

Important Resources

- ❖ Cypress Ranch Website: **cfisd.net/cyranch**
- ❖ College & Career Website: **www.bit.ly/crhcscollege**
- ❖ Social Media:



@CyRanchHS

@CyRanchCounsel



@CypressRanchHS (Cypress Ranch High School)

@CyRanchCounselors (Cypress Ranch Counselors)

- ❖ Make sure your contact information is up-to-date:
Home Access Center > School Links > [Annual Student Update](#)



CY-FAIR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Today's Students – Tomorrow's Future

Senior Parent/Student Night 2024

HISTORY

- Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (“CFEF”) founded in 1970 by Cy-Fair business & community leaders as 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- CFEF Board consists of approximately 65 volunteer Board trustees committed to assisting students with post high school educational pursuits
- Vision - Provide financial assistance to Cy-Fair Independent School District (“CFISD”) students wanting to attend college
- Mission - Singularly committed to fundraising & scholarships for students from CFISD
- Completely aligned with CFISD due to our financial assistance awarded ONLY to CFISD students




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CFEF IMPACT

- **Celebrating 53 years - Awards total over \$13.4 Million to 3,000+ students**
 - **Donated approximately \$4.4 million for CFISD staff development programs through the Salute to the Stars Event (which started in 1998)**
 - **Awarded over \$900,000 to 151 CFISD 2024 graduating seniors**
 - **Awards provided to students attending many colleges/universities including Lone Star College – Designated trade scholarships for Lone Star include Automotive and Welding**
 - **Scholarship / Award amounts range from \$1000 - \$32,000 each**
 - **Minimum 3 awards per high school**
 - **Provide financial assistance to CFISD students wanting to attend college**
 - **Very important that students complete the FAFSA (“Free Application for Federal Student Aid”) form to access financial resources like Federal Pell Grants and Texas Grants**
 - **Applying by Oct. 1 could provide a greater opportunity to access such resources**
 - **Certain public universities provide tuition assistance based on economic need but FAFSA is required**
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CFEF FUNDRAISERS

- BF Adam Golf Classic
- Salute to the Stars
- Salute to Our Heroes
- Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational
- CFEF Sporting Clay
- Donate to Educate
- Corporate Partners / Individual Donors / Endowment Partners



CFEF
SCHOLARSHIP
RECEPTION



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

- Scholarships based on financial need, scholastic achievements and leadership qualities
- November 25, 2024 – Online application will be available on CFEF website
- January 11, 2025 – Deadline for online application for certain CFEF awards
- March 2025 – Anticipated date for online application for CFEF Schroeder application on website
 - Requires Lone Star College attendance
- April 2025 - Deadline for online application for Edwin Schroeder endowment awards
 - Awarded to CFISD senior students attending Lone Star College
 - 35-50 scholarships - \$2,000 each



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WAYS TO STAY INFORMED



**CFEF
WEBSITE**
TheCFEF.org



**CFEF
OFFICE**
281-370-0144



**CONTACT
COUNSELORS
AT
HIGH
SCHOOL**



CY-FAIR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
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Senior Presentation

Cypress Ranch High School

 CLASS OF
2025

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Foundation with Endorsement

English – English I, English II, English III + 4 th English credit	4 Credits
Math – Algebra I, Geometry + 2 Advanced Math (Alg 2 required for some)	4 Credits
Science – Biology + IPC/Chem/Physics + 2 Additional Science courses	4 Credits
Social Studies – W. Geo/W. Hist + US History + Govt & Econ	3 Credits
Health	½ Credit
PACE – 9 th Grade Year	½ Credit
PE	1 Credit
Language Other Than English – LOTE 1 + LOTE 2*	2 Credits
Fine Arts	1 Credit
Electives	6 Credits
TOTAL STATE CREDITS	26

*A student who struggled in completing the first LOTE credit and is unlikely to complete the second level LOTE credit may, with approval from Committee, substitute another course from a state-mandated list.

MAY NOT be appropriate choice for university bound students.

EOC (STAAR)

Exit Level Retests

12/10/24

English I

12/11/24

Algebra I/U.S. History/Biology

12/12/24

English II

- ❖ Retest opportunities in the Spring and Summer.
- ❖ Students will NOT be allowed to walk the stage at graduation if they do not pass all required EOC exams.



Correspondence Courses

- ❖ Course must be completed, and the final exam requested by November 1st.
- ❖ If the student does not complete the course, it will be recorded on the transcript as a “WD” and will be calculated in the grade point average as an “F” which negatively affect class rank.
- ❖ Must sign correspondence agreement letter prior to registration.
- ❖ Credit may not count for NCAA

Pass/Fail Classes

- ❖ Can earn up to 2.0 credits pass/fail.
- ❖ Must exceed 22 credits (Foundation only) or 26 credits (Foundation + Endorsement) to be eligible.
- ❖ Benefits students who have a 6.0 GPA or higher.
- ❖ Fall semester Pass/Fail application cycle has ended.
- ❖ Spring semester Pass/Fail applications will be available in January.
- ❖ Students **MUST** declare pass/fail each semester.



NCAA Initial Eligibility Center

- ❖ Not all classes you take to meet high school graduation requirements may be used as core courses.
- ❖ Courses completed through credit-by-exam will not be used.
- ❖ CFISD DCR courses do not count towards the NCAA core requirements.
- ❖ See your Counselor or head coach for more NCAA information

<http://www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org>



AP Exam Registration 2024-2025

September 16th – October 30th

- ❖ AP Exam registration for year-long and fall semester courses will **OPEN Sept. 16th at 12:01 am.**
 - ❖ *(Spring AP courses will have registration beginning in January)*
- ❖ AP Exam registration will **CLOSE on October 30, 2024 @ NOON.**
 - ❖ **TWO STEP PROCESS:**
 1. Teachers will give join codes to join AP course in CollegeBoard
 2. Student must pay for AP exams in School Cash
 - ❖ Tests will NOT be ordered until student pays (by the deadline) in School Cash
- ❖ Cost = **\$103.00 per exam**
 - ❖ Cost per exam for Free/Reduced lunch status will be released soon



National Honor Society

Application window opens October 7th and closes November 1st at 3:00PM

- ❖ Who can apply? Any Junior or Senior with a 5.8 GPA or higher
- ❖ Involved in a minimum of 3 extra-curricular activities, clubs, or organizations (inside or outside of school)
- ❖ Two leadership positions (inside or outside of school)
- ❖ 20 combined hours of community service
 - ❖ 2 different community service activities, during 2 different years

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College/Military Visits

- ❖ 2 days for college visits & 4 days for military visits during senior year
- ❖ Check with colleges to see what in-person options are available
- ❖ Pick up **Visitation Request Form** from our Attendance Office **BEFORE** visit
- ❖ Form must be **signed and stamped** by a college official/military recruiting office and returned to the Attendance Office **within 3 days** of returning

Final Exemptions:

- ❖ Five or less absences
- ❖ Three or less tardies
- ❖ Average of 75+ for the semester
- ❖ E, S, or I in conduct/no discipline/no fees or fines

Seniors get to exempt 4 finals/semester

College Visit Request Form!



Cypress Ranch High School

INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION VISITATION

Campus Name: _____ Date of Request: _____

Students have the opportunity in their Junior or Senior year of high school to visit an institution of higher education that is accredited by a generally recognized accrediting organization to determine the student's interest in attending the institution. Students are permitted to miss school a total of two (2) days in their Junior year and two (2) days in their Senior year; additional days will not be excused.

Both the student and the parent(s) must sign the institution of higher education form in order to be accepted. Upon completion of the student's visit to the institution of choice, a College Representative must complete **Part II, Institution Confirmation** section below and provide a letter on the Institution's letterhead as documentation of the student's visit.

The institution's letterhead documentation must be attached to this form as supporting documentation. Both forms must be turned into your campus Attendance Office upon return to campus for validation.

Part I – To be completed by the student and parent(s). (Print only)			
Student's Full Name (Print):	Student's ID#:	Student's DOB:	Grade:
Institution Visiting:	Scheduled Visit Date:	Time:	Student will be absent: [] All Day [] Half Day
Student's Signature:	Father's Name & Telephone #:	Mother's Name & Telephone #:	

PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS: As the parents of the above named student, I/We do hereby give my/our consent and authorization for my child to be absent from school on the date(s) and time(s) noted above. I/We understand this request is for him/her to visit with an Institution of Higher Learning of their choice. I/We am aware that a letter on the Institution's letterhead must be returned along with this permission form to my child's schools Attendance Office confirming their visit to the institution. In order to have the absence(s) excused this request form and institution letterhead must be returned immediately after their visit, otherwise I/We am aware that the absence will not be excused.

Father's Signature _____ Date _____ Mother's Signature _____ Date _____

Part II: Institution Confirmation of Student's Visit			
Institution Representative (PRINT):	Institution Representative Signature:	Official Title:	Confirmation Date of Visit:
Letterhead Attached OR College Seal/Stamp Provided:			College Seal/Stamp
[] YES, letterhead/seal/stamp	Institution Rep: _____	Date: _____	
[] NO, letterhead/seal/stamp	Institution Rep: _____	Date: _____	
If No, please provide a reason: _____			

Part III : Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Attendance Office			
[] Approved	Attendance Staff: _____	Date: _____	
[] Denied	Attendance Staff: _____	Date: _____	Explain:

Pick up & Return to Attendance Office!

2 Days during senior year!

Military Branch Visit Request Form!



CYPRESS RANCH HIGH SCHOOL

MILITARY VISITATION

Campus Name: _____ Date of Request: _____

Students 17 years of age or older are allowed a total four (4) days during their enrollment in High School for activities related to pursuing enlistment in a branch of the United States uniformed services or Texas Army National Guard. Each student must complete and return this form to their campus Attendance Office in order to have an absence excused otherwise, the excuse will not be changed to an excused absence.

Both the student and the parent(s) must sign the Military Branch Visitation Form in order to be accepted. Upon completion of the student's visit to the recruitment office, the Military Recruiting Office/ Representative must complete Part II, Military Branch Confirmation section below and provide a letter on military branch letterhead as documentation of the student's visit.

Part I – To be completed by the student and parent(s). (Print only)			
Student's Full Name (Print):	Student's ID#: _____	Student's DOB: _____	Student's Current Grade: _____
Military Branch Visiting:	Visit Date: _____	Time: _____	Student will be absent: [] All Day [] Half Day (Time)
Student's Signature: _____	Father's Name & Telephone #: _____	Mother's Name & Telephone #: _____	

As the parents of the above-named student, I/We do hereby give my/our consent and authorization for my child to be absent from school on the date(s) and time(s) noted above. I/We understand this request is for him/her to visit with the local Military Recruiting Branch of their choice. I/We am aware that a letter on a military branch letterhead must be returned with this form to my child's schools Attendance Office confirming their visit to the recruiting office. In order to have the absence excused this letter must be returned immediately after their visit, otherwise I/We am aware that the absence will not be excused.

Father's Signature _____ Date _____ Mother's Signature _____ Date _____

Part II: Military Branch Confirmation of Student's Visit			
Military Representative (PRINT)	Military Representative Signature: _____	Official Title: _____	Confirmation Date of Visit: _____


Letterhead Attached:
 YES, provided letterhead Military Branch Rep: _____ Date: _____
 NO, not provided Military Branch Rep: _____ Date: _____
If No, please provide a reason: _____

Part III: Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Attendance Office		
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	Attendance Staff: _____	Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	Attendance Staff: _____	Date: _____
<i>If Denied, please provide a reason:</i> _____		

Pick up & Return to Attendance Office!

4 Days during senior year!

Requesting Transcripts

- ❖ Submit college or scholarship applications PRIOR to ordering official transcripts to be sent.
- ❖ Know your deadlines & plan ahead - Transcript processing takes up to 3 days.
- ❖ To order transcripts:
 - ❖ Scan this QR code: 
 - ❖ If you do not have a smart phone, you can use this link from your computer: <https://cypressfairbanksk12.scriborder.com/applicationCurrent>
- ❖ Fee schedule for all other schools/transcript requests:
 - ❖ The first 5 transcripts are FREE
 - ❖ The 6th transcript is \$3.00
 - ❖ Additional transcripts are \$1.00 each.
- ❖ Tips: If you do not have a social security number or driver's license number, you can put four zeros in for the response to those questions and it will allow you to bypass it.



Graduation



May 28th at 12:00 pm
Berry Center

Honor Graduate Designation by GPA:

- 6.5+ - Summa Cum Laude
- 6.25-6.49 - Magna Cum Laude
- 6.0-6.24 - Cum Laude

**Graduation status determined at end of the
3rd 9-week grading period of senior year.**

Choices After Graduation

- ❖ College
 - ❖ 2-year or 4-year institutions
- ❖ Career / Technical Training
- ❖ Military



College and Career Update

www.bit.ly/crhscollege

TEXAS Top 10% Admissions

- ❖ Automatic Admission to Texas Public Institutions; UT top 6%
- ❖ Must submit completed application and all required documents prior to deadline set by the university.
- ❖ Apply no later than 2 years after graduating from high school.
- ❖ Graduate under FHSP+E and Distinguished Level of Achievement.
- ❖ Colleges within the universities may limit the number eligible for admission due to enrollment caps. (i.e., You could be accepted to the university but **NOT** offered your major of study.)

Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

❖ TSI:

- A statewide program to assess college readiness in the areas of English Language Arts Reading (ELAR) and mathematics.
- Required by in-state, public institutions.
- Helps colleges determine what type of course or intervention will best meet your needs in each of these areas.

TSI Exempt if student meets college readiness benchmark:

TSI Requirement	SAT (after March 2016)	ACT (before 2/15/23)	ACT (on or after 2/15/23)
ELAR	480+	23+ Composite, and 19+ English	40+ on English & Reading (E+R) NO Composite score requirement
MATH	530+	23+ Composite, and 19+ Math	22+ on Math NO Composite score requirement

If a student is not TSI exempt...A placement test will be required before enrollment. Check with your college/university for instructions on how to test and submit results.

Before Starting the Application Process

- ❖ Do your research & develop a college list of at least 6 schools.
- ❖ Take the required entrance exams SAT/ACT.
 - A lot of schools are TEST OPTIONAL again this year
- ❖ Develop a résumé - don't be modest!
- ❖ Compose Essays - have them edited by teacher, parent, or other resources.
- ❖ If needed, ask for letters of recommendation.
 - MUST give Ranch Staff 3 weeks notification

Common Requirements for College Applications

- ❖ Fees
- ❖ Essay
- ❖ Application
- ❖ Scores
- ❖ Transcripts



College Essay Writing Tips

- ❖ Research the traits the college/university describes their students possessing, and ensure your essay demonstrates/shows that you possess those traits.
- ❖ **BE AUTHENTIC** & use the essay to tell them what your application can't
- ❖ Focus on the unique qualities, characteristics, and/or talents that you will bring to their college community
- ❖ Include deep, personal reflections - don't just retell a story
- ❖ Make sure your essay is about **YOU** – they're not admitting any of your family members

Texas Public Colleges/Universities



[ApplyTexas.org](https://www.applytexas.org)

College Applications

Used by nearly 900 member
colleges and universities in all 50
states

THE COMMON
APPLICATION

[CommonApp.org](https://www.commonapp.org)

COALITION

Being used by more schools each year - especially Texas
schools as an alternative to ApplyTexas

www.CoalitionForCollegeAccess.org

Institution-Specific Application

Some colleges have
their own application
accessed from their
Admissions web page.

SAT Test Dates 2024-2025

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline
August 24, 2024	August 9, 2024
* October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024
* November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024
* December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024
* March 8, 2025 (DIGITAL)	February 21, 2025
* May 3, 2025 (DIGITAL)	April 18, 2025
June 7, 2025 (DIGITAL)	May 22, 2025

* *Cy Ranch is currently a testing center option for these test dates.*

www.collegeboard.org

ACT Test Dates 2024-2025

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9, 2024
October 26, 2024	September 20, 2024
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025

www.actstudent.org

Applying To College



Don't Trick or Treat Before You Complete!

1. APPLY EARLY – Don't meet deadlines, beat them! College deadlines are firm...no exceptions!
2. READ CAREFULLY - Provide accurate information and ALL required materials. Don't forget to pay the application fee and click SUBMIT! Proofread, proofread, proofread and be honest.
3. RESPOND IMMEDIATELY – Remind students to check emails daily and respond as quickly as possible to provide whatever they're requesting.
4. CHECK APP STATUS ONLINE - OFTEN! / Don't forget the Bac Men vaccine requirement!
5. COMPLETE THE FAFSA APPLICATION – phased rollout begins October 1st and you should complete the 2025-2026 application as soon as it's available

Keep this info handy for College Applications

- ❖ GPA is: 6.0 on a weighted scale
- ❖ High School Code: 441689
- ❖ NCAA Eligibility Center Code: 9999
- ❖ School address:
 - Cypress Ranch HS
 - 10700 Fry Rd. Cypress, TX 77433
- ❖ School phone: 281-373-2300
- ❖ Principal: Dr. Michael Maness

Letters of Recommendation

Research, Request, Respond, Review

- ❖ **Research** each college carefully - Some colleges won't consider them at all, and some colleges consider them heavily.
- ❖ **Request** letter(s) at least 3 weeks in advance to give the recommender time to write the recommendation.
- ❖ **Respond** to your recommender's request for any additional information, such as a Student Profile
- ❖ **Review** your admissions checklist on each of your college portals to ensure letters are submitted before the deadline.

Letters are sent directly to each college/university by person who is writing recommendation letter. Letters should NEVER be given directly to a student.

Paying for College (Financial Aid Options)

- ❖ Grants
- ❖ Scholarships
- ❖ Loans
- ❖ Work-Study Programs



FAFSA: Financial Aid

- ❖ Updated application with approx. 35 questions!
- ❖ Texas HS Graduation Requirement
- ❖ Must complete EVERY YEAR to receive ANY financial aid from university (including federal student loans)
- ❖ FAFSA – phased rollout begins OCTOBER 1st and will be released to ALL by December 1st
- ❖ Money is awarded on first-come, first-served basis
- ❖ Required by most colleges and scholarships
- ❖ Texas Priority Deadline is Jan. 15th, but you really need to know & meet each college's financial aid deadline
- ❖ You can get started at: www.studentaid.gov

FAFSA

Important Changes to Note:

- ❖ Phased rollout this year beginning on Oct. 1st
- ❖ Released to ALL by Dec. 1st
- ❖ Student and parent(s) must set up their own FSA ID because they each have a portion of the FAFSA to complete.
- ❖ Fewer issues last year when the student logged in FIRST and named their parent(s) on the application. Parents then receive an email directing them to complete their portion.

Scholarships

- ❖ District Website: www.CFISD.net
 - Search for: Scholarships
- ❖ Parent's Employers/Major Corporations
- ❖ Scholarship "Search" Websites:
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.scholarships360.org
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- ❖ Colleges – research to find out if they review your admissions app or if there is a separate scholarship application & deadline
- ❖ Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Compendium of Texas College and Financial Aid Calendar
 - <https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/education/msp/>

Scholarship Reporting Form

- ❖ Keep track of ALL scholarship offers (academic and athletic) even if you're not planning to accept them!
- ❖ You can print the Scholarship Reporting Form from our College & Career website (please use this form to track your scholarship offers until we ask for the final totals in the Spring)
- ❖ Students will report these totals in April/May on the district's Senior Survey:
 - ❖ Academic Scholarships offered = \$
 - ❖ Academic Scholarships accepted = \$
 - ❖ Athletic Scholarships offered = \$
 - ❖ Athletic Scholarships accepted = \$

Cypress Ranch High School
SCHOLARSHIP TRACKING FORM 2024-2025

STUDENT NAME: _____ CPSD ID#: _____

Please use this form to keep track of all scholarship awards that you are OFFERED, even if you don't plan to accept/use them. We will ask you to report all of this information in April/May of your senior year.

This information is critical to building an academic reputation for Cypress Ranch High School, so thank you in advance for being thorough and accurate.

Important Info:
The column entitled "Total Amount of Award" is VERY important. Below is additional information to help ensure you fill it in accurately.

- If the scholarship offered to you is "Full tuition & fees" or "Full ride", look on the school's website for their Cost of Attendance breakdown and calculate your award.
(See Example 1: Full ride x 4 years = **\$100,000**)
- If the scholarship is a one-time, non-renewable award, simply list the award amount offered.
(See Example 2: **\$500**)
- You may need to calculate the amount if the scholarship is renewable for more than 1 year. For example, you are offered a \$1,000 scholarship that's renewable for 4 years.
(See Example 3: \$1,000 x 4 years = **\$4,000**)

University/Organization Awarding this scholarship	Accepted Yr/Is	Athletic or Academic?	Name of Award	Total Amount of Award
Ex. 1: XYZ University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	Athletic	Football Scholarship	Full Ride x 4 years = \$100,000
Ex. 2: ABC Company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	Academic	EFG Scholarship	\$500
Ex. 3: State University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	Academic	Presidential Scholarship	\$1,000 x 4 years = \$4,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> Y / <input type="checkbox"/> N			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Y / <input type="checkbox"/> N			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Y / <input type="checkbox"/> N			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Y / <input type="checkbox"/> N			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Y / <input type="checkbox"/> N			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Y / <input type="checkbox"/> N			

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS	
Total Academic Offered: \$	Total Athletic Offered: \$
Total Academic Accepted: \$	Total Athletic Accepted: \$



CFISD
COLLEGE
NIGHT



OCT. 1 | 6:00 -8:00 P.M. | BERRY CENTER

Create a personal QR code to share with College Reps at the Fair

falltacrao.swoogo.com/registration

Filter by: Region - Houston I / Cypress-Fairbanks ISD - October 1st

Senior Conferences

Fall 2024 Semester

A - Bro	Danielle Abrams
Bru - D	Lindsey Housson
E - Harr	Hayley Hamel
Hars - Lev	Natasha Brooks
Lew - Ngo	Zac Lucas
Ngu - Rh	Denise Patrick
Ri - Tc	Lauren Stribling
Te - Z	Lauren McClaid



Questions???
All Counselors are
waiting outside until
Open House
which starts at 6pm