



Parent PGP Webinar for 8th Grade Parents

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Agenda

- 8th to 9th grade transition timeline
- Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) Process
- SchoolLinks
- Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Resources for parents to support decision making.



What is a PGP?

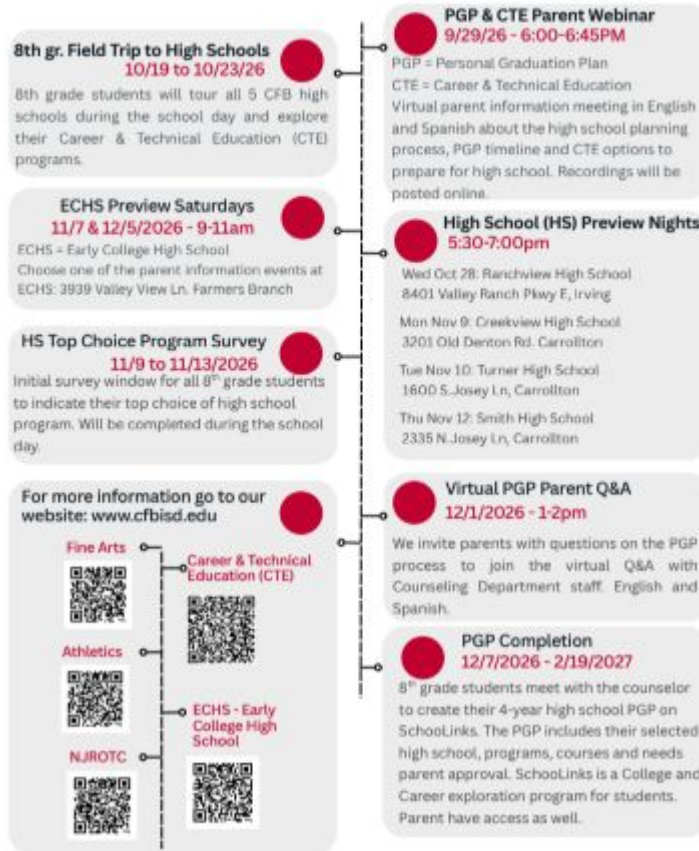
A Personalized Graduation Plan or PGP Is a 4-year plan of high school courses that meets graduation requirements and personal goals, is approved by parents and reviewed every year in high school.



8th to 9th grade transition timeline

[Link](#) to English
and Spanish
Timelines

26-27 HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING FOR 8th GRADE STUDENTS



26-27 PLANEACIÓN PARA LA PREPARATORIA PARA ESTUDIANTES DE GRADO 8



CFBISD High Schools



- Students have the opportunity to choose between any of our four comprehensive high schools offering a CTE program or Early College High School.
- Students that do not choose a CTE program will attend the high school they are zoned to.
- Visit the school websites for more information about electives.



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Early College High School - ECHS

- Approximately 340 students located on the Dallas college Brookhaven campus.
- Students can earn an Associate Degree from Dallas College while earning a high school diploma.
- **Applications will open on October 19, 2026 and close on January 11, 2027.**
- For more information visit: <https://earlycollege.cfbisd.edu/>



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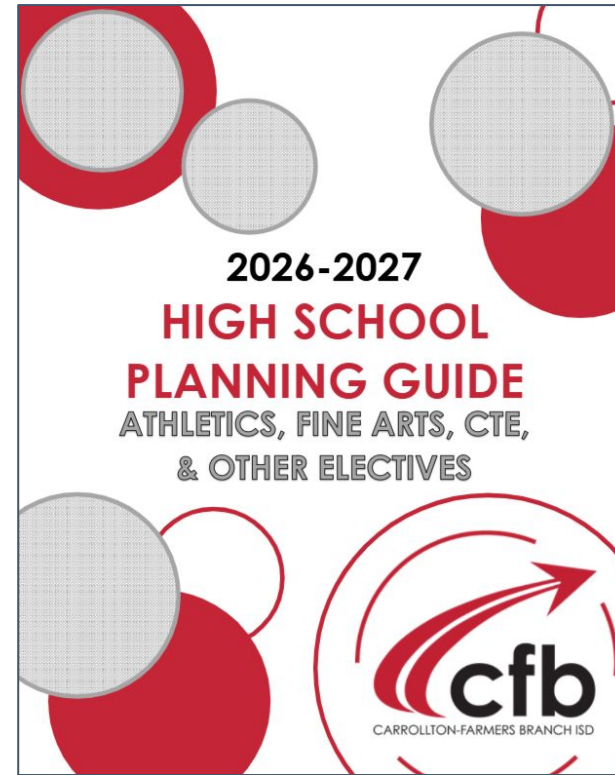
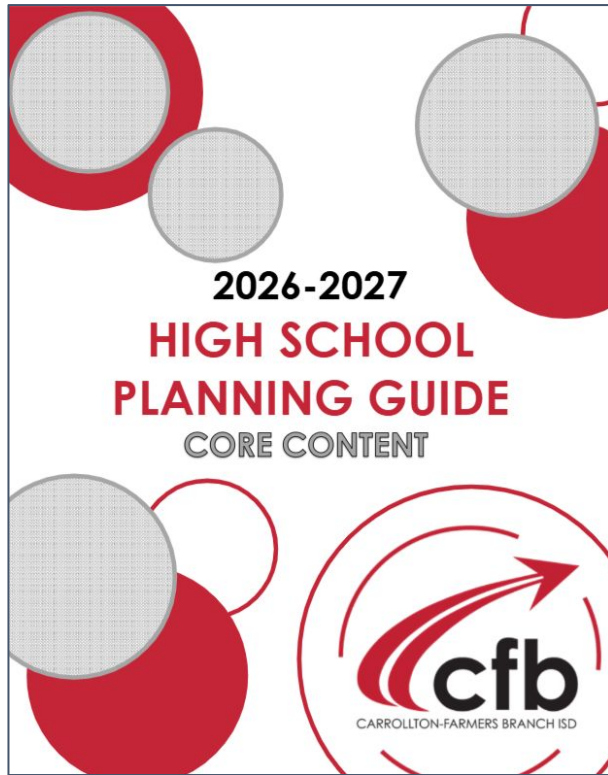
[Core Content](#) & [Athletics, Fine Arts, CTE, and Other Electives](#)

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STUDENTS &
FAMILIES

STUDENT
DOCUMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING GUIDE
2026-2027



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Graduation Requirements

Foundation with Endorsement Plan in CFBISD

- ❑ **4** English Credits (must include English I and English II)
- ❑ **4** Math Credits (must include Algebra 1 & Geometry)
- ❑ **4** Science Credits (must include Biology and 1 lab science)
- ❑ **4** Social Studies Credits
- ❑ **2** World Languages or Computer Science Credits
- ❑ **1** Physical Education Credit
- ❑ **1** Fine Arts Credit
- ❑ **6** State Elective Credits (Focus in Endorsement / Program of Study)

Total 26 credits

4-year Plan Worksheet for CFB Students

	9th	10th	11th	12th
English (4 credits)				
Math (4 credits)				
Science (4 credits)				
Social Studies (4 credits)				
PE (1 credit)				
Fine Arts (1 credit)				
World Language (2 credits)				
Other elective options				



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Course Levels in High School

- Students have the opportunity to take on-level, honors, advanced level, and dual credit courses in high school.
- If your child is not recommended for **advanced courses**, such as honors or Advanced Placement courses according to current performance, **students and parents can still request** these courses.
- Email your child's counselor with questions and requests.



Programs that require an application

Applications will open October 19, 2026 close on January 11, 2027. Acceptance letters will be sent out by the end of January.

If you have questions about acceptance, please contact the program facilitator.



[Early College High School](#) at Dallas College Campus

Contact: Mr. Isaly

Email: isalyt@cfbisd.edu



[International Business Academy](#) at Newman Smith high school

Contact: Sasha Marrier

Email: marriers@cfbisd.edu



[Law and Criminal Justice Academy](#) at Creekview high school.

Contact: Dr. Jonathan Cartray

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4-year plans (PGP) in SchoolLinks

- Students will complete career exploration lessons in SchoolLinks to help them in the PGP process.
- Students will indicate their high school, program, and course choices on their PGP in **SchoolLinks** when they meet with a counselor, between December and February.



SchoolLinks Parent Sign-in

For instructions, use the [link](#) and follow the **Synced Guardian Email** directions.

All Collections > Getting Started > Guardians & Members > Guardian: Access your Account

Guardian: Access your Account

This article provides an overview of the two ways Guardians can create a SchoolLinks account.

 Written by Dana Bryson
Updated over a week ago

Access Your Account

There are **two** ways districts can provide guardians with SchoolLinks access. Reach out to your student's counselor or district admin to find out which of the following methods should be followed:

- ▶ **Synced Guardian Emails**
- ▶ **Student Claim Codes**

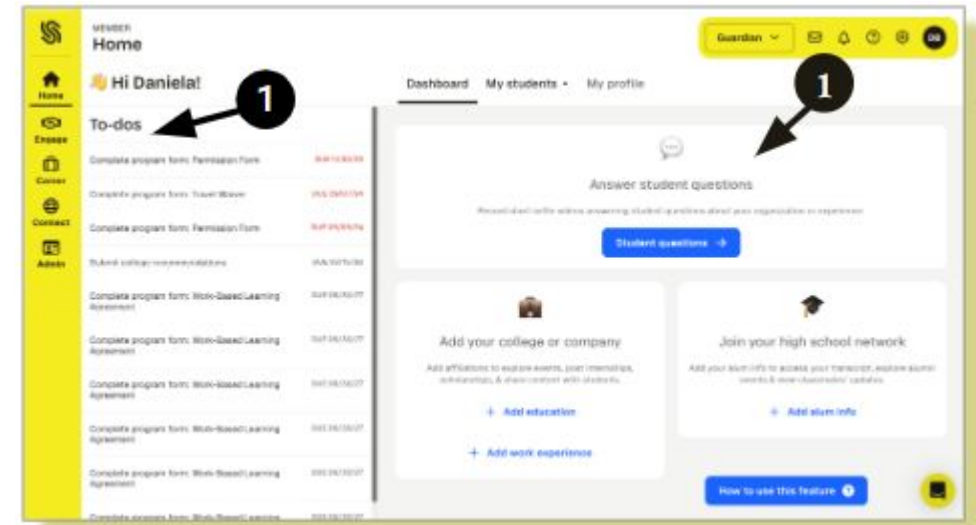
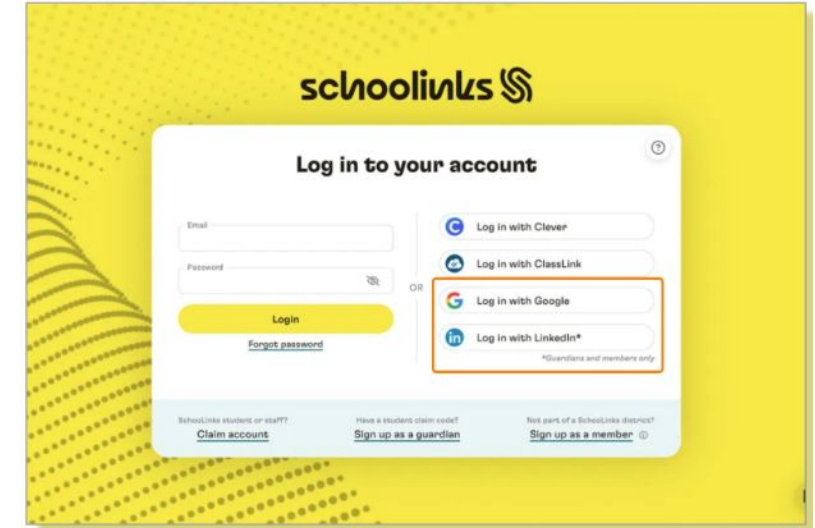
Expand the dropdown below to learn how guardians can access and log in to their SchoolLinks accounts on a mobile device.



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SchoolLinks Parent Sign-in

- Your email registered with CFBISD will be the one you can use for SchoolLinks at:
<https://app.schoollinks.com/login/member>.
- You will see your to-do list: *Dashboard > To Do List*
- Evaluate your student's progress: *Student Activities > Learning Chapters*
- Stay up to date with what courses your student plans on taking. Choose a different section> *Course Plan*
- Approve Student Personalized plan in SchoolLinks



The Role of the Parent

Students will complete 4-year plan with a counselor on their campus between December and February.

Parent/Guardian Approval	If Changes Are Needed
- PGP sent home to be signed by parent and student and then returned to school within a week. Electronically sign PGP using Schoolinks.	Email your child’s counselor to notify them. - Return the PGP with a note attached with the specific changes you are requesting.

What if a program is full?

- All high school plans are submitted in our system at the same time, regardless of when students meet with a counselor.
- Please know that the courses listed for your child's upcoming 9th grade year are requests, not confirmations. Your child will be asked to list alternates in case courses are not available. Your child's freshman schedule could differ from the courses requested.
- If a program is full, the district or campus will hold a public lottery in the Spring after all PGPs have been completed.
- After the *potential* public lottery, if a student's first choice program is no long available, counselors will meet with the student to revise their plan. Wait lists will close on the last day of the 26-27 school year.



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Tryouts, Practices, Freshman Orientation - Spring and Summer 2027

Families should **follow-up on individual program requirements**, such as athletics tryouts, music practice, etc directly with the future high school.

Parent Action Items:

- High school social media pages and websites
- Emails and Parent Square messages from the high school will start in August, when students return from summer break.

Information on the Website

CFBISD.EDU

SCHOOLS

MIDDLE/HIGH
SCHOOLS

CHOOSE YOUR SCHOOL

8th to 9th grade transition information is posted on middle and high school campus counseling webpages.

Information can also be found on the [Counseling Services Department website](#).



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Fall Parent Events

High School Preview Nights

- Ranchview High School: Wed Oct 28
- Creekview High School: Mon Nov 9
- RL Turner High School: Tue Nov 10
- Newman Smith High School: Thu Nov 12

Virtual PGP Parent Q&A

- December 1, 2026 at 1:00-2:00pm
- Counseling Department representatives will answer parent questions about PGP

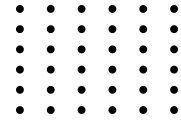


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CTE in CFBISD

UNDERSTANDING THE PATHWAY TO COMPLETION (and how it fits in a 4 year plan)

Presented By

Leigh Ann Stone
Director of CTE & CCMR



Texas High School 4 year plans

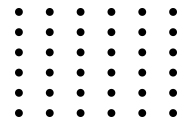
Subject Area	FHSP w/ DLA
English Language Arts	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Physical Education	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Speech	Demonstrated Proficiency
Languages Other than English	2 credits
Electives	7 credits
Endorsement	1 completion
GPA	N/A
Test Scores	N/A
Total	26 credits

CTE, Athletics
and Fine Arts

WHAT IS CCMR?

College, Career, and Military Readiness - TEA initiative to make sure that all students in the state of Texas are prepared for postsecondary success

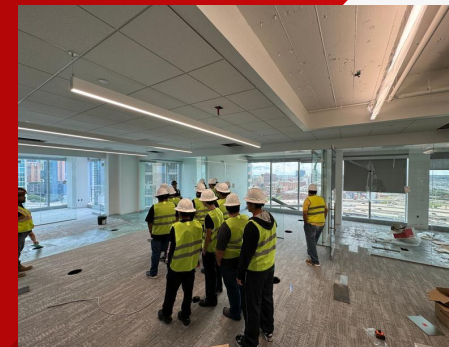
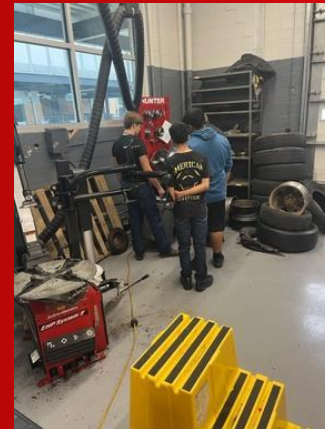
CCMR INDICATORS



The CCMR indicators in the current accountability framework include:

- Meets TSI criteria in Reading and Math
- Earns dual course credits
- Meets criteria on AP exams
- Earns an associate degree
- Qualifies for OnRamps Course Credits
- Earns an industry-based certification (IBC) and completes a program of study ←
- Graduates with completed IEP and workforce readiness ←
- Graduates with an advanced diploma plan and received special education services
- Enlists in the United States Armed Forces
- Enlists in the Texas National Guard

***Arrows indicate areas that CTE contributes to CCMR**



WHAT IS A CTE COMPLETER?

A CTE completer is a CTE student that completes a program of study and earns an Industry Based Certification in that program. CTE Completers directly impact district accountability.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE A CTE COMPLETER 2027-28



**THREE OR MORE CTE COURSES FOR A
TOTAL OF FOUR OR MORE CREDITS WITHIN
THE SAME PROGRAM OF STUDY**



**ONE OF THE COURSES MUST BE A LEVEL
3 OR 4**



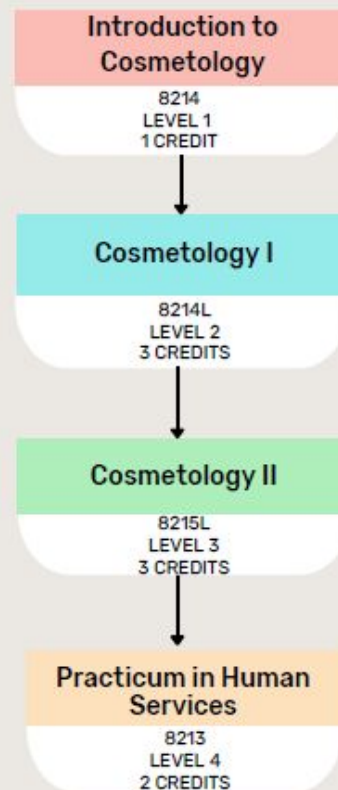
**EARN AN IBC WITHIN THE SAME
PROGRAM OF STUDY**



COSMETOLOGY



CTE program of study
example



Possible Certifications for Cosmetology

- Cosmetology Operators License

**Students must be placed in a job within the first three weeks of school
CTE Completer status = 4 credits in 3 or more classes with at least 1 level 3 course and an IBC



Creekview High School

Education & Training - AFT

- Teaching & Training

Human Services

- Family & Community Services
- Health & Wellness

Law and Public Service - Law

- Fire Science - **Fire**
- Law Enforcement
- Legal Studies
- Government & Public Administration
- NJROTC

Transportation

- Diesel and Heavy Equipment
- Automotive

Yearbook

Cybersecurity



Ranchview High School

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

- Plant Science (Floral Design)

Hospitality & Tourism

- Culinary Arts
- Lodging & Resort Management
- Travel, Tourism & Attractions

Engineering - ITE

- Drone
- Engineering Foundations
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
- Machining & Fabrication
- Engineering Robotics

Information Technology - ITE

- Cybersecurity
- Information Technology Support Services
- Networking Systems
- Programming and Software Development
- Web Development



Newman Smith High School

Architecture & Construction - ABD

- Architectural Drafting and Design
- Carpentry
- Construction Management & Inspection
- HVAC and Sheet Metal

Business, Marketing & Finance - IBA

- Accounting & Financial Services
- Business Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Marketing & Sales
- Real Estate

Manufacturing - NAF

- Robotics and Automation Technology
- Cybersecurity
- Computer Science

Yearbook



Scan for CTE Guides



R.L. Turner High School

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

- Animal Science
- Veterinary Medicine

Art, A/V Technology & Communications - AMAT

- Graphic Design & Interactive Media
 - Animation
 - Commercial Photography
 - Graphic Design
 - Yearbook
- Digital Communications
 - Audio/Video Production
 - Audio Production
- Fashion Design

Health Science - BioMed

- Diagnostic & Therapeutic Services
- Emergency Medical Technician

Human Services

- Cosmetology

Manufacturing

- Welding

Transportation

- Automotive
- Paint & Collision

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What about transportation if my student chooses a program at a different high school?



CFBISD provides transportation for students that select CTE programs outside of their feeder pattern, but students must register for transportation and they will be picked up from the elementary or middle school closest to their home.

WHY CTE?

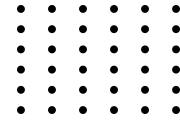
- Great for students to gain marketable skills and learn about potential careers (things they like and don't like)
- Certifications can help boost earnings by significant amounts right out of high school (or even while still enrolled)
- CTE students have a higher graduation rate and lower dropout rates compared to all students overall.





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Questions??

Thank you!



Resources for Parents

[Athletics Website](#)

[NJROTC Information](#)

[Fine Arts Website](#)

[PGP Vocabulary](#)

High School Planning Guide:

- [Core Content](#)
- [Athletics, Fine Arts, CTE, and Other Electives](#)

[Middle School Websites](#)

[High School Websites](#)

[CCMR Website](#)

[CTE Career Clusters](#)

[8th to 9th Transition Timeline](#)

SchooLinks Parent On-boarding:

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)



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Thank You

We look forward to helping your child plan for their future!



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