

Junior and Senior Parent Meeting

Cypress Falls High School

HELLO...

MEET THE COUNSELING TEAM

8 COUNSELORS
SPLIT BY LAST NAME



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| 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

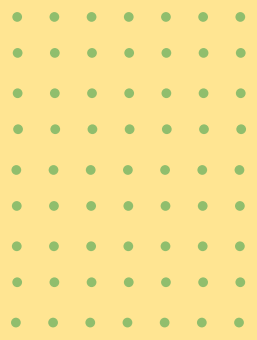
Fill out a request to visit with your counselor



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



GRADUATION PLANS:

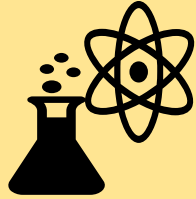
	Foundation	+ Endorsement
Discipline	Credits	Credits
PACE	½	
English	4	
Math	3	1
Science	3	1
Social Studies	3	
Languages other than English (Foreign Language)	2	
Fine Arts	1	
PE	1	
Health	½	
Electives/Endorsement Courses	4	2
Total Credits for Graduation	22	26

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 :



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

Financial Aid - FAFSA:



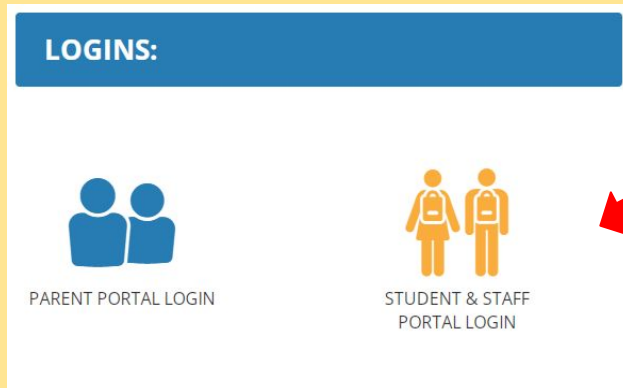
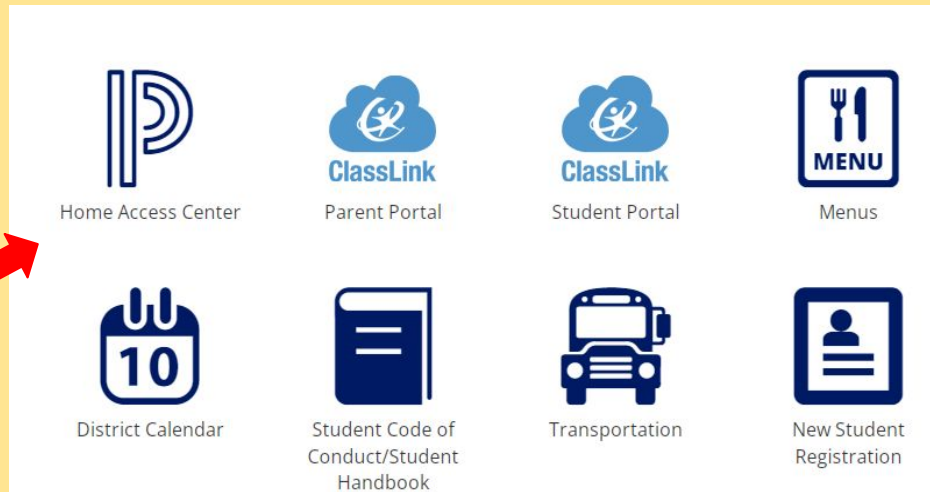
- Texas HS Graduation Requirement
- Must complete **EACH YEAR** to receive **ANY** financial aid from university (including federal student loans)
- **FAFSA Opening Date October 1, 2024**
- Money is awarded on first-come, first-served basis
- Required by most colleges and scholarships
- Texas Priority 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

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.
- This may potentially cause you not to graduate.
- 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

Juniors must graduate with an endorsement and demonstrate College or Career readiness for Early Release/Late Arrival next year.

Students may also take the TSIA2 or ACT off- campus.

GPA and CLASS RANK

GPA/Class Rank is calculated through the end of the year!

Seniors will receive a new GPA/Rank January 2025

Juniors will receive a new GPA/Rank Summer 2025

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

***Based on GPA after the 3rd nine weeks**

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



SENIOR CLASS OF 2025 RANKS

Top 6%	# 1 - 41
Top 10%	# 1 - 69
1 st Quarter	# 1 - 174
2 nd Quarter	# 174-348
3 rd Quarter	# 349-522
4 th Quarter	# 523-697



JUNIOR CLASS OF 2026 RANKS

Top 6%	# 1 - 38
Top 10%	# 1 - 64
1 st Quarter	# 1 - 161
2 nd Quarter	# 162-322
3 rd Quarter	# 323-482
4 th Quarter	# 483-644



Starting with the % 2026, UT will automatically admit Top 5%

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**

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

**PICK UP
A CLUB
LIST
TODAY!!**



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.com



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.

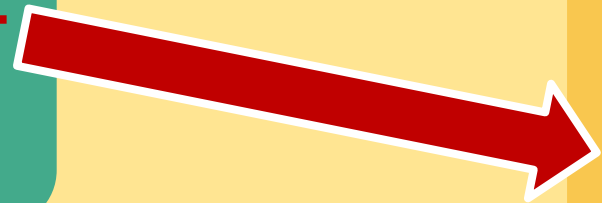
CAMPUS VISITS

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.



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

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
cypressfairbanks12.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

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

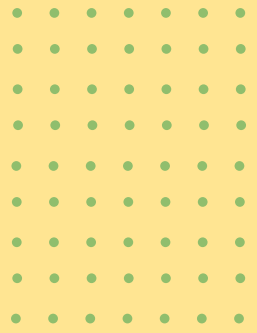
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If using Common App, order an official transcript and send it to the Counselor's office.

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

Know your deadlines

JUNIOR YEAR TIMELINE



- Stay involved in clubs/organizations
- Take PSAT on **October 2nd**, if registered
- Register for AP exams
- Sign up to take the ASVAB (optional)
- Visit college and attend fairs/trade school, visit with recruiters
- Make a preliminary college list
- Meet with counselor for course selection in February

SAT March 5th **(FREE)**

AP Exams (Starting May)



SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

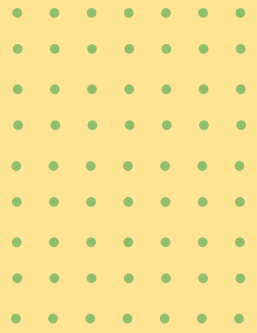
College applications opened as early as July 1st!

Deadlines for college/school applications vary. Check your school's deadlines and apply early!

- **SAT or ACT if needed**
- **September - senior conference**
- **October 1, 2024 – FASFA application opens**
- **Register for AP exams**
- **Plan a college/trade school/military visits**
- **After completing applications, apply for scholarships.**

Senior and Junior Conferences

- **COMING SOON!**
- **High School Credits**
- **Graduation Requirements**
- **Post Secondary Plans**
- **Small Group - 40 minutes**
- **Individual - 15 minutes throughout the year**



PROM!!!

May 2, 2025

BERRY CENTER 



SAVE THE DATE!!!



Saturday, May 31, 2025
1:00 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



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



**C Y - F A I R
E D U C A T I O N A L
F O U N D A T I O N**

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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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EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION**

Today's Students – Tomorrow's Future

WAYS TO STAY INFORMED



CFEF WEBSITE
TheCFEF.org



CFEF OFFICE
281-370-0144



**CONTACT
COUNSELORS AT
HIGH SCHOOL**