CYPRESS RANCH COUNSELING



8TH GRADE TRANSITION MEETING

CLASS OF 2030

2025-2026 Cypress Ranch Counselors



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How is High School Different from Middle School?

In Middle School:

- You are promoted to the next grade level upon completion of your current grade level.
- If you do not pass, you may have to repeat an entire grade level.
- Most classes taken for high school credit do not count towards your GPA.

In High School:

- You are promoted to the next subject upon completion of the current subject.
- You are promoted to the next grade level upon completion of certain credits and/or a certain number of credits.
- If you do not pass, you may have to repeat one semester or the entire year of a subject.
- All classes taken count towards your GPA.

Grade Classification Standards

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

Students MUST pass BOTH semesters of English I and Algebra I to be promoted as a sophomore

Each passing semester is worth .5 credits.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

- All high school courses beginning with courses taken between 8th and 9th grade.
- 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. Class rank is the measure of a student's performance in comparison to other students in their grade level.
- Higher GPAs lead to more college and scholarship opportunities.

How is a semester average calculated?

- 1st 9 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 the semester exam

CFISD Grading Scale

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Grading Scale	On Level	Honors & Horizons K/H	Advanced Level AP/DC
A = 90–100	A = 6.0	A = 6.5	A = 7.0
B = 80–89	B = 5.0	B = 5.5	B = 6.0
C = 75–79	C = 4.0	C = 4.5	C = 5.0
C= 70–74	C– = 3.0	C– = 3.5	C– = 4.0
F = 0–69	F = 0.0	F = 0.0	F = 0.0

Student Transcript

Cypress Ranch High School
10700 Fry Road
Cypress, TX 77433

Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D.

(281) 373-2300
CEEB #: 441689

dent: [redacted]
[redacted]
Cypress, TX 77433

th Date: [redacted]
dent ID: [redacted]
ent Guardian: [redacted]

Phone: [redacted]
Grade: 12
Gender: F

State ID: [redacted]
Ethnicity: Not Hispanic/Latino
Race: Asian

Graduation Date:
TX Grant Eligibility:
Certificate of Completion Date:
Student Unique ID: [redacted]

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

partment: ENGLISH

r	Building	Course	SEM1		SEM2		Credit
0	101907012	English I H	97	G			0.5
0	101907012	English I H			100	G	0.5
0	101907012	PACE			100		0.5
1	101907012	English II H	95	G			0.5
1	101907012	English II H			98	G	0.5
2	101907012	English III K	97	H			0.5
2	101907012	English III K			99	H	0.5
3	101907012	Eng IV K					0
3	101907012	Eng IV K					0

partment: SCIENCE

r	Building	Course	SEM1		SEM2		Credit
0	101907012	Biology I H	98	G			0.5
0	101907012	Biology I H			99	G	0.5
1	101907012	CHEMISTRY H	98	G			0.5
1	101907012	CHEMISTRY H			93	G	0.5
1	101907012	PHYSICS H	92	G			0.5
1	101907012	PHYSICS H			94	G	0.5
2	101907012	FORENSICS K	98	H			0.5
2	101907012	FORENSICS K			99	H	0.5
2	101907012	PATHOPHYS K	100	H			0.5
2	101907012	PATHOPHYS K			100	H	0.5
2	101907012	Antmy/Physlgy K	98	HA			0.5
2	101907012	Antmy/Physlgy K			100	HA	0.5
2	101907012	Earth Space H	100	G			0.5
2	101907012	Earth Space H			100	G	0.5
3	101907012	CHEM-CA AP/DC					0
3	101907012	CHEM-CA AP/DC					0

partment: ECONOMICS

r	Building	Course	SEM1	SEM2	Credit
3	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

2025-26 FINAL EXAM EXEMPTION POLICY

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

9th grade can exempt one exam per semester

Minimum grade of 80 for the semester

No outstanding Fines/Fees

No suspensions

FOUNDATION WITH ENDORSEMENT

English – English I, English II, English III + 4th 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**
PACE – 9th 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/Health Science/Human Services

AFJROTC

Arts & Humanities

Social Studies

LOTE

Fine Arts

Business & Industry

CTE

English

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.

K Level and AP Classes

- Algebra I is NOT offered K-Level
- K & AP courses in high school require additional study time per course each night
- Human Geography AP, World History AP and Computer Science Principles AP are Freshman college-level courses.

Cypress Ranch Semester Freshman Courses

These are options to pair with PACE:

- Health
- Touch Systems Data Entry (Keyboarding)
- Photojournalism
- Leadworthy
- World Area Studies K

Freshman schedules will change at semester based on electives chosen.

Choose your 9th grade courses CAREFULLY

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

Many Courses have MANDATORY FEES

There are NO COURSE CHANGES after April 30, 2026

How are High School Athletics different from Middle School?

In Middle School:

- You can be in an athletics class even if you don't participate in a sport.
- Members of all sports teams are grouped together in athletics.

In High School:

- You must be on a team to be in athletics period.
  - If you start the year in an athletics period and get cut, you MUST move to PE.
- There are limited positions on many teams and the tryout process is extremely competitive.
- Members of the same team meet during the same class period.
- Athletics changes can result in multiple changes to your schedule.

Additional Athletics Information

- If you play multiple sports, register for the sport that is played first during the school year.
- Athletic trainers must submit an APPLICATION prior to the end of 8th grade.
- Some sports DO NOT allow 9th graders to register for their course.
- All Athletic drops will move to PE.
- Drops from PE equivalent credit courses (Athletics, Band, Drill Team or ROTC) will move to PE regardless of grade level and previous credit earned.

CYPRESS RANCH SPECIFICS

CYPRESS RANCH AGRICULTURE



PLANT SCIENCE PATHWAY

Principles of ANFR must be taken first, then you can choose from the classes below

GREENHOUSE OPERATION & PRODUCTION
FLORAL DESIGN

Sophomore/Junior Year

ADVANCED FLORAL DESIGN K
ADVANCED PLANT & SOIL SCIENCE K

Senior Year



NATURAL RESOURCES PATHWAY

Principles of ANFR must be taken first, then you can choose from the classes below

WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND ECOLOGY MANAGEMENT

Sophomore/Junior Year

RANGE ECOLOGY MANAGEMENT

Junior/Senior Year

PRACTICUM IN AGRICULTURE

Senior Year

PRINCIPLES OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

FFA

Learn all about FFA- History, Mission, Motto, Official Colors, Official Dress, etc.

ALL AG PATHWAYS

Explore animal science, plant science, natural resources and applied ag engineering

****This is the first class that every freshman and sophomore has to take ****

ANIMAL SCIENCE PATHWAY

Principles of ANFR must be taken first, then you can choose from the classes below

SMALL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT
EQUINE SCIENCE
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

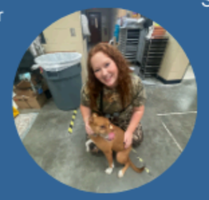
Sophomore/Junior Year

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION
VETERINARY MEDICAL APPLICATIONS
ADVANCED ANIMAL SCIENCE

Junior/Senior Year

ADVANCED ANIMAL SCIENCE K

Senior Year



APPLIED AG ENGINEERING PATHWAY

Principles of ANFR must be taken first, then you can choose from the classes below

AG MECHANICS

Sophomore/Junior Year

AG EQUIPMENT

Junior/Senior Year

RESEARCH IN AG

Senior Year



OVER 20 CERTIFICATIONS OFFERED!

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO IN AG?















- Being in an agriculture science class allows you to be part of the largest youth led organization, FFA!
- Students can participate on multiple team events:
  - Leadership Development Events
  - Career Development Events
  - Speaking Development Events
- Raising animals is NOT a requirement
- CFISD has 3 district barns to house animals!
- Cypress Ranch FFA members historically earn over $150,000.00 each year!
- Students have the opportunity to be a part of a winning tradition!





















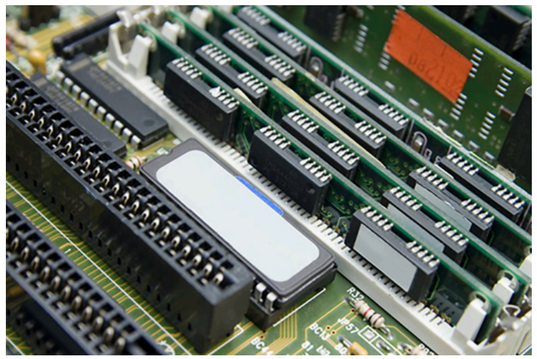


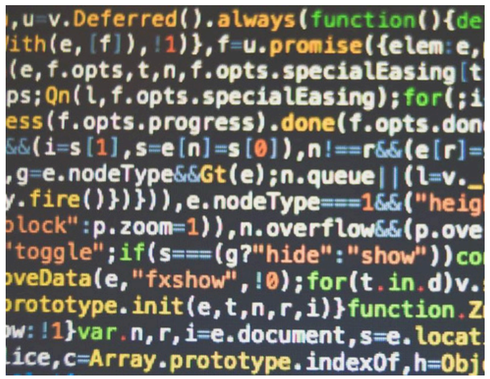


Computer Science

- These are <u>not</u> introductory computer courses
- Students choosing computer science courses should
  - Have background knowledge in computers - Java/Python
  - Have very strong math skills (Algebra I required)
  - Have a future interest in working with computers









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



CYPRESS RANCH CHOIR







WHAT IS REQUIRED TO BE IN CHOIR?

Activity Fee - $80

Covers cost of choir shirt, Pop Show shirt, formal uniform costs, materials fee, and more

Performances

Fall Concert, Winter Concert, Pop Show (both performances), UIL Concert & Evaluation, Spring Concert

Positive Attitude

Let choir be your escape, your safe space, and your joy every day!

No prior experience necessary

There is a place for everyone in the Cypress Ranch Choir

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA TO SEE WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!

@ Cy-Ranch Choir

@ cyranchchoir







Choir is a place to build lasting friendships

CYPRESS RANCH THEATRE COMPANY

Troupe 7372

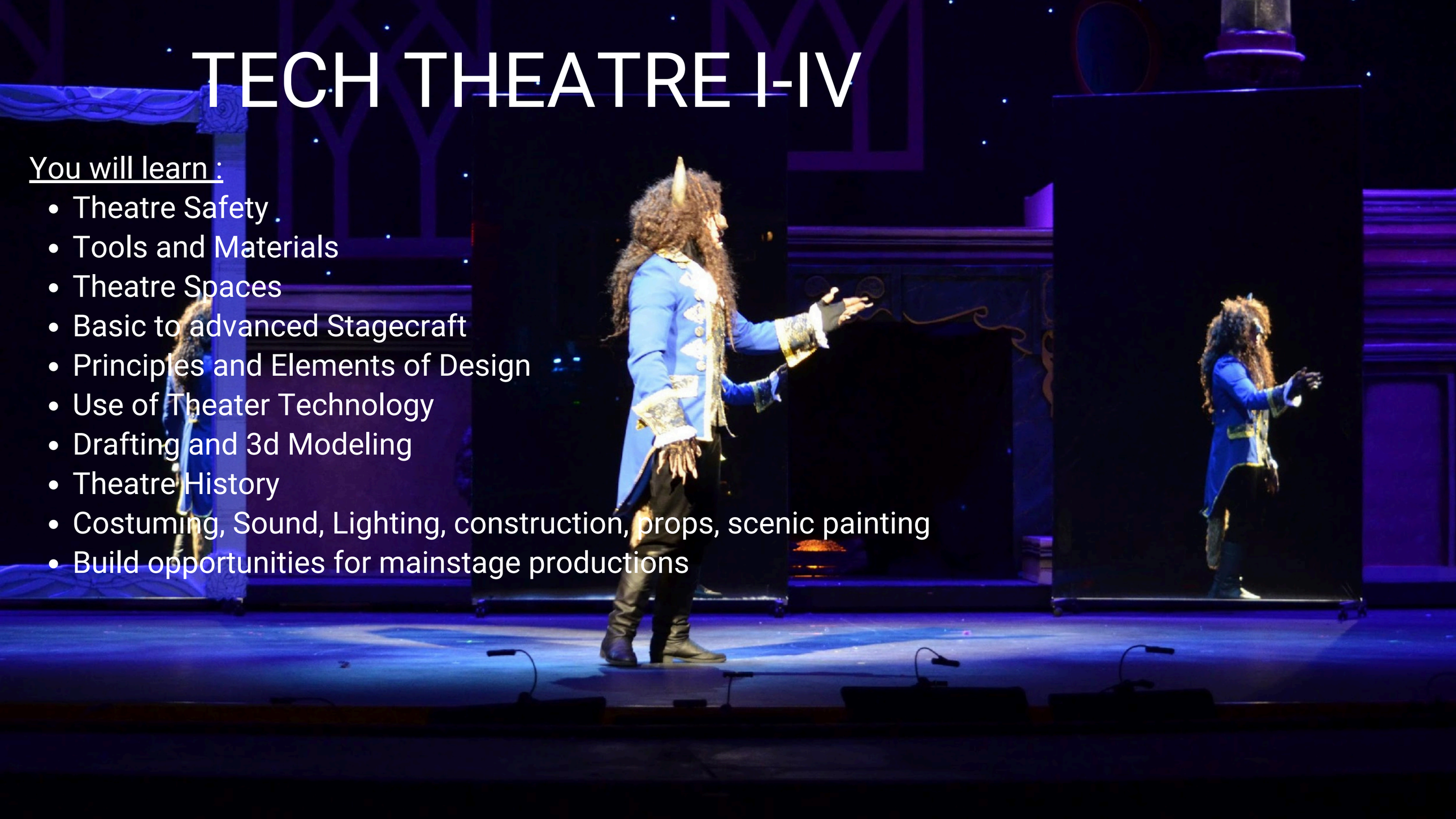
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THEATRE ARTS I-IV

- **<u>Here are some of the things you will learn:</u>**
  - 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.







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

PRINCIPLES OF ARTS AUDIO/VIDEO TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS

COURSE NUMBER 06393

THINGS YOU WILL LEARN:

- ANIMATION
- GRAPHIC DESIGN
- FASHION TRENDS
- SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- AUDIO PRODUCTION
- VIDEO PRODUCTION
- FOLEY AND ADR

"Step One to Creative Pathways"

(First step to Audio/Video, Animation, Graphic Design, and more)

CFISD

9th & 10th Grade Students

Spanish I–VI at Cypress Ranch



FOUR-YEAR PLAN

- This is a working document
- Can alter your plan during high school with your counselor
- All 9th grade students will 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, as students/parents cannot change ANY courses after April 30, 2026!!**

Cypress Ranch Dates to Know:

11/10/25 Keeping the Options Open 8th Grade Parent Meeting and Curriculum Fair

- **5:30 PM - 8th Grade Parent Meeting in Auditorium**
- **6:00-7:00 PM - Curriculum Fair in Commons**

4/26 Course Verification sheets or online course verification available through HAC (Home Access Center)

4/30/26 LAST DAY FOR ANY COURSE CHANGES FOR 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR
ALL changes are done at middle school campus.

Important Resources

- Make sure your information is updated in School Messenger with your current school registrar

- Follow us on our Twitter:
  Cypress Ranch High School - @CyRanchHS
  Cypress Ranch Counselors - @cyranchcounsel

- Like our Facebook page: Cypress Ranch Counselors

If you do not currently get messages, you should correct your info with your registrar ☺

CYPRESS RANCH HIGH SCHOOL

Keeping the Options Open

8TH GRADE MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION MEETING

&

CURRICULUM FAIR

WHEN:

MONDAY,NOVEMBER 10

WHERE:

CYPRESS RANCH
AUDITORIUM & COMMONS

TIME:

5:30-6:00 PM PARENT MEETING
(CURRENT 8TH GRADE PARENTS)

6:00 - 7:00 PM CURRICULUM FAIR
(8TH - 11TH GRADE)

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Home of the Mustangs

There are NO course changes in August.

The ONLY exceptions are as follows:

- **Student does not meet prerequisite(s) for the course**
- **Student does not meet grade placement requirement for the course**
- **Student already has credit in the course**
- **Student is placed in an inappropriate level**
- **Student has not met eligibility requirements for K-level, AP, or Horizons**
- **placement**
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Check with your middle school counselor for the last day to request a course change.

Why can't I change my electives if I don't like the classes I chose?
We are allocated teachers and hire teachers based on registration numbers from spring registration. CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WISELY!!!!!