



Lamar County Middle School
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Lamar County Middle School is an active participant in the "Georgia Teachers-As-Advisors Program" which represents a series of collaborative efforts between the Georgia Department of Education, Georgia educators representing Grades 6-12, Georgia students and parents representing Grades 6-12, Georgia postsecondary education systems, and representatives from Georgia business and industry. This program is strongly linked to the National Career Development Guidelines, the Georgia Teachers-As-Advisors Framework which serves as a structure for developing, implementing, and evaluating both district and school-level programs that are laser-focused on the educational and career planning process for ALL Georgia students. The overarching emphasis is on the acquisition and development of 21st Century Skills that will lead ALL Georgia students to high-skill, high-demand, and high-wage jobs. These jobs will have a significant impact on, not only individuals, but growing a healthy state economy.

Students at Lamar County Middle School will participate in lessons that are directly from the Georgia Department of Education. Each student will be assigned to a certified teacher, counselor, or administrator within our building as an advisor that will advise, collaborate, and encourage rigor throughout their middle school years. Students will meet with their advisors on the following days:

October 18, 2012, November 29, 2012, January 17, 2013,

February 28, 2013, March 21, 2013, May 2, 2013

Advisement will take place first thing in the morning with an adjusted time schedule for the remainder of the school day. These advisement sessions will include a group discussion including the lesson for the day, an individual student advisement session to include topics such as career options and choices, academic excellence, attendance at school on a daily basis, and the topics that relate to transitioning from one grade to the other and then eventually leading to the transition to high school.

The goals of the Teachers-As-Advisors Program reach out to:

- erase student anonymity,
- provide students with increased opportunities for career exploration,
- lead students to make more informed choices,
- increase student graduation rates,
- and increase postsecondary enrollment rates in your district.

We hope this serves as a valuable tool for your child as we work together in "Leading the Nation in improving Student Achievement". Please feel free to call us with additional questions.

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