

To: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardian

RE: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Program 2023

From: Cypress-Fairbanks ISD

In an effort to support students as they plan for their future, we will implement a Guidance Program this fall that will allow 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to explore their abilities, career interests, and academic options.

The program is designed to introduce students to the Texas high school graduation plan (Foundation High School Program + Endorsement), explore career options and programs of study related to each endorsement, and create a 4-Year Plan for high school that will support their college and career goals.

Program Components:

- In-depth exploration of each endorsement area, programs of study, and related careers
- Course requirements for graduation
- Assessment to measure interests and abilities
  - Xello – “Matchmaker” and “Learning Styles”
- Course selection for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and development of a 4-Year Plan for high school
- Parent meeting to review student plans

District Activities:

- College Week and Generation Texas Month – October/November
- “Keeping the Options Open” (8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade informational meeting for parents) – TBD

Helpful Resources for Parents:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Program – Student Booklet
  - [www.cfid.net](http://www.cfid.net)
    - Parents & Students
      - Counseling
        - Secondary Guidance Program
          - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Program
- Xello
  - [www.my.cfid.net](http://www.my.cfid.net)
    - Additional Resources
      - Xello SSO Student Access
- High School Course Description Guide
  - [www.cfid.net](http://www.cfid.net)
    - Academics
      - Curriculum & Course Descriptions

We hope you will encourage your student to make the most of this opportunity to explore and plan for his/her future.