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If you do not currently get messages,
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CYPRESS RANCH HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



**8th to 9th Grade
Presentation
Class of 2029**

CRHS COUNSELORS

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2024-2025 COUNSELING TEAM

Top Row L->R
Housson
Patrick
Marks
Brooks
Lucas



Bottom Row L->R
Abrams
McClellan
Hamel
Stribling
McClaid
Ehricke
Cash

GRADE CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS

Students promoted by earning credits

Grade	Criteria for Promotion
9 th	Promotion from Middle School
10 th	1 year of attendance and 5 credits, including English I and Algebra I
11 th	2 years of attendance and 11 credits
12 th	3 years of attendance and 17 credits

Students MUST pass BOTH semesters of English I and Algebra I to be promoted as sophomore next year.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

- All high school courses beginning with courses taken between 8th and 9th grade
- Includes summer school, correspondence courses, and CBEs
- Includes Geometry, Biology, Art I, and the third or higher level of a foreign language if taken in middle school
- Cumulative grade point average is re-averaged at the end of each school year and in January of senior year
- The GPA for Cypress Fairbanks ISD is based upon a 6.0 weighted scale
- It is the student's GPA that determines the student's class rank

Student: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cypress, TX 77433

Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D.

(281) 373-2300

CEEB #: 441689

Birth Date: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

State ID: [REDACTED]

Graduation Date: [REDACTED]

Student ID: [REDACTED]

Grade: 12

Ethnicity: Not Hispanic/Latino

TX Grant Eligibility: [REDACTED]

Parent Guardian: [REDACTED]

Gender: F

Race: Asian

Certificate of Completion Date: [REDACTED]

Graduation Program Type: End HS Prg-Tac Ch 74.1021-Stu Spced Gr 9 2015 & after

Student Unique ID: [REDACTED]

Department: ENGLISH

Year	Building	Course	SEM1	SEM2	Credit	
2020	101907012	English I H	97	G	0.5	
2020	101907012	English I H		100	G	0.5
2020	101907012	PACE		100		0.5
2021	101907012	English II H	95	G	0.5	
2021	101907012	English II H		98	G	0.5
2022	101907012	English III K	97	H	0.5	
2022	101907012	English III K		99	H	0.5
2023	101907012	Eng IV K			0	
2023	101907012	Eng IV K			0	

Department: SCIENCE

Year	Building	Course	SEM1	SEM2	Credit	
2020	101907012	Biology I H	98	G	0.5	
2020	101907012	Biology I H		99	G	0.5
2021	101907012	CHEMISTRY H	98	G	0.5	
2021	101907012	CHEMISTRY H		93	G	0.5
2021	101907012	PHYSICS H	92	G	0.5	
2021	101907012	PHYSICS H		94	G	0.5
2022	101907012	FORENSICS K	98	H	0.5	
2022	101907012	FORENSICS K		99	H	0.5
2022	101907012	PATHOPHYS K	100	H	0.5	
2022	101907012	PATHOPHYS K		100	H	0.5
2022	101907012	Antmy/Physlgy K	98	HA	0.5	
2022	101907012	Antmy/Physlgy K		100	HA	0.5
2022	101907012	Earth Space H	100	G	0.5	
2022	101907012	Earth Space H		100	G	0.5
2023	101907012	CHEM-CA AP/DC			0	
2023	101907012	CHEM-CA AP/DC			0	

Department: ECONOMICS

Year	Building	Course	SEM1	SEM2	Credit
2023	101907012	Economics K			0

Department: MATHEMATICS

Year	Building	Course	SEM1	SEM2	Credit	
2019	101907058	Algebra I H	97	J	0.5	
2019	101907058	Algebra I H		97	J	0.5
2020	101907012	Geometry H	97	G	0.5	
2020	101907012	Geometry H		97	G	0.5
2021	101907012	Algebra II H	93	G	0.5	
2021	101907012	Algebra II H		90	G	0.5
2022	101907012	Ism Col Alg H	99	G	0.5	
2022	101907012	Ism Col Alg H		98	G	0.5
2022	900	Statistics AP/D	95	DR	0.5	
2023	101907012	PRE CAL K DC			0	
2023	101907012	PRE CAL K DC			0	

Department: SOCIAL STUDIES

Year	Building	Course	SEM1	SEM2	Credit	
2020	101907012	Human Geog Hap	96	GP	0.5	
2020	101907012	Human Geog Hap		99	GP	0.5
2021	101907012	Wld Hist St K	100	H	0.5	
2021	101907012	Wld Hist St K		99	H	0.5
2022	101907012	U S History K	99	H	0.5	
2022	101907012	U S History K		100	H	0.5
2022	900	Sociology D	95	DR	0.5	
2023	101907012	Psych Hap Dual			0	
2023	101907012	US Govt H/AP			0	

Department: HEALTH

Year	Building	Course	SEM1	SEM2	Credit
2023	101907012	Health			0

HOW IS A SEMESTER AVERAGE CALCULATED?

$$\begin{array}{r} 85+85+85 \\ + \\ 95+95+95 \\ + \\ *90 \text{ (final exam)} / 7 \\ = \\ 90 \text{ (semester average)} \end{array}$$

- **1st Nine Weeks Grade - added three times**
- **2nd Nine Weeks Grade - added three times**
- **Semester Exam - counts as 1/7 of the semester grade***

*** Unless you are exempt from semester exams**

2024-25 FINAL EXAM EXEMPTION POLICY

9th grade – one exam per semester

	GRADE	Absences Allowed	Tardies Allowed
A	90 - 100	5	3
B	80 - 89	5	3
C	75 - 79	5	3
C-	70 - 74	No Exemption	No Exemption
F	69 and below	No Exemption	No Exemption

- **Minimum grade of 75 for the semester**
 - **No outstanding Fines/Fees**
 - **No suspensions**

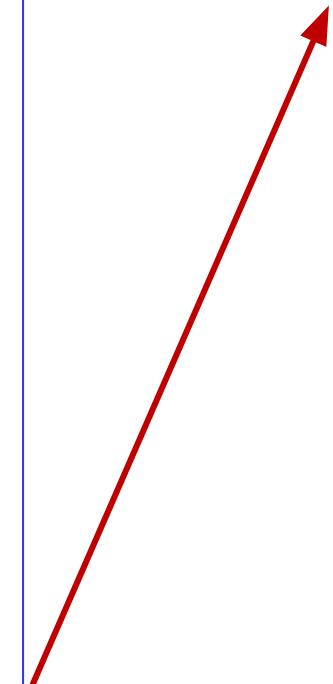
CURRENT GRADE POINT TABLE FOR DETERMINING GPA

GRADE	LEVEL	
	K, AP, DC & HORIZONS LEVELS	L-LEVEL (ON LEVEL)
A	7 grade points	6 grade points
B	6 grade points	5 grade points
C	5 grade points	4 grade points
C-	4 grade points	3 grade points
F	0 grade points	0 grade points

HOW TO CALCULATE GPA

To compute:

1. Determine each semester letter grade
2. Award grade points
3. Add points together
4. Divide by total number of semester averages added together
5. Carry out to 4 decimal points



English I	91 (A) = 6
Alg I	80 (B) = 5
W. Geo K	85 (B) = 6
Biology	78 (C) = 4
Spanish I	83 (B) = 5
PACE	92 (A) = 6
PE / Ath	100(A) = <u>6</u>

$$38 \div 7 = 5.428 \text{ GPA}$$

GRADE AVERAGING or BRIDGING

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>2nd Semester</u>
<u>PACE</u>	<u>0.5</u>	82	
<u>English I</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>65</u>	
<u>English I</u>	<u>0.5</u>		<u>83</u>
<u>Health</u>	<u>0.5</u>		<u>82</u>
<u>World Geo</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>82</u>	
<u>World Geo</u>	<u>0.5</u>		<u>81</u>
<u>Algebra I</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>63</u>
<u>Algebra I</u>	<u>0</u>		
<u>Biology I</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>71</u>	
<u>Biology I</u>	<u>0.5</u>		<u>77</u>
<u>Spanish IIIK</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>95</u>	
<u>Spanish IIIK</u>	<u>0.5</u>		<u>92</u>

Credits are awarded by the semester. It takes two semesters to earn one full credit. Students who fail the 1st semester but pass the 2nd semester of a course may grade average and earn one full credit if the grades average to 70.

Students who pass the 1st semester but fail the 2nd semester will earn only 1/2 credit. The 2nd semester of that course will have to be repeated.

WHAT DOES AN “F” DO TO MY GPA?

GPA Calculation without “F”:

English I	91 (A) = 6
Alg I	80 (B) = 5
W. Geo K	85 (B) = 6
Biology	78 (C) = 4
Spanish I	83 (B) = 5
PACE	92 (A) = 6
PE / Ath.	100(A) = <u>6</u> 38

$$38 \div 7 = 5.42857 \text{ GPA}$$

GPA Calculation with “F”:

English I	91 (A) = 6
Alg I	60 (F) = 0
W. Geo K	85 (B) = 6
Biology	78 (C) = 4
Spanish I	83 (B) = 5
PACE	92 (A) = 6
PE / Ath.	100(A) = <u>6</u> 33

$$33 \div 7 = 4.7142 \text{ GPA}$$

FOUNDATION WITH ENDORSEMENT

English – English I, English II, English III + 4 th English credit	4 Credits
Math – Algebra I, Geometry + 2 Advanced Math credits	4 Credits
Science – Biology + IPC/Chem/Physics + 2 Additional Science courses	4 Credits
Social Studies – W. Geo/W. Hist + US History + Govt (.5) & Econ (.5)	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

THE FIVE ENDORSEMENTS

- **Public Services**
 - CTE-Education and Training (teacher)/Health Science (medical)/Human Services (cosmo)
 - AFJROTC
- **Arts & Humanities**
 - Social Studies
 - LOTE
 - Fine Arts
- **Business & Industry**
 - CTE (Ag, Arch, AVP, Fashion, Bus, Marketing, Fin, IT, Manu, Transp)
 - English (Journalism, Debate)
 - Combination
- **STEM**
 - Computer Science
 - CTE-Engineering
 - Math
 - Science
 - Combination
- **Multidisciplinary**
 - 4 X 4
 - AP/Dual Credit

See Course Description Book located on our district website for specific course work necessary for each endorsement. [HS Course Description Book](#)

CYPRESS RANCH SEMESTER FRESHMAN COURSES

(OPTIONS TO PAIR WITH PACE)

- **Health *graduation requirement* If pursuing HS, PHS meets health requirement.**
- Touch systems data entry (Keyboarding)
- Photojournalism
- Leadworthy (formally called Teen Leadership)
- Interpersonal Studies (required prerequisite Principles of Human Services or Principles of Hospitality & Tourism in 8th grade)

CHOOSE YOUR 9TH GRADE COURSES CAREFULLY

- Colleges like to see honors rigor
- Honor courses move at a faster pace and require more work outside of school
- Mandatory level drops when students earn
 - “F” (below 70) for any marking period or
 - “C-” (below 75) for any semester
- Student or parent requested level drops
 - Student and parent must speak with the teacher first
 - AP -> K level drops-student MUST have 75+ average (or go into L level)

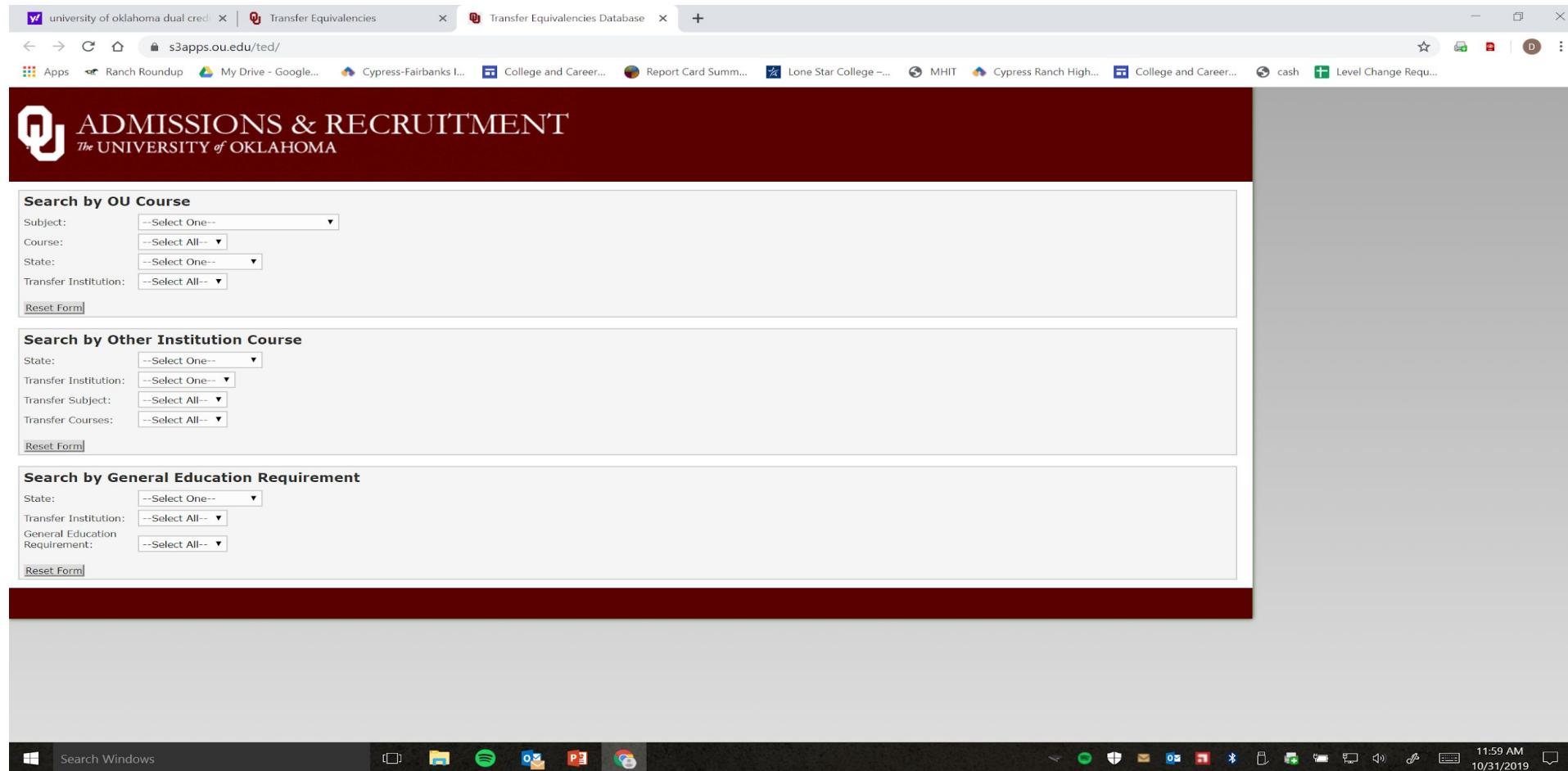
*****Many courses have mandatory fees*****

*****There are NO COURSE CHANGES after April 30, 2025*****

OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT IN HS DUAL CREDIT (DC) AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

<u>Dual Credit - DC</u> Must meet qualifications	<u>Advanced Placement - AP</u> Must meet qualifications
Enrolled in LSC & CRHS campus course. Taught by CRHS teacher who is LSC qualified	Enroll in CRHS AP course only
Pay tuition (\$129) for 3 hour course	Pay for AP exam (\$103) & test in May
Grade 70+ in course = credit	Score on ONE test (3,4,5)= credit
Credit transfers to public TX Colleges/Universities and many Colleges/Universities within U.S.	College/University determines whether test score is acceptable and type/amount of credit.
You will build both a HS transcript & LSC transcript & submit with your college apps.	You will request scores from College Board after you enroll in your college.

Check the college website before registering for dual credit Course Equivalency System



Check degree plans at colleges you are interested in

Check College Board website for AP score requirements

AP Credit Policy Search

Find colleges and universities that offer credit or placement for AP scores. Begin your search by entering the name of the institution below. For the most up-to-date AP credit policy information, be sure to check the institution's website.

Find a college's credit policy

Please enter at least two characters to view a preliminary list of matches. Click Search to see a complete list of results. The number in parentheses is the school's College Board code.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

- ◆ This is a working document
- ◆ Can alter your plan during high school with your counselor
- ◆ All 9th grade students continue to work on their four-year plan in PACE classes
- ◆ Monitor coursework throughout high school to assure you're earning all graduation requirements and at least one endorsement

**Make sure your 9th grade courses are accurate!
Students/parents CANNOT change ANY courses after
April 30, 2025!**

NO changes are accommodated in August!!



PROBLEM WITH COURSE?

- ✓ Have you met with the teacher?
- ✓ Have you attended tutorials?
- ✓ Have you tried attending different teachers' tutorials?
- ✓ What are your study habits?

Top 10 Things Colleges Look For:

- A challenging high school curriculum
- Strong grades and an upward trend
- Solid scores on standardized tests
- Quality involvement in activities
- A record of community service
- Work or out of school experiences
- A well-written essay
- Positive recommendations from school personnel
- Additional recommendations from adults who know the student well
- Special attributes or awards

Specific Information

Cypress Ranch HS

Would you like to continue studying Spanish? Would you like to become bilingual?

Check out the Spanish classes available in High School:

Spanish 3

- L and K level offered.
- Continue building skills in speaking, reading, writing, and listening through the Spanish level 3 fun themes.

NS 2/3

- **Spanish must be your first language for this course.**
- Receive credit for Spanish 2 & 3K in **one** year!

Spanish 4

- AP & K level available.
- Opportunity to prepare for the AP test in Spanish 4AP and receive college credit.
- Both K and AP are advanced Spanish classes.
- Continue learning about Spanish language and Culture towards the advanced level.

Spanish 5

- AP level offered.
- Learn about Spanish culture and literature at an advanced level.
- Opportunity for college credit with AP test.



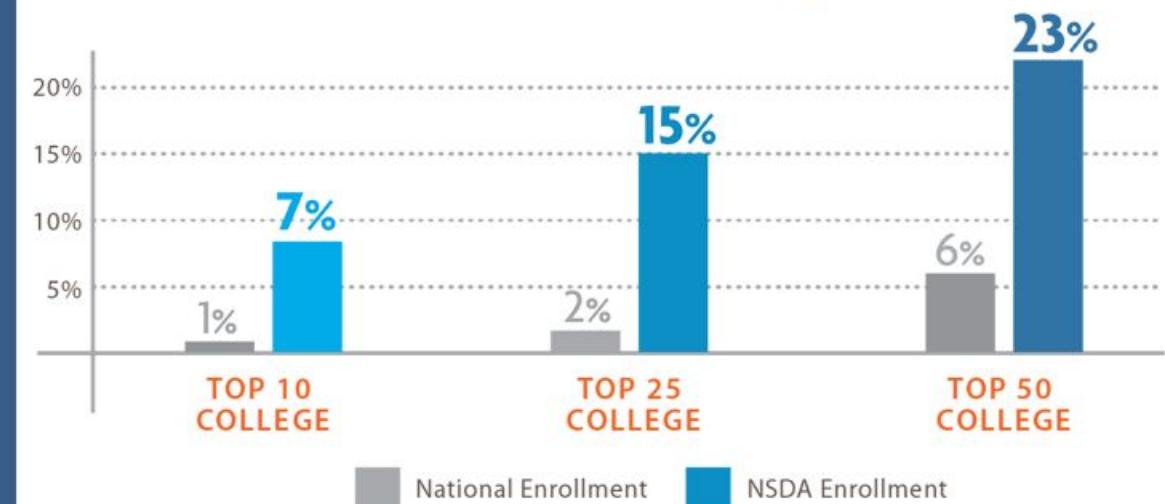
WHY DEBATE 1?

- It is a fun and rewarding experience
- It is incredibly attractive on your college applications
- You gain valuable experience no matter what career you want!
- Improve your public speaking, critical thinking, research skills, teamwork, analytical skills
- You learn to be an engaged citizen of the world!
- Make tons of friends and become a part of a supportive student community
- AND MOST OF ALL.....

**USE YOUR VOICE TO
CHANGE THE WORLD!!!!**



Student Enrollment at Top Schools



Based on 1,963 surveys collected from the NSDA class of 2019.



**Are you interested in:
Audio/Video Production
Graphic Design
Video Game Design and/or
Fashion Design**



**If so, sign up for
Principles of Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and
Communications**



Teacher Prep!

Education & Training Career Cluster

9th & 10th: Principles of Education and Training or Child Development
(RECOMMENDED)

11th & 12th: Teacher Prep I! 12th: Teacher Prep II!

ABOUT US

We are a **2 period class** that goes to a local Elementary and Middle School **3 times a week.**

At the Elementary School
YOU are interacting
with students,
Pre-K to 5th Grade.

You are able to gain experience teaching classes, such as **Math, Science, Reading, Writing, or PEAM,**

BONUS INFO

Letter of intent: After you graduate from college you are guaranteed a job interview with CFISD

Educational Aide I Certification

TAFE Club: Get involved!
Earn your letterman jacket!
Compete at Regional & State competitions!

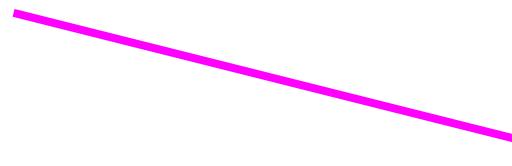
College Trips!



Come Join Us!

Reasons why you should join:

1. YOU ARE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE TEACHING FIRST HAND, BEFORE YOU EVEN GO TO COLLEGE!
2. OUR CLASS ALLOWS YOU TO TRY NEW THINGS AND IMPACT THE FUTURE!



SPORTS MEDICINE

- TAPE ATHLETES
- HYDRATION
- WOUND CARE
- LEARN ANATOMY
- STRETCHING
- MAKE FRIENDS

SUPPORT OUR MUSTANGS



Challenge your
perception of the
world!

World Area Studies



This answers important questions you may have!

Grade Level	This class is for <u>11th and 12th</u> grade students
Course Level	This course is only offered as a <u>K level</u> course
School Subject	This course is considered a <u>Social Studies</u> class
Course Type	This is an <u>Elective</u>
Semester or Full-Year?	You can take this class <u>$\frac{1}{2}$ or 1 year</u> course (1 semester or 2)
More Questions?	Contact <u>amy.healy@cfisd.net</u>

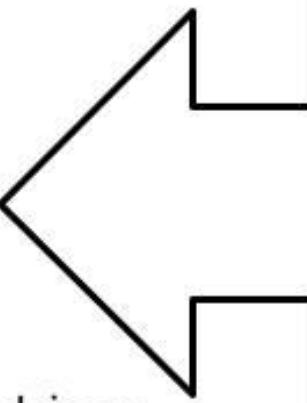
- Study geography, culture, history, politics, and economic development of different regions and countries
- CURRENT world problems
- Documentaries, news articles, and TV shows!
- Population growth, culture conflict, international relations



Semester Course (.5 Credit)
9th-12th Grade

LEADERSHIP, PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SKILLS FOR STUDENTS

- Leadership Skills
- Attitude
- Social Skills
- Healthy Relationships
- Public Speaking
- Goal Setting
- Principle-based Decision Making
- And More...



Leadworthy is an immersive, participatory experience that builds personal responsibility and leadership skills through role play, group activities, speeches and projects. The course follows a Student Manual (provided). Students will need a spiral notebook.

JOIN PALS PEER ASSISTANCE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

**ONE PERIOD COURSE
(WITH APPLICATION)
FOR 11TH AND/OR
12TH GRADE**



**ALL MEMBERS MUST PLEDGE
TO BE DRUG AND ALCOHOL
FREE AND FOLLOW ALL
SCHOOL RULES .**



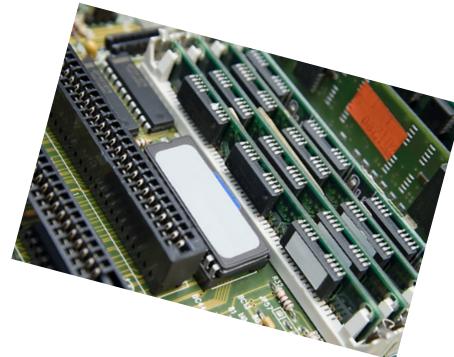
**STUDENTS WILL BE TRAINED TO
MENTOR MIDDLE/ ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS IN OUR
DISTRICT AND PARTICIPATE IN
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.**



**For more information
Angela.shahan@cfisd.net**

Computer Science

- These are not introductory computer courses
- Students are coding in all Computer Science courses
- Students choosing computer science courses should
 - ✓ Have **background knowledge in computers**
 - ✓ Have **very strong math skills** (Algebra I required)
 - ✓ Have a **future interest in working with computers**
 - ✓ Must be able to **work independently** on CS work
- If you meet above criteria, you start with AP Comp Sci Principles



Journalism and Creative Writing



Do you like to write and/or take photos? Do you want to get more involved with school events? Do you want to capture memories that students will see for years to come?

Journalism 1: Journalism students will learn journalistic traditions, research self-selected topics, write journalistic texts (news, opinion, feature, etc. stories) and learn the principles of publication.

Photojournalism: Photojournalism students are introduced to the world of photography and journalism. The law, ethics and history of photography complement the major units of study: operation and care of the digital camera, taking pictures, teamwork and management skills. In addition, students will have opportunities to use state-of-the-art computer-aided publishing tools and other hands-on production tools.

Yearbook (Prerequisite is J1 or PhotoJ): Students will work together to produce our annual yearbook using a variety of skills, including photographing, interviewing and page layout and design via Monarch (InDesign). Student have an opportunity to get leadership experience via editor positions.

Newspaper (Prerequisite is J1 or PhotoJ): Students are expected to plan, draft and complete written and/or visual communications on a regular basis, carefully examining their copy for clarity, engaging language and the correct use of the conventions and mechanics of written English. Stories are published on our online newspaper - you will have published work and bylines!

Creative Writing: This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to the major genres of fiction and nonfiction while giving them the opportunity to develop versatility as a writer. Within each genre, students will be presented with the rhetorical tools of the genre and have the opportunity to experiment with the genre's forms and structures through creative writing pieces.





World Geography

or

World History



- World Geography = study of maps
- Human Geography AP = introductory college course
- World History = geared towards 10th graders; lots of reading and writing
- World History AP (WHAP) = reading intensive college rigor

(The WHAP exam is 60% writing, so completing English I is beneficial to their success)

*****College Academy students should take a social studies course in 9th grade*****





Join the Cypress Ranch Choirs!

Cynthia Douglas (cynthia.douglas@cfisd.net) &
Adam Bishea (adam.bishea@cfisd.net)



THEATRE ARTS I-IV

•Here are some of the things you will learn:

- Voice and Diction**
- Body Movement**
- Acting Styles and direction**
- Theatre History**
- Performance Opportunities**
- Script Writing**
- Musical Theatre**
- Group and duet Acting Scene work**
- Improvisation**
- Acting for the stage and camera**
- Characterization**
- Script and Character analysis**

TECH THEATRE I-IV

You will learn :

- Theatre Safety
- Tools and Materials
- Theatre Spaces
- Basic to advanced Stagecraft
- Principles and Elements of Design
- Use of Theater Technology
- Drafting and 3d Modeling
- Theatre History
- Costuming, Sound, Lighting, construction, props, scenic painting
- Build opportunities for mainstage productions





THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

- Work on current production or productions.
- Contest prep
- Texas Thespians
- UIL One Act Play
- UIL Film
- UIL Theatrical Design
- Musical Theatre
- Tommy Tune
- Script Writing
- Portfolio Development
- College Auditions

All Students Must Complete Tech I or Theatre Arts I to be considered for any Theatre Productions class or on an audition basis after your first year is complete. There is no Theatre Production option for incoming Freshman.

At Cypress Ranch, we do 3-4 mainstage productions each year



CYPRESS RANCH

dance department

SIGN UP FOR DANCE CLASS TO EARN
YOUR PE OR FINE ARTS CREDIT!

LEARN SNIPPETS OF THE FOLLOWING
BALLET | JAZZ | HIP HOP | LYRICAL

NO PREVIOUS DANCE EXPERIENCE NEEDED

BAND

**Students earn P.E. waiver for marching in
Band I and Band II**



Athletic Program at Cypress Ranch High School

Students cannot register for:

Baseball

Volleyball

Trainer

Cheer

Boys track

Please contact the sponsor if interested!

Cypress Ranch Future Dates to Know

- **04/2025 Course verification sheets and/or online verification thru parents HAC.**
- **04/30/25 Last day for all course changes
ALL changes are done at MS campus!**

**LAST DAY
FOR ANY
COURSE CHANGES
APRIL 30, 2025**



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**We want to
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QUESTIONS**



**Meet Counselors on
Main Street
for answers to your questions** ☺