



# L. J Christen Middle School

2002 Santa Maria Ave., Laredo, Texas, 78040



## CAMPUS DEMOGRAPHICS

Grade Levels	6TH-8TH
Vertical Team	Martin High School
Trustee District	Jose Valdez
Enrollment	1230

### CAMPUS ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Lizzy Newsome - Principal  
Guadalupe Cortinas - Assistant Principal  
Lydia Gonzalez - Assistant Principal  
Christopher Lozano - Assistant Principal

### CAMPUS VISION/MISSION

#### Mission Statement

L. J. Christen Middle School will strive to focus on every student every day. We will maintain a strong and positive vision of success for all students by providing a challenging and rigorous curriculum through standard-based instruction.

#### Vision

L. J. Christen Middle School will provide a standard-based instructional program that will encourage students to continue their education. The instructional program will focus on critical thinking skills that will lead them to complete their course of study, graduate, and become gainfully employed and/or enrolled in a post-secondary institution of higher learning.

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## CaSE COMPONENTS

## RATINGS

Fine Arts	EXEMPLARY
Wellness & Physical Education	RECOGNIZED
Community & Parental Involvement	EXEMPLARY
21st Century Workforce Development Program	RECOGNIZED
Second Language Acquisition Program	EXEMPLARY
Digital Learning Environment	RECOGNIZED
Dropout Prevention Strategies	EXEMPLARY
Educational Programs for Gifted & Talented Students	EXEMPLARY
<b>OVERALL PERFORMANCE</b>	RECOGNIZED

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1)	Fine Arts
2)	Community/Parental Involvement
3)	Second Language Acquisition

This rating system is required by House Bill 5 (see TEC 39.0545 for details about the law. It allows each campus to showcase the opportunities they provided to students, families and the community in areas other than standardized testing. Details about the law and rating system can be found at [www.laredoisd.org](http://www.laredoisd.org)





Fine Arts

- \*Participation in UIL sponsored activities & competitions
- \*Participation in special performances & assemblies throughout the community
- \*Participation in community art related events
- \*Literary publication by students
- \*Field trips to Fine Arts events
- \*Inclusion/integration of art & music in core courses
- \*Student art is exhibited throughout the campus
- \*Summer Band Program
- \*Band competitions
- \*Mariachi competitions
- \*Art & Music Appreciation classes offered 6-8 grade
- \*Creative writing literary publications
- \*UIL Band



Community & Parental Involvement

- \*Active PTA
- \*Communities in Schools Program
- \*Guppy camp
- \*School sponsored events that include community involvement
- \*Partnerships with community members/groups/organizations
- \*Regular forms of communication: monthly newsletter, school FB page, Let's Talk, School Messenger, etc.
- \*Veteran's Day Assembly
- \*School participation in community events (FFA, college field trips, drug-free assembly, flu shot clinic, family reading night, food drives, beautification projects, Walk for a Cure, parades, etc.)
- \*Active Booster Clubs
- \*Participation in district initiatives aimed at increasing parental involvement (mariachis with mom, dining with dad, parent fair, etc.)
- \*Book fairs
- \*Cub Store-community partnerships/donations
- \*Participation in Boys/Girls Club
- \*Awards ceremonies
- \*Activities related to Student Council
- \*Meet the Teacher Night
- \*Open House



Second Language Acquisition

- \*All students receiving bilingual/ESL services will be instructed by a certified bilingual/ESL teacher.
- \*ELL and non-ELL students will learn together in all content areas as well as electives.
- \*The LPAC team will meet TEA expectations.
- \*The 2017-2018 CIP will include improvement of ELL's meeting state standards.
- \*Cultural awareness events will be offered throughout the year.
- \*ELL Mentor Program will progress monitor ELL students (mentees) throughout the year.
- \*Open house and progress report nights will be offered to parents of ELL students.
- \*SIOP Instructional Model will be implemented in every classroom.
- \*All parent information will be delivered in both English and Spanish.
- \*Summer programs geared toward language proficiency will be offered to ELL students.
- \*After school tutorials, learning lockins and Super Saturday's will be offered to ELL students.

