



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lamar Elementary



Elementary Schools: Alamo | Bonnie P. Hopper Primary | David Crockett | George Washington Carver | Harlem | Highlands
James Bowie | Lorenzo De Zavala | Mirabeau B. Lamar | San Jacinto | Stephen F. Austin | Ashbel Smith | Victoria Walker | William B. Travis

Junior Schools: Baytown | Cedar Bayou | Gentry | Highlands | Horace Mann

High Schools & Others: Goose Creek Memorial | Impact Early College High School at Lee College | John M. Stuart Career Center
Peter E. Hyland Center | Robert E. Lee | Ross S. Sterling | School Community Guidance Center

816 N. Pruett Street



Mirabeau Lamar Elementary School was first built in 1930. The school was named for Mirabeau B. Lamar, an American politician, diplomat and soldier. Lamar was a leading political figure during the Republic of Texas era. It was first located at 916 N. Pruett Street. In 1952, the address was listed as 816 N. Pruett Street, after the consolidation of Baytown, Goose Creek and Pelly in 1948.

The school was demolished in 1996 due to mold and mildew. It was rebuilt in 1995-1996, at the same location on Pruett Street. The new building was dedicated on May 17, 1997. Because there were no funds to purchase landscaping materials, a group of five Lamar teachers came together, and raised the necessary money needed to buy all of the plants and ornamental trees for the campus prior to the dedication ceremony.

PRINCIPALS

1930-1946 Major T. Garrett
1946-1956 L. M. Loy
1956-1972 Dudley Huckabae
1972-1976 J.O. Horn
1976-1987 Elton Hill
1987-1995 Barbara Wilson
1995-2005 Gary Richards
2005-2006 David Davis
2006-2010 Greg Lynd
2010- Rachelle Ysquierdo

SCHOOL SONG

Dear Lamar by Bennie Guynes Gregory, former Lamar music teacher

RENOVATIONS

1946 - 2 classrooms were added
1950 - 4 classrooms were added
1952 - 4 classrooms were added
1995-1996 – new building constructed

MIRABEAU B. LAMAR

Mirabeau B. Lamar (August 16, 1798-December 19, 1859) was an American politician, diplomat and soldier. He was a leading political figure during the Republic of Texas era. He was the second President of the Republic of Texas.

He was born near Louisville, Georgia. He loved to read and educated himself through books. In 1823, Lamar gained a position as the private secretary to the Governor of Georgia,

George W. Troup. He toured the country giving speeches and issuing press releases. He met and married Tabatha Jordan on one of these trips in 1826. Lamar was admitted to the Georgia bar in 1833.

Lamar traveled to Texas in 1834 and decided to stay. He joined Sam Houston's army in 1836 and distinguished himself with bravery at the Battle of San Jacinto. His actions led to his appointment as the Secretary of War in the interim Texas government. Lamar also served as Vice-President of Texas under Sam Houston. He replaced Houston as President in 1838 and was inaugurated on December 1, 1838.

Lamar was appointed to a commission to select a permanent site for the capital of the Republic of Texas and they recommended the small town of Waterloo, which was renamed Austin. All of the Texas governmental affairs and offices were transferred from Houston, Texas to Austin in October 1839.

Lamar has been called the "Father of Texas Education". He convinced the legislature to set aside three leagues of land in each county to equip schools. He also allotted 50 leagues for two universities, Texas A&M and the University of Texas. These actions led to the implementation of a statewide school system. Lamar's term as President expired in 1843 and he returned to military service. In 1857, U. S. President James Buchanan appointed him as Minister to Nicaragua. He died of a heart attack on December 19, 1859. —Source: wikipedia.org

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