Change - SW2 (FULSHEAR H S) <span style="float: right;">Print</span></p> <p><b>Step 2. Complete Learning Model Change - SW2 (Required)</b></p> <p>By completing Learning Model Change - SW2, you are confirming that the Steps below have been finished. Are you sure you want to complete Learning Model Change - SW2 for _____?</p> <p><b>Review Learning Model Change - SW2 Steps</b></p> <p>Step 1) Learning Model Change - SW2 Completed 09/09/2020 4:44pm</p> <p>Guardian Name: _____ Guardian Address: _____</p> <p>Submit Learning Model Change - SW2 <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">7</span></p>
<p>7. Haga clic en el botón de <b>“Submit Learning Model Change”</b> en la parte inferior de la pantalla del paso 2.</p>	 <p>(FULSHEAR H S)</p> <p>Learning Model Change - SW2 was <b>successfully completed</b> and submitted to the district for _____ on Wed Sep 9, 2020 4:45pm by _____</p> <p><a href="#">Go back to review completed steps</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mark Learning Model Change - SW2 as not completed and make changes</a></p>
<p>Si necesita <b>cambiar su respuesta antes</b> de la fecha límite del período de calificaciones, siga los pasos que se indican a continuación:</p>	
<p>9. Inicie sesión en <b>“Skyward Family Access Center”</b> y haga clic en la opción del menú <b>“Online Forms”</b>.</p>	 <p>Family Access</p> <p>Home</p> <p>New Student Online Enrollment</p> <p>Beginning of Year Forms</p> <p>Online Forms <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">9</span></p> <p>Gradebook</p> <p>Attendance</p> <p>Student Info</p> <p>Schedule</p> <p>Educational Milestones</p> <p>Graduation Requirements</p> <p>Career Plans</p> <p>Family Access for Summer School - OC/CR is disabled</p> <p>Family Access is currently disabled for Summer School - OC/CR</p> <p>Online Form is now available to fill out</p> <p>LCISD Student UN/PW is now available to fill out at FULS</p> <p>FULSHEAR H S</p> <p>LCISD Student UN/PW <a href="#">Open</a> <a href="#">Fill Out Form</a></p> <p>This form is for informational purposes only. Please continue to view your student's Lamar CISD Username and Password.</p> <p>Learning Model Change - SW2 <a href="#">View</a> <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">10</span></p> <p>Lamar CISD - Learning Model Change (On-Campus or Virtual) - Second Six Weeks. If you wish to change your student's learning model (On-Campus or Virtual), please make the selection on this form. If there is no change for your student, you do not need to submit this form. This is for middle school, junior high, and high school students only at this time.</p> <p>Completed, 09/09/2020 4:45pm</p>
<p>10. Haga clic en el botón de <b>“View”</b> para el Formulario de Cambio de Modelo de Instrucción.</p>	

11. Haga clic en el botón de **“Mark as not completed and make changes”** en la esquina superior derecha de la página de resumen del formulario.

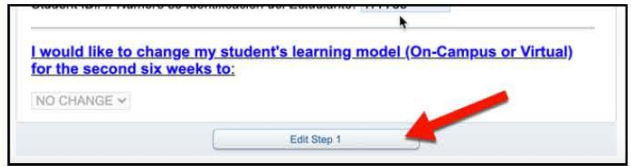


12. Haga clic en **“1. Learning Model Change”** en el menú del lado derecho.



13. Haga clic en el botón de **“Edit Step 1”** en la parte inferior de la página.

Complete los pasos del 5 al 8 de nuevo para enviar su Formulario de Cambio de Modelo de Instrucción.



# SKYLERT

## Text Message Information System

This year, Lamar CISD would like to utilize text messaging to communicate important information to our community. To opt in to these messages, parents must log in to the Skyward Family Access Center and add a Text Message Number to their Skylert communication options. To access this option, first click on the "Skylert" menu option inside the Family Access Center.



**2** Home

- New Student Online Enrollment
- Beginning of Year Forms
- Gradebook
- Attendance
- Student Info
- Schedule
- Educational Milestones
- Portfolio
- Skylert**
- Login History

**3** My Skyward Contact Info

Contact Info	School Hours Emergency	Attendance	General	Non-school Hours Emergency	Food Service	Survey
Primary Phone: [ ] [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Family With: [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cell Phone: (832) [ ] [ ]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family With: [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phone: [ ] [ ]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family With: [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Home Email: [ ]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family With: [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Additional Contact Info for Family With: [ ]						
Phone Numbers						
Additional Phone 1: [ ] [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email Addresses						
Additional Email 1: [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Text Message Numbers						
Phone 1: [ ] [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Once on the Skylert communication screen, scroll to the bottom of the page and add a Text Message Number to be associated with your students. You should also select the types of communication you would like to receive via text. You may also add additional contact options in the "Additional Contact Info" area.

**4** Save

Food Service	Survey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Don't forget to Save

**you must  
OPT IN**

# School Photos

Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ for ALL Students

## Face to Face Learners

- (1) Go to the link on the form and order the package you want
- (2) “Face to Face” learners will be pulled out of PE/Major Sports classes one at a time to take a picture in one of the two stations in our hallways outside our gyms.

## Virtual Learners

- 1) Go to the link on the form and order the package you want
- 2) “Virtual” learners must sign up for their pictures after school using the Sign Up Genius link provided:
  - 1) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA4A92CABFF2-dljh11>
  - 2) You must enter the code “734346” when signing up to pick your slot.
  - 3) 2 slots will be provided every 2 minutes between 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM. (Because we have 2 picture stations.
  - 4) Administrators will be at the door to meet the child and let them in. After taking their photo, they will exit the doors by the cafeteria and return to their cars.
  - 5) No parents are allowed to enter the building.
  - 6) Students must wear masks and socially distance prior to entering the building.
  - 7) Please come at least 5 minutes before your timeslot. If you are late and miss your timeslot, we cannot guarantee that we can work you in.





Visual Services  
of Texas

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vst-hou.com  
customerservice.vst@comcast.net

# Fall Portraits

Retratos de otoño ¡Un recaudador de fondos para tu escuela!

A fundraiser for  
your school!

Your picture date is:

Wednesday, September 23rd

# Backgrounds

antecedentes

If no background is chosen, you will receive background 1. All have current year. Backgrounds and product designs may vary. Products not shown to scale. Photo styles only apply to packages & à-la-carte items.



1. Traditional



2. Red Lights



3. Autumn Woods



4. Golden Glow

## PACKAGES Paquetes de fotos

- A** 2 - 8x10s  
2 - 5x7s  
2 - 3x5s  
4 - 2x3 Wallets  
DIGITAL WALLET \$51
- B** 1 - 8x10  
1 - 5x7  
2 - 3x5s  
4 - 2x3s  
DIGITAL WALLET \$41
- C** 1 - 5x7  
2 - 3x5s  
4 - 2x3 Wallets  
8 - Mini Wallets \$31
- D** 2 - 3x5s  
4 - 2x3 Wallets  
8 - Mini Wallets \$19

## ADD-ON BONUSES Bonificaciones

\* - Personalized Personalizado

## À-LA-CARTE & UPGRADES A la carta y ascensos de categoria

- G** 5x7 Mini Statuette  
Personalized 5" x 7" wood-backed photo and acrylic base, display ready. \$30
- H** 5x10 Framed Keepsake  
With a wooden frame, name, and year. \$21
- K** Phone Socket  
Attaches to the back of any phone as a stand or grip. \$14
- L** Acrylic Key Chains  
Set of 2. Image size is 1.25"x1.5". \$15
- M** Magnets  
Set of 2 - 4"x3" with magnetic backing. \$12

**JUMBO BONUS**

- 4 - 8x10s (1 of each style)
- 4 - 5x7s (1 of each style)
- 4 - 3x5s (1 of each style)
- 32 - 2x3s (8 of each style)

Includes Free: High Resolution Digital Download (of all 4 styles) & Metallic Keepsake

**\$65**

- O** Combo Item: 1 - 8x10 & 2 - 5x7s \$24
- Q** 1 - 8x10 \$15
- R** 2 - 5x7s \$15
- S** 4 - 3x5s \$15
- U** 8 - 2x3 Wallets \$15
- V** 8 Mini Wallets \$10
- W** High Resolution Digital Download \$29  
Your image with all available styles/backgrounds with a copyright-release. Available after you receive your picture package. No refund.
- X** Personalized Upgrade \$5  
Add student's first name to packages & à-la-carte items.
- Y** Metallic Upgrade \$10  
Converts your entire package and à-la-carte to our highest-brightness quality metallic paper! Your photos will last longer than ordinary paper.
- Z** Retouching Upgrade \$10  
Removes facial blemishes and enhances skin tone. Does not remove braces, glass glare, or moles.

The digital wallet is a web sized, downloadable image suitable for sharing via text message and social media. It comes in the style chosen for your package. No refund on download packages. No style/background substitutions on the Jumbo Bonus. Add-on bonuses are only available with the purchase of a picture package or à-la-carte item except for the Jumbo Bonus, which may be purchased individually. No hay sustituciones de estilo / Jumbo en el Bono Jumbo. Los bonos adicionales solo están disponibles con la compra de un paquete de fotos o un artículo a la carta, excepto el bono Jumbo, que se puede comprar individualmente.



# Ongoing Information/ Notices





# Parenting Help for Canvas



Canvas is our district's Learning Management System. Communications and information can be shared through this tool. Follow these 3 easy steps to ensure you are kept up-to-date with your student's education.

**1**

## Sign in and set your password.

A checklist is below. Need further assistance?

### 1<sup>st</sup> Time Parent Login to Canvas:

- Make sure you have a valid email in Skyward
- Open the Canvas login page
- Select "Forgot Password"
- Go to your email account
- Open the email from Canvas and create a new password
- Login to Canvas with email address and new password

**2**

## Set Notifications/Add Cell Number

- Notification Settings to turn on:  
Announcements and Conversations

Need further assistance? Check out these resources: [bit.ly/canvaslcisd](https://bit.ly/canvaslcisd)

**3**

## Stay Connected

Download the Canvas app for your phone.



<https://goo.gl/uE67H>



<https://goo.gl/XK1ebi>

# Welcome to Leaman!

## Frequently Asked Questions



### Attendance

Excuses for absences must be submitted within 10 days of the absence. These can be e-mailed, faxed, or dropped off in the attendance office.

### Behavior Expectations

Students follow the P.R.I.D.E. matrix for expected behaviors. The LCISD student code of conduct can be found in the LCISD Secondary handbook at this link: <http://www.lcisd.org/students-parents/general-information>

### P.E. Uniforms

All P.E. and Dance students must dress out every day. P.E. uniforms are available for purchase from the coaches for \$25.00 (shirt and shorts). Lockers are available to store items in the dressing rooms.

### Extracurricular/Clubs

Leaman has a variety of fun organizations. Check out our website for more information at this link: <http://www.lcisd.org/campuses/leamanjh/extracurricular>



### Homework

Each teacher's Canvas page will include homework information for their course.

### Uniform/Dress Code

Leaman Junior High follows the dress code policy in the LCISD Secondary handbook at this link: <http://www.lcisd.org/students-parents/general-information>  
When a student is out of dress code, he or she will be required to change.

### Birthdays

Gifts, cakes, cupcakes, balloons, treat bags, and flowers are not to be sent to school. Invitations to individual parties are not to be distributed at school, during class time.

### Lockers

Lockers are optional. There is a mass check out at the beginning of each year. At any other time, if your student wants a locker, they will contact Jennifer Leslie [jleslie@lcisd.org](mailto:jleslie@lcisd.org)

### Transportation changes

Submit all changes by 3:15 each day. Students cannot ride the bus home with other students due to limited seating.



### Lunchtime

A parent can only provide lunch for his/her child. Students are not allowed to pop popcorn for lunch. Drinks must be in a bottle.

### Communication

A weekly newsletter will be sent out each Friday. This newsletter contains important information about our upcoming events and current programs. You will receive a phone reminder about this e-mail each Friday as well.

### Cell Phones

Students can only use their phones when permitted by a staff member. If a phone is taken, there will be a \$15.00 fee.

### Textbooks

Consumable workbooks and textbooks will be provided in the classroom. Textbooks (for home usage) can be checked out from Delana Jones [djones@lcisd.org](mailto:djones@lcisd.org) (if available)

### Conferences

To set up a conference with a teacher, counselor, or principal, please contact them directly via e-mail or phone.

