

Class of 2025

Senior Guidance Lesson

Cypress Falls High School

HELLO...

MEET THE COUNSELING TEAM

**8 COUNSELORS
SPLIT BY LAST NAME**



- LaKeisha Frank** **Coordinator**
- Bryan Barron** **A-B**
- Shonda Taylor** **C - D**
- Araceli Salinas** **E - G**
- Kristi Macat** **H - LOF**
- Holly Schriver** **LOG - M**
- Kaitlyn Padgett** **N - RH**
- Rosa Nlemchi** **RI - S**
- Nicole Rao-Flores** **T - Z**



COUNSELING OFFICE BASICS:

Access a wealth of information including brochures/flyers

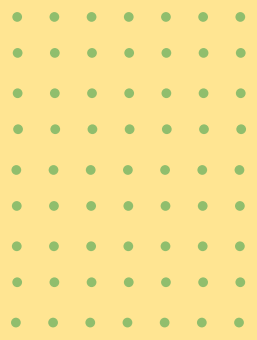
Fill out a request to visit with your counselor



Request SAT/ACT Fee Waiver, scholarship info, Credit by Exam Info and more!

When to come: During lunch or passing periods

In case of emergencies or immediate needs, counselors are available to see students with a pass



WHO TO TALK TO?

Assistant Principals
for **attendance**,
discipline, fees and
fines, graduation,
prom

Teachers for
grades &
assignments

Testing
Coordinator
for EOCs

**ALWAYS START WITH THE
TEACHER!**

College Career
Specialist to
plan for future
*In Library

CYS Worker for
shelter, food,
clothing

Counselor for
credits,
schedules,
concerns

GRADUATION PLANS:

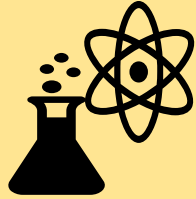
	Foundation	+ Endorsement
Discipline	Credits	Credits
PACE	½	
English	4	
Math	3	1
Science	3	1
Social Studies	3	
Languages other than English (Foreign Language)	2	
Fine Arts	1	
PE	1	
Health	½	
Electives/Endorsement Courses	4	2
Total Credits for Graduation	22	26

Must have
Algebra II
to earn the
Distinguished
Level of
Achievement

A student must earn Distinguished Level of Achievement to be eligible for the Top 10% Automatic Admission Program



ENDORSEMENTS:



STEM



**BUSINESS &
INDUSTRY**



**PUBLIC
SERVICES**



**ARTS &
HUMANITIES**



**MULTI-
DISCIPLINARY
STUDIES**

Distinguished Level of Achievement **MUST** include Algebra 2;
must be on this plan to receive Top 10% Automatic Admission

**MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE ENDORSEMENT TO GRADUATE ON THE
FOUNDATION + ENDORSEMENT PLAN**

STAAR EOC:



9th Grade:
English I
Algebra I
Biology



10th Grade:
English II



11th Grade:
US History

**Retesting
will take
place in
December!**

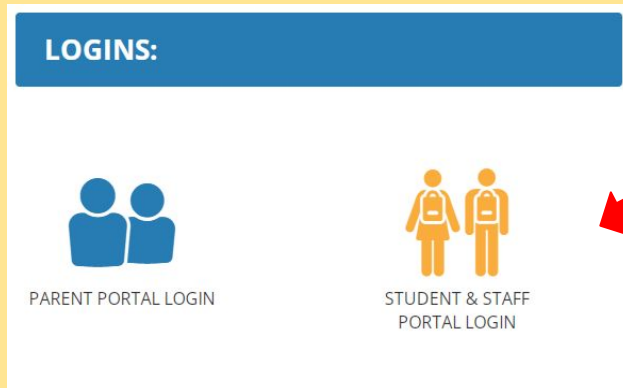
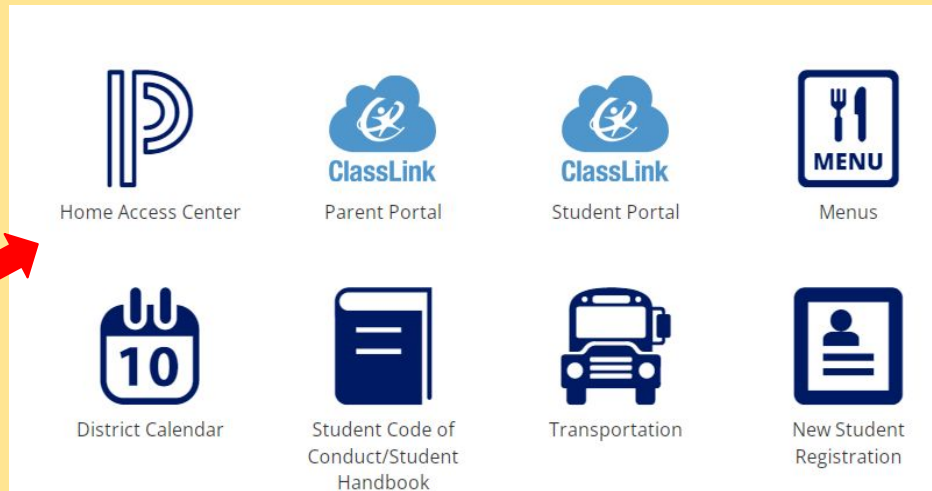
You must pass all five of these exams in order to receive your diploma and/or walk across the stage at graduation

HOW TO CHECK YOUR GRADES:



1. Go to www.CFISD.net
Click on **Parents & Students**

2. Click on **Home Access Center**



3. Login to the **Student Portal**

- Check your grades **AT LEAST** once a week
- Follow up with teachers if you see something
- Attend tutorials **BEFORE** a test



CREDITS + EXCESSIVE ABSENCES:

- Excessive absences **WILL** cause a loss of earned credit, no matter what grade you received in the class.
- EA's **WILL** calculate in your GPA as failing grades and lower your GPA and Class Rank.
- TEA's **WILL** cause you not to graduate, if they are not cleared.
- EA's **MUST** be cleared with the Assistant Principals by the deadlines they set.



CHOOSING POST SECONDARY PLANS:

Technical and Trade Schools

- Certifications
- Apprenticeships

Community Colleges

- Certifications
- Associate Degrees
- Transfer to 4 Year Universities
- Commute to School

Junior Colleges

- Associate Degrees
- Collegiate Sports
- Live on Campus
- Transfer to 4 Year Universities

4 Year Colleges & Universities

- Bachelor Degrees
- Live on Campus
- Collegiate Sports

Military



Workforce



COLLEGE READINESS VS COLLEGE ELIGIBLE

COLLEGE ELIGIBLE:

If a student scores below college level readiness, they will be required to take developmental courses which do not apply towards a degree or certificate.

Talk to the school you plan on attending for more details.

COLLEGE READINESS:

Student proves that they are ready to take college level courses.

This is done with their ACT, SAT, TSIA2 scores, Dual Credit Courses / AP Scores, Care Academy, or Texas College Bridge.

College Readiness Opportunities at CyFalls

Advanced Placement	3+ score on AP exams
CARE Academy (LSC)	75+ in College Prep course
Dual Credit	Any DC English and Math
SAT	Rdg/Writing - 480 Math - 530
Texas College Bridge	Modules in English & Math

**Students may also take the TSIA2 or ACT off campus
to demonstrate College Readiness.**

CALCULATING GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

<u>On-Level</u>	<u>K, AP, DC, Horizons</u>
A(90-100) = 6	A(90-100) = 7
B (80-89) = 5	B (80-89) = 6
C (75-79)= 4	C (75-79) = 5
C- (70-74) = 3	C- (70-74)= 4
F (0-69) = 0	F (0-69) = 0

GPA is cumulative by semester

Seniors will receive a new GPA/Rank January 2025



SENIOR CLASS OF 2025 RANKS

Top 6%

1 - 41



Top 10%

1 - 69



1st Quarter

1 - 174

2nd Quarter

174-348

3rd Quarter

349-522

4th Quarter

523-697



Honor Graduates

Honor Graduate Designation by GPA*:

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

New GPA/Ranks will be calculated in January 2025

*Based on GPA after the 3rd nine weeks

ADVANCED CLASSES:



Entrance into Advanced Classes

85 yearly average in same subject L level class

OR 75 during 2nd semester in same subject K level class



Removal from Advanced Classes

Students will be removed if they have an F in a K Level class for any grading period

Students will be removed if they have a C- in a K Level class at Semester

Students will remain in K/AP course for the entire semester unless they fail a grading period

ADVANCED CLASSES:

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

- Option to pay to take test for credit
 - Full year test in spring
 - Half year test in Dec.
- **Must score 3, 4, or 5 to be eligible for credit**

AP + DC

- Grade requirements
- Individual colleges determine credit

DUAL CREDIT

- To take, you must prove college ready by taking the PSAT, ACT/SAT, STAAR or TSI2
- Must complete LSC Application process
- Must pay each semester
- **Pass course for credit to be awarded**

SPRING DC COURSES:

- For Econ, Psyc, and TX Govt only
- **Must already have qualifying test scores**
- Contact Ms. Taylor in the library or Ms. Frank in the counseling office.

PASS / FAIL:

- Earn up to 2 credits pass / fail
- Must exceed 22 credits (Foundation only) or 26 credits (Foundations + Endorsement)
- Benefits students who have a GPA of 6.0 or higher
- Available in fall (application deadline has ended)
- Available again in spring. (applications available in January)

Deadline for Fall has passed. Re-apply for Spring in January.

BE INVOLVED!

When applying to college, you may need to provide a list of extracurricular activities and volunteer hours. Having a good GPA and class rank is not enough.
**Don't wait!
Start getting involved NOW!**

- ON CAMPUS:
- Join clubs and organizations
 - **Try to have leadership roles**

PICK UP A CLUB LIST TODAY!!

- Outside of School:
- Volunteer at a wide variety of places
 - Find volunteer opportunities that connect to your interests
 - **Keep a log of hours**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GPA: 6.0 on a weighted scale

High School Code: 443346

Letters of Recommendation:

- Request in counseling office at least **3 weeks** in advanced

Address:

9811 Huffmeister Rd
Houston, TX 77095

Phone Number: 281-856-1000

Principal: Becky Denton

SAT / ACT

WAIVERS:

See the secretaries
in the counseling
office

For
Students
who receive
Free /
Reduced
Lunch

COLLEGE APPLICATION FEE

WAIVERS:

SAT - Located in your College
Board account

ACT / NACAC - See
secretaries in the counseling
office

NCAA Registration Fee Waivers:

See Nicole Rao-Flores in the counseling office.
Nicole.raoflores@cfisd.net



Benefits of qualifying for free/reduced lunch assistance include:

- College Testing Fee Waivers (SAT/ACT)
- College Application Fee Waivers
- Potential Scholarships for Dual Credit classes and AP exams
- Potential Scholarships for CTE certification testing
- Potential Scholarships for Summer School classes

Visit www.schoolcafe.com to apply.

Texas Public Colleges/Universities

★ ApplyTexas has moved!

Click here to apply for **Summer 2022 and beyond.**



[GoApplyTexas.org](https://www.GoApplyTexas.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.



• REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS:

Submit college or scholarship application PRIOR to ordering official transcripts to be sent.

Know your deadlines & plan ahead! Transcript processing takes 3 days.

**Request transcripts on
cypressfairbanksk12.scriborder.com**

Fee schedule for all other schools/transcript requests:

First 5 transcripts = \$Free

After the First 5 = \$3.00

Mailing Address of College or University Required



Financial Aid - FAFSA:



- Texas HS Graduation Requirement
- Must complete **EACH YEAR** to receive **ANY** financial aid from university (including federal student loans)
- **FAFSA Opening Date October 1, 2024**
- 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.FAFSA.gov

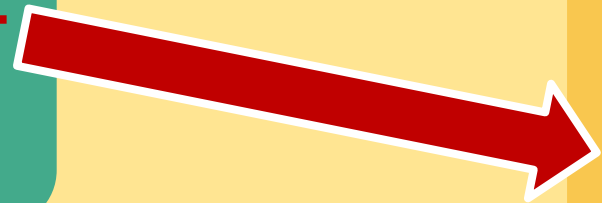
CAMPUS VISITS

4 DAYS TOTAL
2 Junior Year
2 Senior Year

Contact the college or trade school you plan on visiting to check their policy or pre-register if needed.

Must pick up form in Attendance Office **PRIOR** to the visit!

Get form signed by the college and turn it into the Attendance Office so the absence does not count towards exemptions.



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Teachers

Only provide letters of recommendation when requested, suggested, or if it can enhance application

2 WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE is requested for all recommendation letters

Ask teachers in person or with a personal email; do not just have a link sent to them

Provide your resume

Give directions on uploading or mailing letter as well as the deadline

Waive your right to view the letter

Counselors

2-3 WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE is mandatory for Recommendation letters or forms requiring counselor input

If using Common App, order an official transcript and send it to the Counselor's office.

Next, complete and return a Profile Packet to the Counselor's office.

Know your deadlines

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Dual Credit Registration

Spring 2025

Starts October 2024

ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY (ASVAB)

What is ASVAB:

- An aptitude test that identifies skill strengths. It includes an interest inventory that highlights work-related interest areas. The results can be used to guide career exploration.
- **FREE - There is no cost!**
- **November 19, 2024;** in the Cy Falls Auditorium; 3 hours
- Participation does not commit you to the military in any way.
- Helps you understand your unique skills and interests.
- Helps you identify potentially satisfying careers based on your skills and interest.
- Discover all the different ways to get to your dream job.
- The ASVAB CEP is a great opportunity for those who are not sure about what they want to do after they finish high school.



About the test:

Every examinee is given the same items. In order to measure ability accurately across all examinees, the P&P-ASVAB includes items that range from very easy to very hard.

The test is multiple choice and consists of eight subtests:

General Science
Mathematics Knowledge

Arithmetic Reasoning
Electronics Information

Word Knowledge
Auto and Shop Information

Paragraph Comprehension
Mechanical Comprehension

Coming Soon!

COLLEGE NIGHT



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

All secondary level students and their parents are invited to attend this free event.

Students and parents should park in Lots A and B, and enter through Entrance Two.

Registration not required.

Clear bag policy will be enforced.

No matter where you are in the college search process, you can learn more about your options.

Come interact with reps and check it out!

Free parking is available and limited concessions will be open.

Save time and impress reps by coming prepared with your Student Barcode Pass.

falltacrao.swoogo.com/Registration

Filter by Region - Houston 1
Cypress-Fairbanks ISD - October 1st



Pre Registration

SAVE THE DATE!!!

May 2, 2025

BERRY CENTER



Saturday, May 31, 2025
1:00 PM
Berry Center

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!



Join the Counselor News Remind group to stay up to date with information from the counseling office.



Who Are YOU?!

Scan QR Code to give your information to your counselor