

Cypress Ridge

Counseling Team Presentation



Counseling Presentation and Office Handouts

Meet the Counseling Team



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Who to Talk to

Assistant Principals

- Attendance
- Discipline
- Absences
- Making up hours

Teachers

- Grades
- Assignments
- Questions regarding performance in course

Testing Coordinator

- End of Course (STARR)

Counselor

- Academic Planning/Course Selection
- Schedule Issues
- College/Career Planning
- Personal Concerns

College & Career Specialist

- College planning
- Dual credit
- Planning for the future

Connecting with Your Counselor

Schoology/Email

Students can message or email their counselor. Please be sure to regularly check inbox for replies.

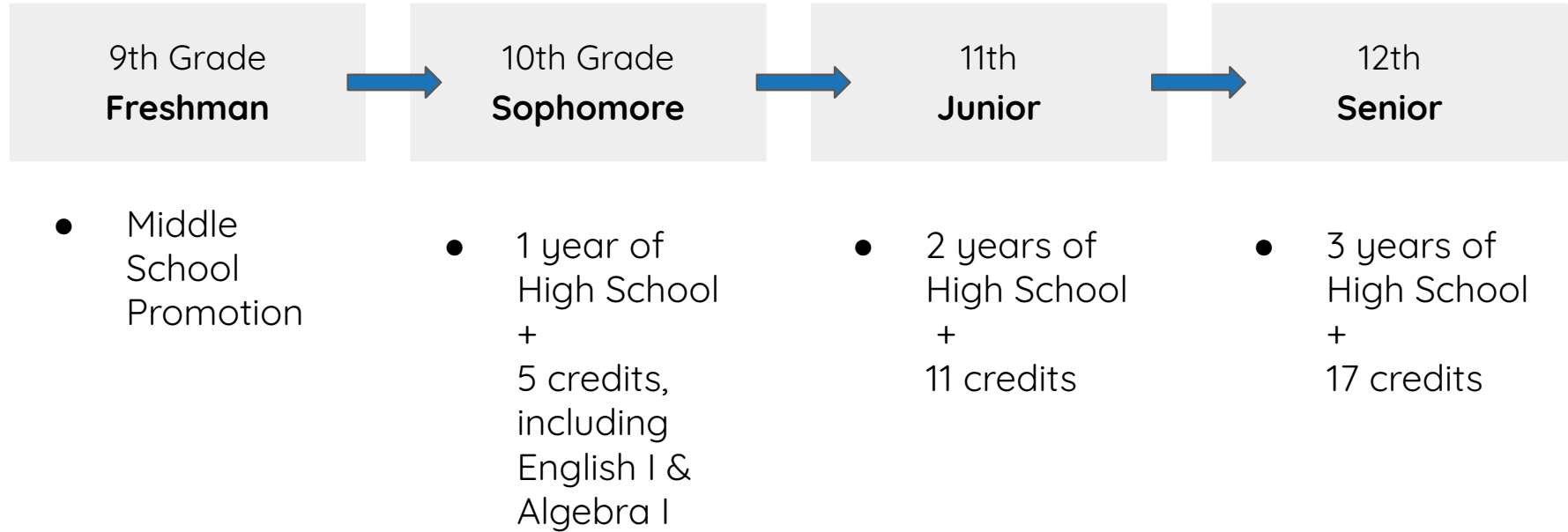
Counselor Office Request Slips

Slips are located in the counseling office and at counselor corner.

Counselor Corner

A counselor is available daily during all lunches. This is a great resource if you have a general question or concern.

Promotion Standards



Graduation Requirements

	Foundation Plan	+ Endorsement Plan	Distinguished Level of Achievement
Discipline	Credits	Credits	Credits
Pace	.5		
English	4		
Math	3	1	Incl. Algebra II
Science	3	1	
Social Studies	3		
Languages other than English	2		
Fine Art	1		
PE	1		
Health (Class of 2028 & 2027)	.5		
Electives/Endorsement Courses	4	2	
Total Credits for Graduation	22	26	26

GPA (Grade Point Average)

Class of 2027-2029

On-Level	K, AP, DC, Horizons
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	

6.0 Weighted Scale

AP (Advanced Placement)

prepare students to take College Board exams to earn college credit, are available for students who desire to participate in a rigorous, challenging curriculum

DC (Dual Credit)

College-level classes where students earn both high school and college credit for class taught on high school campus

K Level

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Horizons

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Class of 2030

Grade			
	AP/Dual Credit Level	Advanced/K/H Level	L- Level
A (90-100)	7 grade points	6.5 grade points	6 grade points
B (80-89)	6 grade points	5.5 grade points	5 grade points
C (75-79)	5 grade points	4.5 grade points	4 grade points
C- (70-74)	4 grade points	3.5 grade points	3 grade points
F (below 70)	0 grade points	0 grade points	0 grade points

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Grading System

1st Semester	2nd Semester
1st Nine Weeks - x3	3rd Nine Weeks - x3
2nd Nine Weeks - x3	4th Nine Weeks - x3
Semester Exam - x1	Semester Exam - x1
Total Divided by 7	Total Divided by 7
Formula to calculate semester average $3(1\text{st Nine Weeks} + 2\text{nd Nine Weeks}) + \text{Semester Exam} / 7$	

Each semester average shows on transcript

Year	Building	Course	SEM1	SEM2	Credit
2022	101907010	BIOLOGY K	96 H		0.5
2022	101907010	BIOLOGY K		100 H	0.5
2023	101907010	CHEMISTRY K		91 H	0.5
2023	101907010	CHEMISTRY K	92 H		0.5
2023	101907010	PHYSICS K		90 H	0.5
2023	101907010	PHYSICS K	91 H		0.5
2024	101907010	Earth Space K	95 H		0.5
2024	101907010	Earth Space K		93 H	0.5
2024	101907010	BIO AP DC	94 DP		0.5
2024	101907010	BIO AP DC		98 DP	0.5

Class of 2027 Rank Based on GPA

Top 5%	1-34
Top 10%	1-68
1st Quarter	1-167
2nd Quarter	171-340
3rd Quarter	343-510
4th Quarter	512-682

PSAT

PSAT Testing Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2026

- **Benefits**

- The PSAT provides a realistic practice experience for the SAT, allowing students to familiarize themselves with the test format, question types, and time constraints.
- National Merit Scholarship Program
- Scholarship Opportunities
- National Recognition Program

- **Reminders**

- All 10th graders & 9th grader College Academy are automatically signed up to take the PSAT
- 11th graders have until Wednesday, September 11th to sign up
- Sign up is available at the following website:
bit.ly/RIDGE_PSAT_26

Important Counseling Fall Events

September

Senior Conference - 9th
Senior Assembly - 18th
Junior Conference - 28th

October

PSAT - 1st
Sophomore Conference- 16th
AVSAB - 22nd

December

English I EOC - 2nd
English II EOC - 3rd
US History & Algebra I - 4th
Biology - 9th



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FAFSA Graduation Requirements

All senior parent/guardians must complete one of the following to fully meet graduation requirements

FAFSA **Free Application for Federal AID**

- Enrolling in college or career educational program
- Student has a valid Social Security Number
- Complete application online at Studentaid.gov

TASFA **Texas Application for State Financial Aid**

- Enrolling in college or career educational program
- Student does not have a valid Social Security Number
- Lived in Texas for 3 years before graduation

Parent Opt-Out

- Going into the military or not attending a college or career educational program
- Parents choose not to complete FAFSA/TASFA
- Contact your student's counselor for Parent Opt-Out form

CCMR Requirements

College, Career, Military Readiness

How can my child earn a CCMR point?

College Readiness

- Earn 3 hours of dual credit math or english or 9 hours dual credit in other subjects
- Earn a 3,4,5 on one AP test
- Earn associate degree
- Earn a qualifying score on the SAT, ACT or TSIA2
- SPED with complete IEP & workforce readiness or SPED with Advanced Degree Plan

Career Readiness

- Earn an Industry Based Certification along with completing the CTE pathway with 3 or more courses for 4 credits. With one course being an advanced CTE Course.

Military Readiness

- Enlist in the military

College Readiness Benefits

Graduate will not have to take remedial classes in college, thus saving time and money

Career Readiness Benefits

Graduates have the essential skills to find, acquire, maintain and grow with a career. They can also enroll in additional post secondary training without the need for remediation.

Military Readiness Benefits

Graduates have committed to enlistment with the United States military.

Schoology Join Codes

Freshman

KG59-PFHD-ZVNSX

Juniors

SZ27-SJ4Z-DSR8W

Sophomores

WQG7-QCJM-M7FX5

Seniors

TMC5-MFHX-GRH7X

All Cypress Ridge Students

QJS7-BKFG-QKTXK

Helpful Tips for a Successful Year

Helpful Tips for Students

- Attend school daily.
- Participate actively in class
- Attend tutorials if necessary
- Discuss any concerns with teachers about assignments and class progress
- Regularly check grades on HAC
- Advocate for your needs
- Get involved in campus clubs

Helpful Tips for Parents

- Engage in meaningful conversations with your student about their day.
- Contact teachers directly with any specific concerns about your student.
- Check HAC regularly for grades, attendance, and assignments
- Update phone, email, and address when needed
- Submit doctor's or excuse notes to attendance.

New Update for Transcripts

Transcripts now show the GPA on the 4.0 and 6.0 weighted scale. The 4.0 GPA is unweighted and does not have a ranking.

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Student Transcript

Student: [Redacted] High School Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D.

Birth Date: [Redacted] Phone: [Redacted] State ID: [Redacted] Graduation Date: [Redacted]
Student ID: [Redacted] Grade: 11 Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino TX Grant Eligibility: [Redacted]
Parent Guardian: [Redacted] Gender: F Race: Am. Ind. Certificate of Completion Date: [Redacted]
CEEBS #: [Redacted]
Graduation Program Type: Fnd HS Prg-Tac Ch 74.1021-Stu Speed Gr 9 2015 & after Student Unique ID: [Redacted]

Type	GPA	Rank
Cumulative GPA	5.9286	203 / 768
Non-Weighted	New 3.5	
Credit -- Tot: 17.000	State: 17.000	Loc: .000

Endorsements Dist Lvl Achieve Business and Industry Arts and Humanities Multi Disciplinary Public Service STEM

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Test Scores

Algebra I	5/1/2023	Meets	Biology	5/1/2024	App	English I	5/1/2024	Meets	English II	5/1/2025	Meets
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Signature & Title of School Official _____

Have a Great School Year!



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