

What is College Academy?



Partnership

Partnership between CFISD and Lone Star College CyFair – offered at all CFISD schools



HS Diploma and Associate Degree

Eligible students may earn HS diploma and Associate Degree during grades 9-12



Dual Credit

College Academy is a Dual Credit program



Guidance

Any CFISD student may pursue the Associate Degree via college credit courses, however, College Academy provides progress tracking and guidance on sequence of courses to achieve an Associate Degree from LSC CyFair

College Academy: History and Success



 Pilot program began at Cypress Lakes in 2017.

Fall 2020 launched the freshman cohort at all 12 campuses with all high schools graduating College Academy seniors in May 2024.

Over 1500 GRADUATES CANDIDATES since 2021.

More About College Academy

Not a "School within a School"

Students take courses at the high school; normal high school experience

Not a curriculum → A Degree Plan

Curriculum meets both state TEKS and college Student Learning Outcomes (SLO)

Degree Plannning/Course Selection

Students have many options of courses and adjust yearly as needed

Not an "Early College"

Early College is a TEA state designation that would restrict how our program works



What is Dual Credit?

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HS & College Credit

Courses that earn high school credit and college credit based upon successful completion of the course.

Requirements

Students must meet requirements for both LSC and CFISD to enroll in a course.

Ava ila bilit y

Students may enroll in Dual Credit upon meeting CFISD and LSC requirements

College Credit

Credit is awarded by the receiving institution (LSC) upon successful completion of the course.

Cost

Tuition is free, however, students must pay the cost of fees unless qualifying for scholarships.



Research colleges to which your student applies for admissions information.

What is Advanced Placement?

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HS & College Credit

Courses that earn high school credit and college credit based upon the exam score.

Requirements

Student must meet requirements for CFISD to enroll in the course.

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Any student may register for an AP exam and do not have to enroll in the course.

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Credit

Credit is awarded by the receiving institution based upon acceptance and exam score.

Cost

Courses are free, however, students must pay the cost of the exam unless qualifying for fee waivers.

Research colleges to which your student applies for admissions information.

College Academy:

Dual Credit and Advanced Placement

College Academy students are able to take advantage of both Dual Credit and AP Exams to complete the Associate Degree.

However, AP Exams do not always grant the same number or type of college credit as the corresponding dual credit class

Students planning on using AP Exam credit to complete parts of the Associate Degree should speak to their dual credit team at the high school for more information

Research colleges to which your student applies for admissions information

What is an Associate Degree?

For Degree and/or Transfer

2 yr college degree that may meet employment requirements or may be used for transfer to apply to an institution that offers baccalaureate degree programs.

Core Classes

Most courses are core high school classes—such as English, History, Math, Science, etc.

Options in Coursework

There are some options in coursework needed to complete the degree – not every student will have the same courses for their degree.

Benefits of an Associate Degree

Cost savings per 1 course

Texas A&M \$1,646.87 University of Houston

\$1,761

Lone Star

College

\$333

Lone Star

College

Dual Credit

\$129

Cost Information:

- \$204 tuition waived; student/parent pays only the fees of \$129
- Under HB 8, the *Financial Aid for Swift Transfer* (FAST) program was passed to provide funding for **students who are eligible for the national free/reduced lunch program to enroll in dual credit courses at no cost.**
- Please see the <u>College Academy Timeline and Payment</u> document on the College Academy website for more information about the cost of the program



Benefits of an Associate Degree



- Students/Parents consider college earlier
- Communication with colleges
- Reviewing admissions criteria
- Researching 4-year degree plans
- Military Promotion





Mental Health
 Socio-emotional awareness
 Academic rigor of Junior level college courses

Advanced Degrees consider entire college GPA

Example: Medical Program Applicant – college GPA starts now

Major Transfer Coursework
 Some options in the Associate Degree may not have a place in your student's major

College Admissions Programs
 Example: Blinn Team



College Academy

The High School Diploma and the College Degree



Foundation + Endorsement



- 26 high school credits
- Any high school endorsement
 Some endorsements will allow more flexibility for dual credit courses
- For the STEM Endorsement
 Algebra II, Chemistry and
 Physics are required



The Associate Degree Options



Associate

Degree

42 core credits + 18 elective credits = 60 credits



What is

right for

your

student?



Associate

of Science

STEM, Math, Medical, Engineering, etc.



Associate

of Arts

English, History, Business, etc.

Students are NOT limited in applying to colleges based on their degree.

Example: Students do not need to have an Associate of Science to apply for an Engineering program. Students will benefit from either degree.



The Associate Degree Options

Core Curriculum

42 credits

Communication – 2 courses

Math - 1 course

Science – 2 courses

Arts - 1 course

History – 2 courses

Lang, Phil, Culture - 1

course

Social Behavioral – 1 course

Government - 2 courses

CAO - 2 courses

Associate of Science 18 credits

Math – 1 course

Science – 2 courses

Electives – 2 – 3 courses

Associate of Arts
18 credits
Extra courses in any subject
may be used

Including math and science

New for the 2025-26 School Year



Associate of Arts in Teaching

- **Public Service Endorsement** Education and Training (E & T 1)
- Enroll in "Principles of Education and Training"
- Courses aligned to Texas Tech "TechTeach" online program to complete teacher prep program with opportunity to teach in CFISD!
- Coursework may also be applied to other teacher prep programs

*Students should check their post-secondary institution to confirm degree plan and transfer options

The Associate of Arts in Teaching

Core Curriculum

44 credits

Comm - ENGL 1301 and ENGL 1302

Math - MATH 1314

Science - 2 courses*

Arts - 1 course*

History - HIST 1301 and HIST 1302

Lang, Phil, Culture - 1 course*

Social Behavioral - PSYC 2301

Govt - GOVT 2305 & GOVT 2306

CAO - SPCH 1311 and GEOG 1303

*See AAT degree plan on CA website for DC options

AAT Requirements 22 credits

MATH 1350 & MATH 1351

GEOL 1401 or GEOL 1403

DRAM 1310 or MUSI 1306

HIST 2301

EDUC 1301 and EDUC 2301



Degree Plan available on the College Academy website

Accepted by public colleges in Texas & many colleges nationwide

There is much to consider as your student's plans may change

Let's look at the courses!

LONE STAR COLLEGE COURSE			HIGH SCHOOL COURSE						
History (Required to take both = 6 Cr.)		СН	CR	Social Studies	CR	9	10	-11	12
☐ HIST 1301	United States History to 1877	48	3	AP United States History (Fall)	.5		CA	DC	
☐ HIST 1302	United States History Since 1877	48	3	AP United States History (Spring)	.5		CA	DC	

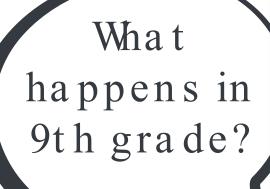
Lone Star College

- ➤ HIST 1301 United States History to 1877
- > 48 Contact Hours
- ➤ 3 Credit Hours

CFISD

- AP United States History
- > .5 HS Credits





Students have their **typical Freshman schedule**

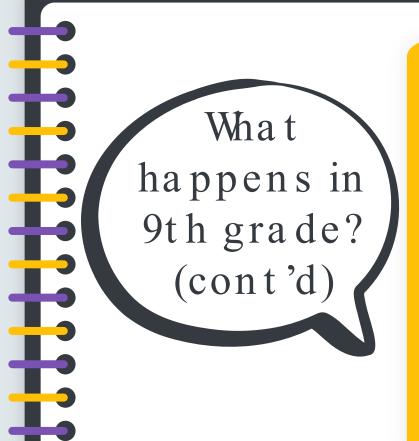
There is **NO Dual Credit coursework** in 9th grade

Students will receive assistance with adjusting 4 Year plans

Students will complete a Lone Star College CyFair Application

College Academy PACE in the Fall





A student who meets the following criteria is eligible to apply for the opportunity to earn high school credit through college courses:

- Earn an overall average for all courses of at least 80 or an average of at least 80 in the last course taken in the general subject area.
- Successfully complete prerequisite courses as identified by district guidelines.
- Complete an application and receive approval for college admissions.
- Register for US History DC in 10th grade as part of a College Academy cohort.

Recommendations prior to 9th grade

If you will be applying to College Academy, it is recommended to **schedule a history class Freshman year.**

World History K/AP or Human Geography K/AP

- Will better prepare students for US History DC in 10th grade
- Students will not have to double up on history in 10th grade
- Speak to your 8th grade counselor before the course verification deadline

Students who score a 3+ on the <u>World History AP</u> exam may earn college credition that will help them achieve the degree with less classes Junior and Senior year.

What other things do Ineed to know and consider?



- Summer school (between 10th 11th and 11th 12th)
- Course enrollment at the college
- Support along the way
- Schoology Course with information and resources
- College Academy Mentor



What will my student give up?

Nothing!

Students will have **elective options**.

They may still engage in their areas of interest including extra-curriculars such as sports and fine arts, clubs, and competitions.

Students should be mindful of the **need to balance electives**, **extracurriculars**, **and academics**.



College Academy

Application Windows
Timeline
More Information





Qualifications to Apply



Currently enrolled

8th grade student

Appications not open to private school, charter school, homeschool, etc.



Algebra

Must earn Algebra I credit with 80+ year average*



English K/H

Must pass English
Language Arts with 80+
end of year average;
8th grade ESL ADV
included

*8th grade students enrolled in Geometry or higher will also meet qualifications to apply.
*CBE credit for Algebra I in 8th grade is NOT accepted





In vitation to Apply



When?

After the

3rd grading period
(1 week after Spring
Break)



Communication

Communication from
Middle Schools to parents
of students who are in
Algebra I or Geometry
and
English 8 K/H or
ESL 8 ADV



Follow-up

District will follow up with parents of students who have not yet applied in May

Note: An invitation does

NOT guarantee accept into College Academy.

Application Window: March 24 - June 1, 2025



Application

Apply on the College Academy Website – Google Form Submission



Students must answer essay prompts:

- **1.What are your career goals?** (Be specific about your post-high school plans)
- 2. Why do you want to be in this program? What do you hope to gain from this program both personally and academically?
- 3. What other information do you want to offer about yourself as to why you should be given preference for a slot if space is limited?

After Completing the Application



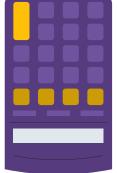
Recommendation

Add History class for 9th grade before end of the school year – see 8th grade counselor



Decision Letters

Decision letters mailed home late June to mid-July







Where can I find more information?

CFISD College Academy page

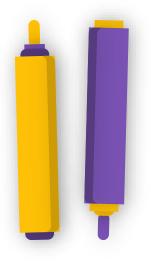
You will find:

- Parent Presentation PDF
- > FAQ Document
- College Academy Timeline of Events and Payments
- Associate Degree Plan
- > Application





What if I have more questions?



Email questions to collegeacademy@cfisd.net

Include a contact phone number with questions should a phone conversation be more expedient.



Thank you!





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