

# Important Resources

- ❖ Cypress Ranch Website: **[cfisd.net/cyranch](http://cfisd.net/cyranch)**
- ❖ College & Career Website: **[www.bit.ly/crhcscollege](http://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](#)**

# Senior Presentation

Cypress Ranch High School



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**2025-2026**  
**Cypress Ranch**  
**Counseling Team**

# Foundation with Endorsement

English – English I, English II, English III + 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Year	½ Credit
PE	1 Credit
Language Other Than English – LOTE 1 + LOTE 2*	2 Credits
Fine Arts	1 Credit
Electives	6 Credits
<b>TOTAL STATE CREDITS</b>	<b>26</b>

\*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

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12/2/25 English I

12/3/25 English II

12/4/25 Algebra I & U.S. History

12/9/25 Biology

- ❖ 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 (first week of classes).
- ❖ Students **MUST** complete the Pass/Fail application each semester.



# NCAA Initial Eligibility Center

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- ❖ Not all classes you take to meet high school graduation requirements may be used as NCAA 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 2025-2026

## September 12th - October 24th

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- ❖ AP Exam registration for year-long and fall semester courses will **OPEN Sept. 12, 2025 at 12:01 am.**  
*(Spring AP courses will have registration beginning in January)*
- ❖ AP Exam registration will **CLOSE on October 24, 2025 @ 11:59 PM.**
  - ❖ **TWO STEP PROCESS:**
    1. Teachers will give join codes to join AP course in College Board; students will need their College Board login information or they will need to create a College Board account.
    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 = **\$105.00 per exam**
  - ❖ Cost per exam for Free/Reduced lunch status will be released soon

# District Final Exemption Policy

❖ THREE or less absences

❖ THREE or less tardies

❖ Average of 80+ for the semester

❖ E, S, or I in conduct / No OSS, ALC, or JJAEP Placement

❖ No outstanding fees or fines

❖ Beginning with the 2025-26 school year, seniors must have also met their CCMR (College, Career, Military Readiness) requirement.

❖ Lone Star College finals are required in all dual credit classes and CANNOT be exempted.

Grade Level	Fall Exemptions Available	Spring Exemptions Available
12th	4	7

# 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
- ❖ Register for the visit through the school's website; "demonstrated interest" might be a consideration in their admissions process
- ❖ Pick up bright pink "**Institution of Higher Education Visit**" 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

# College Visit Request Form!

2 Days during senior year!



## INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION VISIT

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*

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:	The student will be absent: [ ] All Day [ ] Half Day
Student's Signature:	Name of Parent/Legal Guardian	Telephone #:	

*must be turned into your campus Attendance Office upon return to campus for validation.*

**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 school's 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.*

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ 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:			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, letterhead/seal/stamp	Institution Rep: _____	Date: _____	College Seal/Stamp
<input type="checkbox"/> NO, letterhead/seal/stamp	Institution 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: _____	Reason: _____

Pick up & Return to Attendance Office!

# Military Branch Visit Request Form!

4 Days during senior year (age 17 or older)!

Pick up & Return to Attendance Office!



## MILITARY VISITATION

Campus Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Students 17 years of age or older are allowed a total of 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:	Name of Parent/Legal Guardian	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 school 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.*

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ 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			
[ ] Approved	Attendance Staff: _____	Date: _____	
[ ] Denied	Attendance Staff: _____	Date: _____	
If Denied, please provide a reason: _____			

# 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 smartphone, you can use this link from your computer: <https://cypressfairbanksk12.scriborder.com/applicationCurrent>
- ❖ Fee schedule for all other schools/transcript requests:
  - ❖ The first 3 transcripts are FREE
  - ❖ The 4<sup>th</sup> transcript is \$6.00
  - ❖ 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 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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[www.bit.ly/crhscollege](http://www.bit.ly/crhscollege)

# TEXAS Top 10% Admissions

- ❖ Automatic Admission to Texas Public Institutions; UT top 5%
- ❖ 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)

- A statewide program to assess college readiness in the areas of English Language Arts Reading (ELAR) and mathematics.
- Required by all 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

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- ❖ 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

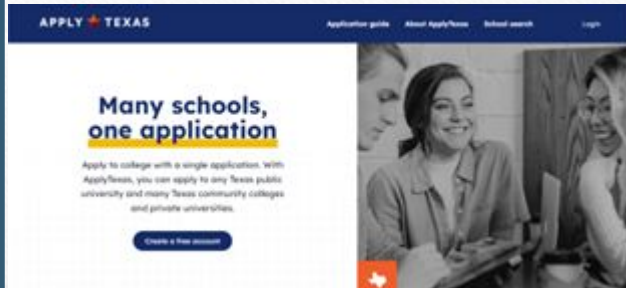
- ❖ Fees
- ❖ Essay
- ❖ Application
- ❖ Scores
- ❖ Transcripts



# 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)

**FREE Application Week:**  
**Oct. 13-19, 2025**

## College Applications

Used by over 1,100 member  
colleges and universities in all  
50 states & 18 countries

THE COMMON  
APPLICATION

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

## COALITION

Used by only 6 private Texas universities and many other  
colleges & universities across the U.S.

[www.CoalitionForCollegeAccess.org](https://www.CoalitionForCollegeAccess.org)

## Institution-Specific Application

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

# SAT Test Dates 2025-2026

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline
*September 13, 2025	September 2, 2025
*October 4, 2025	September 23, 2025
*November 8, 2025	October 28, 2025
*December 6, 2025	November 25, 2025
*March 14, 2026	March 3, 2026
*May 2, 2026	April 21, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 26, 2026

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

**NOTE: The School-day SAT on March 25th is for JUNIORS ONLY.**

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

# ACT Test Dates 2025-2026

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 6, 2025	August 1, 2025
October 18, 2025	September 12, 2025
December 13, 2025	November 7, 2025
February 14, 2026	January 7, 2026
<b>**April 11, 2026</b>	March 6, 2026
<b>**June 13, 2026</b>	May 8, 2026
<b>**July 11, 2026</b>	June 5, 2026

**\*\* Science Optional (online testing only)**

[www.actstudent.org](http://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 – opens October 1<sup>st</sup> and you should complete the 2026-2027 application as soon as it's available

# Keep this info handy for College Applications

- ❖ GPA is: Weighted on a 6.0 scale
- ❖ Class rank is: Exact and Weighted
- ❖ 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*

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- ❖ **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 the recommendation letter. Letters should NEVER be given directly to a student.*

# Paying for College (Financial Aid Options)

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



# FAFSA

- ◆ **FAFSA – opens OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**
- ◆ Complete the **2026-2027 Application** (this will be your first year in college if you start next August)
- ◆ Texas HS Graduation Requirement & required by most colleges and scholarships
- ◆ Updated application with approx. 35 questions
- ◆ Don't delay - Money is awarded on first-come, first-served basis
- ◆ Texas Priority Deadline is Jan. 15th, but you need to know & meet each college's financial aid deadline

# FAFSA

## Important Things to Note:

- ◆ Student and parent(s) must set up their own FSA ID/login. You can get started at: [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)
- ◆ Fewer issues when the student logs in FIRST and enters their parent(s) info on the application. Parents then receive an email directing them to complete their portion. Parents can launch their application using the link in that email.
- ◆ FAFSA application must be completed EVERY YEAR to receive ANY financial aid from the university (including federal student loans); use the same FSA ID/login every year

# Scholarships

- ❖ District Website: [www.CFISD.net](http://www.CFISD.net)
  - Search for: Scholarships
- ❖ Parent's Employers/Major Corporations
- ❖ Scholarship "Search" Websites:
  - [www.GoingMerry.com](http://www.GoingMerry.com)
  - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
  - [www.scholarships360.org](http://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

# 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 2025-2026

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CFSD 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 below: 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 below: **\$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 below: \$1,000 x 4 years = **\$4,000**)

University/Organization Awarding this scholarship	Accepted Yes/No	Athletic or Academic?	Name of Award	Total Amount of Award
Ex. 1: XYZ University	Y	Athletic	Football Scholarship	Full Ride x 4 years = \$100,000
Ex. 2: ABC Company	N	Academic	EFG Scholarship	\$500
Ex. 3: State University	Y	Academic	Presidential Scholarship	\$1,000 x 4 years = \$4,000
	Y/N			
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	Y/N			
	Y/N			
	Y/N			
	Y/N			
	Y/N			
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS</b>				
Total Academic Offered: \$		Total Athletic Offered: \$		
Total Academic Accepted: \$		Total Athletic Accepted: \$		



**CFISD**  
**COLLEGE**  
**NIGHT**



**OCT. 7 | 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](https://falltacrao.swoogo.com/registration)**

Filter by: Region - Houston I / Cypress-Fairbanks ISD - October 7

# Senior Conferences

## Fall 2025 Semester

<b>A - Cao</b>	Danielle Abrams
<b>Cap - Fon</b>	Hayley Hamel
<b>For - Jav</b>	Natasha Brooks
<b>Jay- Mc</b>	Zac Lucas
<b>Me - Pic</b>	Denise Patrick
<b>Pie - Sti</b>	Lauren Stribling
<b>Sto - Z</b>	Lauren McClaid



**Questions???**

**All Counselors will be available  
outside the auditorium until  
Open House starts at 6pm**