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#### A Message from our **Principal**

by Stephanie Meshell

We are off to a great start for our 2022-23 school year! We are excited to see our Rams re-engaging in our school programs and excelling! Please check out our social media pages to see our Rams in action!

I would like to share with our community that Cypress Ridge High School was rated a B school this past year by the Texas Education Agency, and we also earned the highest number of Distinction Designations in our history (tied with two other CFISD schools in having the most!)

Our focus this school year is for our Rams to attend school each day and to increase our school's rating from a B to an A. The first steps in moving to an A rated campus are to have students come to school each day and be on time each class period.

According to state law, students must not have more than nine absences in a class in order to earn credit, even if they are passing the course. Please impress upon your student how important it is for them to be at school each day.

If your student needs assistance with their class work, please have them stay after school Monday through Thursday to receive tutoring. All teachers are here each day until 3:20 p.m. and some teachers are here until 4:20 p.m. We have supper meals provided at no cost and late buses available to take students home.

Also, keep in mind that in High School, students are expected to take final exams once in the fall (December) and again in the Spring (May). Students may exempt these exams if they meet this criteria:

• 5 or fewer absences in each class

3 tardies equal an absence75 or higher for the semester average

No suspensions

We appreciate your support and look forward to a Ramtastic, fantastic year!

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## Rams Recognized for Accountability Results

The Texas Education Agency released the state's school accountability results, and Cypress Ridge High School earned a B rating for the 2021-2022 school year. Most notably, our school achieved SIX of the seven possible distinctions, which is a huge accomplishment. The six distinctions were in the following areas:

- ★English Language Arts/Reading
- **★**Mathematics
- \*Science
- **★**Social Studies
- ★Comparative Academic Growth
- ★Closing the Gaps





# Biology Students Dissect Crawfish and Perch During First Week Back

## Key Club Takes Top Awards This Summer

Cypress Ridge High School's Key Club, sponsored by David Cook, took home TWO 1st place awards at the International Key Club Convention in Washington, D.C. this summer. Of the 4800 Key Clubs represented, the Rams took the top spot in the International Recruitment Video Contest as well as the International Digital Poster Contest (pictured on left).





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