

**Welcome Parents!**



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**Junior/Senior Parent  
Meeting  
Begins at 6:30 p.m.**





# CY-FAIR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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## Today's Students – Tomorrow's Future

*Senior Parent/Student Night 2022*



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## Background

- Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (“CFEF”) founded in 1970 by Cy-Fair business & community leaders as 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- CFEF Board consists of approximately 62 volunteer Board trustees committed to assisting students with post high school educational pursuits
- Vision - Provide financial assistance to Cy-Fair Independent School District (“CFISD”) students wanting to attend college
- Mission - Singularly committed to fundraising & scholarships for students from CFISD
- Completely aligned with CFISD due to our financial assistance awarded ONLY to CFISD students



## *CFEF Impact*

- Celebrating our 52nd year - Awards total over \$11 Million to 2,300+ students
- Donated approximately \$3.6 million for CFISD staff development grants through the Salute to the Stars Event (which started in 1998)
- Awarded approx. \$836,000 to Spring 2022 graduating class to 141 CFISD students
- Awards provided to students attending many colleges/universities including Lone Star College
- Scholarship / Award amounts range from \$500 - \$32,000 each
  - Minimum 3 awards per high school
- Provide financial assistance to CFISD students wanting to attend college
  - Very important that students complete the FAFSA ("Free Application for Federal Student Aid") form to access financial resources like Federal Pell Grants and Texas Grants
  - Applying by Oct. 1 could provide greater opportunity to access such resources
  - Certain public universities provide tuition assistance based on economic need but FAFSA is required





## How We Raise Funds

- Fundraisers
  - BF Adam Golf Classic
  - Salute to the Stars Gala
  - Salute to Our Heroes Event
  - Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational Tournament
  - CFEF Sporting Clay Event
- Corporate Partners / Individual Donors / Endowment Partners
- Donate to Educate Program
- Superintendent Fun Run Event







**CFEF – Board connection to CFISD**

**High School Awards Ceremonies**



Dr. Mark Henry - Superintendent

**CFEF  
Scholarship  
Reception**



Bob Adam – CFEF Board  
Trustee/Endowment Partner with  
Scholarship Recipient



Jeff Skinner – CFEF Board Trustee/Endowment  
Partner with Scholarship Recipient



Eric & Ana Bassett – Endowment Partners with  
Scholarship Recipient



## *Scholarship Information*

- Scholarships based on financial need, scholastic achievements and leadership qualities
- December 6, 2022 – Online application should be available on CFEF website
- January 27, 2023 – Anticipated deadline for online application for certain CFEF awards
- April 10, 2023 – Anticipated date for online application for CFEF Schroeder application on website
  - Requires Lone Star College attendance
- May 13, 2023 - Deadline for online application for Edwin Schroeder endowment awards
  - Awarded to CFISD senior students attending Lone Star College
  - Typically 40-50 scholarships - \$2,000 awards (\$75,000 annual cap)

## *Two Ways to Stay Informed*

- Info on CFEF website - [www.thecfef.org](http://www.thecfef.org)
- Contact Counselors at your high school for more information on our scholarships



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**Today's Students – Tomorrow's Future**





**CY-FAIR**  
HIGH SCHOOL



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**Junior/Senior  
Parent Meeting**  
**Classes of 2022 & 2023**



# **Class of 2024 Communication Groups**

## **Schoology Course**

**Class of 2024 Information: Cy-Fair High School  
Access Code is PRMQ-3H97-WQQS5**

## **Schoology Course**

**Bobcat Base: Cy-Fair HS Students (2022-23)  
Access Code is CV86-RXNR-MKMPS**

**Remind from the Counseling/CCS Offices**

**Text @bfnd 2024 to 81010**

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**Class of 2023 Information: Cy-Fair High School  
Access Code is GSG4-MK9G-3SM6T**

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# Stay Informed



@cyfairccs



Cy-Fair  
Home Page



CFISD District  
Page

# Counseling Office Support Staff

## *How they can help:*

- Fee waivers for SAT/ACT
- Collect Pass/Fail forms
- Organize counselor information needed for college applications and scholarships
- Student Profile for recommendation letters from counselors
- Plan senior awards night
- Post scholarship opportunities to the College & Career Specialist's webpage
- So much more - keep up with announcements to see how the Counseling Office can help!



## **Secretaries**

**Ms. Fumic**

**Ms. Llanes**

**Ms. Nelson**



# How to meet with my counselor?

Visit your counselor during your lunch at **Counselors' Corner** located across from the vending machines

Request an appointment with your counselor or ask a question using our Counselor Request link or QR code below.

<https://bit.ly/cyfair-counselor-request>





**LEAD COUNSELOR**  
**STEPHANIE**  
**HEEFNER**



**COUNSELOR**  
**JENNIFER**  
**FRANKE**  
**ALPHA: A-Cam**



**COUNSELOR**  
**TERRIE**  
**SHELL**

**ALPHA: Can-Er**



**COUNSELOR**  
**REBECCA**  
**HILL**  
**ALPHA: Es-Harp**



**COUNSELOR**  
**GAYNELL  
SMITH**

**ALPHA: Harq-Lel**



**COUNSELOR**  
**JACQUELINE  
DINH**

**ALPHA: Lem-Mur**



**COUNSELOR**  
**TERRI  
CROW**

**ALPHA: Mus-Ree**



**COUNSELOR**  
**KELLY  
GRASER**

**ALPHA: Ref-S**



**COUNSELOR**  
**LUANN**  
**BOWMAN**  
**ALPHA: T-Z**



**COLLEGE & CAREER**  
**SPECIALIST**  
**ERIN**  
**STOCKTON**





# College and Career Center

**Erin Stockton**  
**College and Career Specialist**



**Office located  
in the library**

## *How can your CCS help?*

- ✓ **Connecting to college and career resources**
- ✓ **Can help troubleshoot with college applications**
- ✓ **ACT/SAT/TSI test information**
- ✓ **Financial aid resources**
- ✓ **Fee waivers for those who qualify**
- ✓ **Dual credit concerns**
- ✓ **College Academy Mentor is located here too**

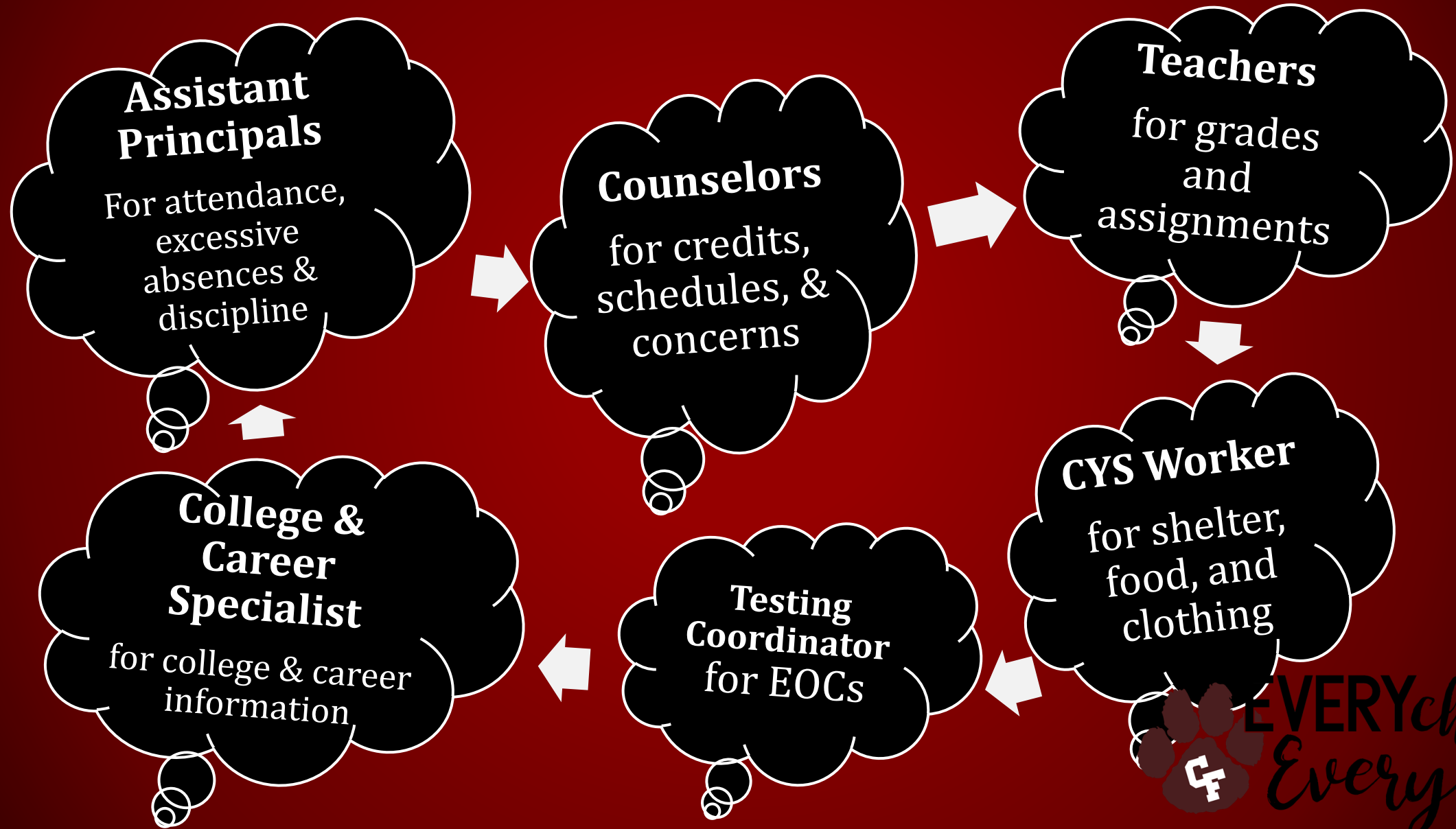
Check out the CCS webpage for tons of resources, including scholarship listings

<https://cyfairccs.weebly.com/>

# Back to Basics for Students

- **Attendance** – attend class every day, every period. If a student is absent more than 10% of the semester, credit will not be earned for the class - regardless of the grade. Attendance and participation in class also positively affects your grade.
- **Home Access Center (HAC)** – check grades and attendance online, monitor missing assignments, set alerts on HAC.
- **Stay Organized** – use calendar or planner to stay on top of deadlines, create a routine, create a workspace at home
- **Ask Questions** – when you don't understand or need clarification
- **Tutoring** – tutoring is offered Monday thru Thursday, check with teacher for group tutoring and times
- **Community Time** – “advisory” every Wednesdays, some weeks will be created for make up work with teachers, students must get a pass from the teacher in advance
- **Mental Health Check** – express your feelings, stay involved with school and extracurricular activities, create healthy routines, find 5 activities that help you relax, reach out to an adult if needed

# WHO CAN HELP





# Senior Conference Expectations

High School  
Credits

Graduation  
Requirements

Post-  
Secondary  
Plans

- ✓ Conference will last approximately 15 minutes
- ✓ If you are unable to attend, return your pass to the counseling office to reschedule

# Graduation Requirements

## FOUNDATION PROGRAM

A minimum of 22 credits

- ½ PACE
- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Math
- 3 years of Science
- 3 years of Social Studies
- 2 years of Foreign Language
- 1 PE
- ½ Health
- 1 Fine Arts
- 4 elective credits

## FOUNDATION PLUS ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM

A minimum of 26 credits

- Includes Foundation Plan plus:
- 4<sup>th</sup> year of Math
- 4<sup>th</sup> year of Science
- Meet requirements of at least one endorsement

### DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

graduates complete the Foundation Plus

Endorsement Program including

Algebra II

# State Assessment Requirements

- **Must pass the following EOC exams:**
  - **English I**
  - **English II**
  - **Algebra I**
  - **Biology**
  - **US History**





# Applying for FAFSA is a Graduation Requirement

October 1 – FAFSA application opens  
January 15 – State of Texas priority deadline

Find applications and more information at:

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

## Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TAFSA)

- <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/index.cfm?objectid=a3119543-cbf8-c202-f1b0eefd5f4b9805>

Parents/students may request to opt-out

*For more information about this requirement, go to the Texas Education Agency website, <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/financial-aid-requirement>*

# Class Rank

**CFHS CLASS OF 2024**

**CLASS SIZE = 785**

**4 SEMESTERS (Fall 2020 – Spring 2022)**

TOP 10% (1-78)	6.9032 to 6.7143
1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER (1-196)	6.9032 to 6.2143
2 <sup>ND</sup> QUARTER (197-392)	6.2142 to 5.4667
3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTER (393-588)	5.4666 to 4.4286
4 <sup>TH</sup> QUARTER (589-785)	4.4285 and below

Juniors will have new GPA and rank in June

**6.0 Weighted Scale**

# Class Rank

CFHS CLASS OF 2023

CLASS SIZE = 753

6 SEMESTERS (Fall 2019 – Spring 2022)

TOP 10% (1-75)	6.9524 to 6.829
1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER (1-188)	6.9524 to 6.3000
2 <sup>ND</sup> QUARTER (189-376)	6.2955 to 5.5476
3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTER (377-564)	5.5610 to 4.4186
4 <sup>TH</sup> QUARTER (565-753)	4.4118 and below

Seniors will have new GPA and rank in January

**6.0 Weighted Scale**



# Class Rank

## GPA/Class Rank

- GPA is calculated through the end of the year!
- Some colleges require mid-year and end of year reports. Students will need to request all transcripts.

## Honor Graduates

- 6.50 +        Summa Cum Laude
- 6.25-6.49    Magna Cum Laude
- 6.00-6.24    Cum Laude

- Honor rankings for the graduation ceremony are determined after the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks report card
- Grade point averages are never “rounded up”. For example, a 5.999999 GPA does not qualify for Cum Laude

# Performance Acknowledgments

A student may earn a performance acknowledgement for outstanding performance in the areas of . . .

- **Dual Credit;**
- **Bilingual/Bi-literacy;**
- **College Board Advanced Placement (AP) exams;**
- **PSAT, ACT ASPIRE, SAT or ACT performance; or**
- **Nationally or Internationally Recognized Business or Industry Certificate or License**

**\*Course Description Book p.22\***

# Certifications

**CFISD CTE courses (Career and Technology) - offers students the opportunity to earn industry certifications while in high school at prices much lower than you would pay in the “real world”.**

- Sets your resume apart from others
- Performance Acknowledgement shown on your transcript
- Advantage over other college and job applicants
- Shows mastery of job skills
- Take the exam - you are already preparing for the certification exam in your CTE class
- State of Texas pays for your first certification
- State of Texas wants every student to graduate with a diploma and a certification



# **The Next Step: What am I doing after graduating high school?**



# Choices After Graduation

- **EMPLOYMENT**
- **CAREER & TECHNICAL TRAINING**
- **MILITARY SERVICE**
- **2 YEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
- **4 YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY**





# Workforce/Technical School

Take ANY  
certifications you  
qualify for while  
in high school

Check community  
colleges/technical  
schools

Research  
positions in which  
you apply

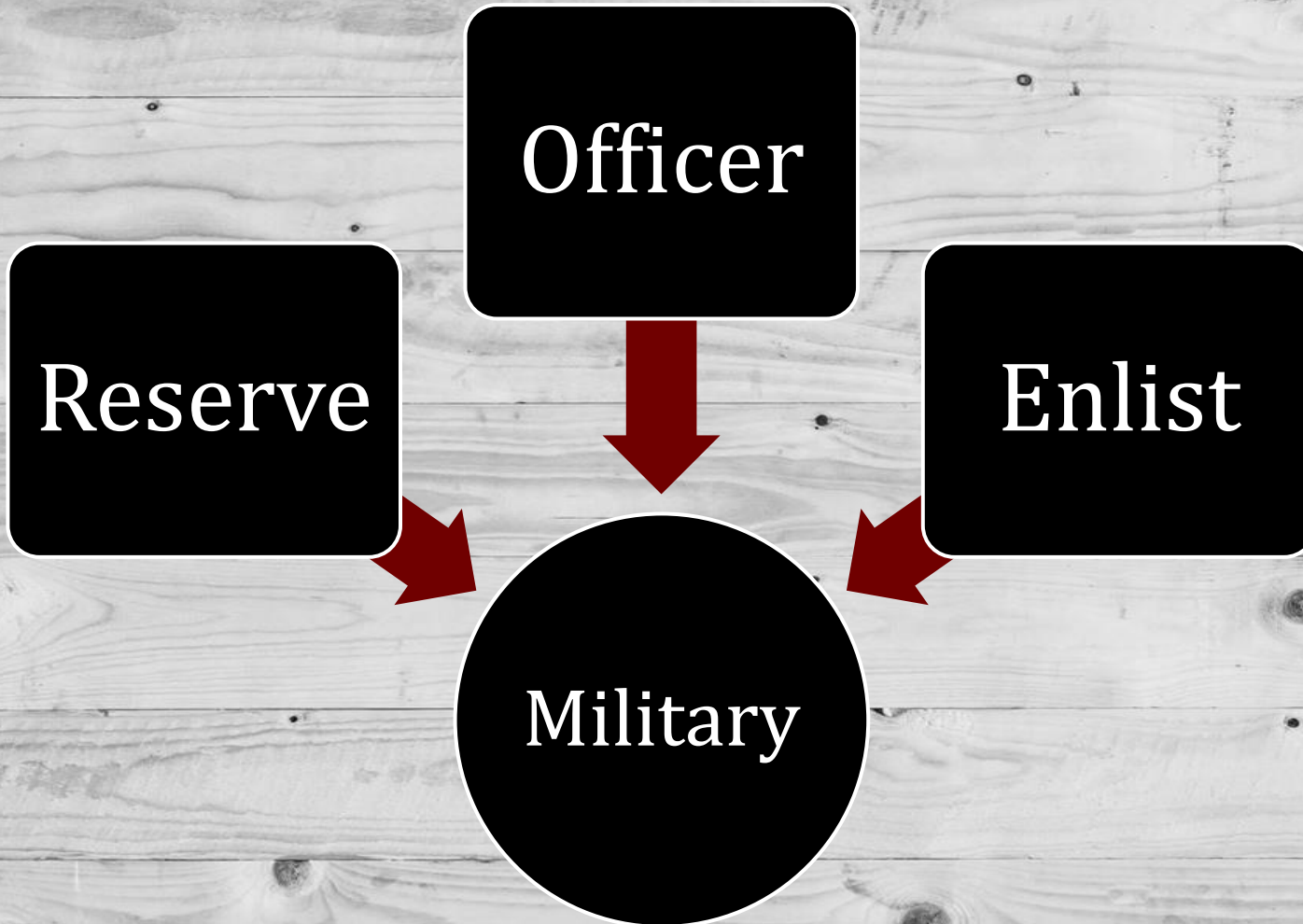
## When looking for technical school, things to ask:

- What is the certification passing rate?
- What is the job placement rate?
- What does the program include?

**Remember, there are private and state funded technical schools**



# Military Options



- ✓ Student-initiated contact
- ✓ Take the ASVAB test
- ✓ Go online and research the different branches
- ✓ Talk to our recruiters when they visit
- ✓ Recognize that there are many jobs in the military - again - talk to the recruiters.
- ✓ Many benefits (medical, education, housing)

# ASVAB

## What is the ASVAB Career Exploration program?

ASVAB is a vocational and aptitude test. Information from the test empowers students to discover their strengths and interests then map out post-secondary plans that work.

The ASVAB is for all students, not just for those interested in the military.

**Who is eligible to test?** 10th – 12th grade students

**When?** November 15, 2022 (during the school day)

**Cost?** Free to CFISD students

**Registration:** Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

Spaces are Limited, sign up soon!

Register using this link <http://bit.ly/cyfair-asvab> OR scan the QR Code



### Preparation

- **ASVAB study tips** <https://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab/asvab-study-tips.html>
- **ASVAB Career Exploration Guide** <https://www.asvabprogram.com/>



# 2yr and 4yr Colleges

Community/Junior  
College

Undergraduate  
College/University

Workforce  
Certifications

Bachelor  
Degree

Associate  
Degree

Options for  
Graduate  
Degrees

Earn credits  
to transfer





# Ordering Your Transcript



## Registrar's Office

- Order forms must be submitted for each college and scholarship application, up to three colleges per request form
- Allow **three days** for transcripts to be sent
- If using Common App, only order one transcript. If using Common App to apply to UT Austin or TAMU, check to see how they want to receive your transcript

# Ordering Your Transcript

## Registrar's Office

### In-person Pricing:

- \$2 for official transcripts to be mailed, most out of state colleges require transcript to be mailed
- Free for in-state public schools
- Unofficial transcripts cost \$1, order then pick up the following day at lunch

### Online Pricing:

- \$5 for the first copy + \$1 per each additional request in the same order

<https://cypressfairbanksk12.scriborder.com/>

## Lone Star College

If you have dual credit courses, you will need to order an official transcript from LSC to send to your college



# COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL, AND MILITARY VISITS

- 2 visits allowed in senior year
- Contact the college, school, or office you want to visit
- Forms can be found on the *Cy-Fair HS Website/Our School/Attendance Office*
- During the visit, an official will sign the form to validate (No business cards)
- Return completed form to the attendance office within 3 days of your visit
- No penalty towards exemptions





# Letters of Recommendation

## *FOR Teachers*

- Only provide letters of recommendation when requested, suggested, or if it can enhance application
- **3 WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE** is requested for all recommendation letters
- Ask teachers in person or with a personal e-mail; do not just have a link sent to them
- Provide your resume
- Give directions on uploading or mailing letter as well as the deadline
- Waive your right to view the letter
- Follow up with the teacher to ensure it has been sent; write a thank you letter

## *FOR Counselors*

- **3 WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE** is mandatory for all recommendation letters or college forms requiring counselor input
- First, if using Common App, order an official transcript in the registrar's office and send it to the counseling office. (It will be given to Mrs. Fumic.)
- Next, fill out a Senior Profile Packet (from Mrs. Fumic in counseling office) or <https://www.cfisd.net/domain/807>
- Finally, turn in to Mrs. Fumic in the counseling office:
  - Senior Profile Packet
  - Any necessary application forms and deadlines

# Junior Year Timeline

## FALL SEMESTER

- Stay involved in clubs/organizations
- Take PSAT on October 12<sup>th</sup>, if registered
- Register for AP exams
- Sign up to take the ASVAB
- Attend college fairs/trade school, visit with recruiters
- Visit colleges/schools
- Make a preliminary college list
- Counselor visit to classes in November begins selection of courses for senior year



# Junior Year Timeline

## SPRING SEMESTER

- Course selection for senior year in February
- Dual Credit Meeting for interested students on February 13th
- SAT for all classified 11<sup>th</sup> graders on campus for free on March 1<sup>st</sup>
- AP Exams in May
- US History EOC on May 2<sup>nd</sup>





# Junior Year Timeline

## SUMMER

- Summer opportunities – jobs, internships, volunteer
- Create a resume
- Visit colleges
- Finalize list of colleges for applications
- Clean up social media
- Applications open as early as July 1



# Juniors

The SAT will be offered at during the school day at Cy-Fair High School on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students at no cost.

Access free practice resources through:

Khan Academy <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

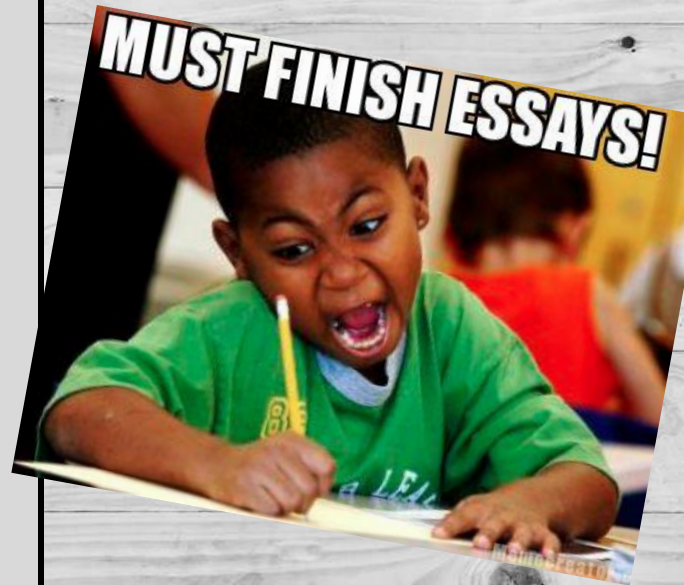
College Board <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/practice-preparation/practice-tests>



# Senior Year Timeline

## • FALL SEMESTER

- Deadlines for college/school applications vary. Check your school's deadlines and apply early!
- SAT or ACT if needed
- October thru November - Meet with counselor for individual senior conference
- October 1 – FASFA application opens
- Register for AP exams
- Plan a college/trade school/military visits
- After completing applications, apply for scholarships. Look for scholarships at the schools where you are applying, the district and CCS websites, and in the community.





# Senior Year Timeline

## SPRING SEMESTER

- Submit FAFSA application by January 15
- Work on scholarships
- Consider college/trade school/military visit
- Make post secondary plan decisions and accept admission offers. Check your deadlines.
- Graduation is Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.





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# Recommended Timeline

- Complete College Applications By Halloween 🎃
- Complete FAFSA By Thanksgiving 🦃
- Complete Scholarship Applications By Valentines ❤️
- Decide Your Plan After High School By MAY 1<sup>st</sup>



# Make A College List



Need help creating a list? See Mrs. Stockton  
or Counselor's Corner for a handout.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

# What do colleges look for?

**Minimum Requirements – Some, but not all, colleges do publish minimums (class rank and GPA)**

**Holistic Review:**

**Strength of  
academic  
coursework**

**Grade trend**

**Test Scores**

**Other academic  
factors**

**Personal  
statement/essay**

**Extracurricular  
activities/special  
talents**

**Ability to enhance  
the diversity of  
the university**

**Special  
Circumstances**

# Even if test optional, some colleges have assured admission opportunities:

University	Top 10%	11-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%
SFA	No Minimum	No Minimum	1030/20	1170/24	File Review
TTU	No Minimum	1180/24	1240/26	1280/27	Application Review
Texas State	No Minimum	No Minimum	1090/22	1250/26	1330/29

Look for more information on college websites or on [www.theHARN.org](http://www.theHARN.org)



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## Requirements With Test Score >

Class Rank	SAT or	ACT
Top 10%	No Minimum	No Minimum
11 - 25%	1080	21
26 - 50% or No Rank	1170	24
51% and Lower	—	—

If you don't meet the assured admissions requirements, we may consider additional factors in the admissions process. If selected for **individual review\***, we will let you know if you need to submit a resume and essay via your **myUH self-service portal**.

\*\*This unweighted GPA will be calculated by the University of Houston (out of a 4.0 scale) using English, math, science, and social studies grades on your transcript. Extracurricular classes will not be included.

## Score >

GPA**	Admission Type
3.0	Assured Admission
2.75	Assured Admission
2.40	Individual Review*
2.25	Assured Admission
2.00	Individual Review*
1.75	Individual Review*

# College Application Checklist

1. Complete college applications\*
2. Send test scores (may be optional)
3. Send official transcripts
4. If required, request recommendation letters
5. Check status often
6. Accept your offer

*\*Some applications require a fee and applications are not processed until the fee is paid. Some waivers are available if you qualify.  
See Mrs. Stockton if you have questions.*

# Applying for FAFSA is a Graduation Requirement

October 1 – FAFSA application opens

January 15 – State of Texas priority deadline

1. Decide between FAFSA and TAFSA
  - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is for U.S. residents with a social security number
  - Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TAFSA) is for Texas residents who can not apply for federal financial aid
2. Find applications and more information at
  - FAFSA - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
  - TAFSA - <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/index.cfm?objectid=a3119543-cbf8-c202-f1b0eefd5f4b9805>
3. **SAVE THE EMAIL YOU RECEIVE CONFIRMING SUBMISSION!**
  - You will use this to prove application as graduation approaches
  - Use a working email, not a CFISD student email



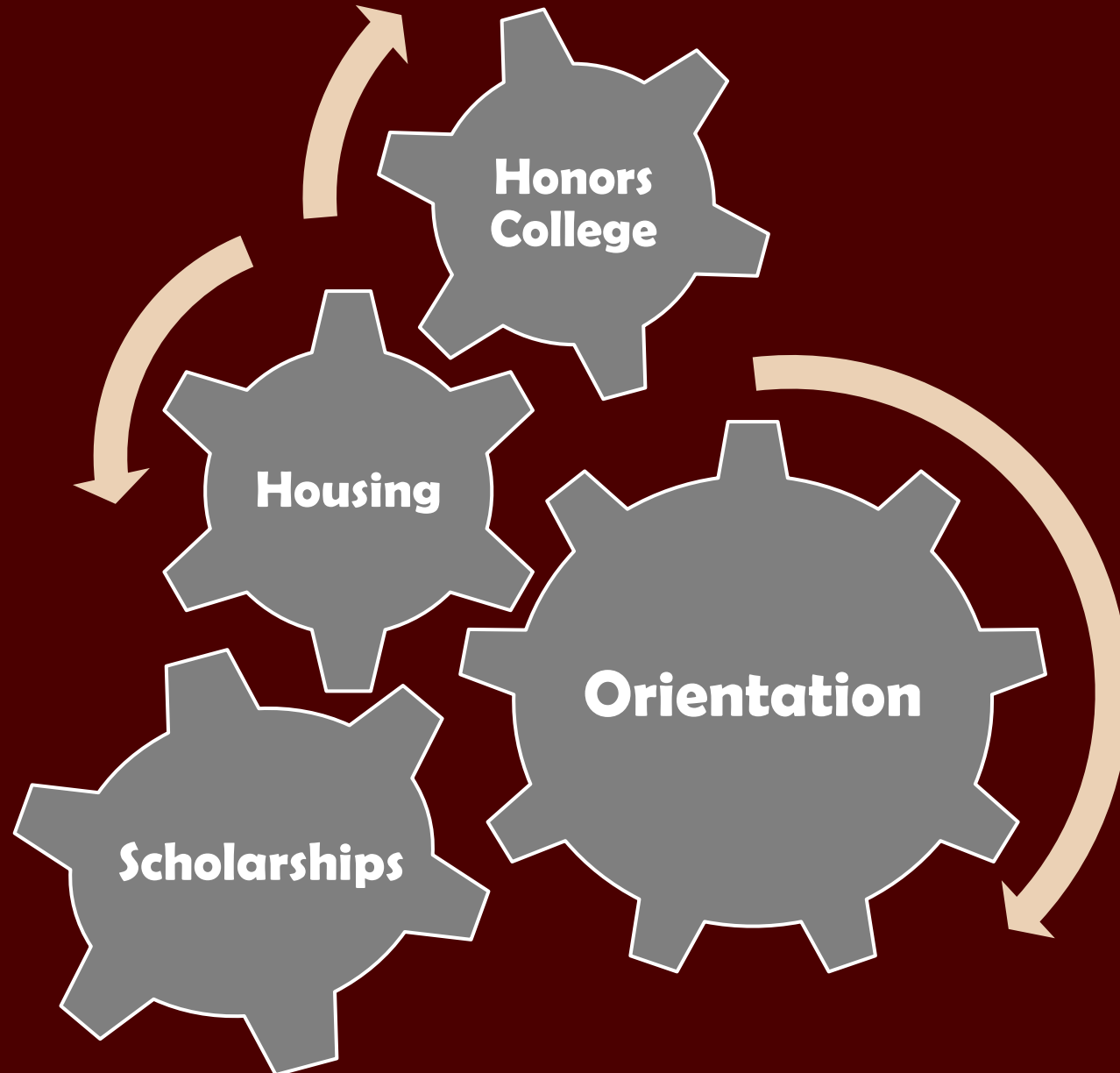
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4. Call the financial aid office at the college/university you plan to attend with any questions
5. There will be an opportunity to opt-out if you and your parent choose
6. Apply by January 15<sup>th</sup>

*There is over \$150 billion in federal grants, loans, and state-based aid available*

*For more information about this requirement, go to the Texas Education Agency website, <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/financial-aid-requirement>*

# WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER APPLYING ...



# FAQ

- **I'm not sure what I want to do in the future. Is there anything that could help guide me?** **Access Xello** ([my.cfid.net/AdditionalResources/Xello](https://my.cfid.net/AdditionalResources/Xello)), **Finding Your Future** <https://www.cfid.net/Page/1805>, and <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>
- **How to get fee waivers signed for testing?** Testing fee waivers are available from Ms. Stockton or Ms. Fumic, counselors' secretary.
- **How to get application fee waivers?** Check with the individual colleges regarding their fee waiver process. Students who took the SAT on a fee waiver will have four college application fee waivers in their account. Other waivers may be applied using the student's FAFSA information. If the college requires a waiver which needs a signature from the high school, please e-mail Mrs. Stockton ([erin.stockton@cfisd.net](mailto:erin.stockton@cfisd.net)) or visit her office in the library during your lunch on Wednesdays or Thursdays.
- **Benefit of waiving the right to see letters of recommendation-** It reassures colleges that your recommenders have provided support that is candid and truthful.
- **What makes a valuable letter of recommendation – who to ask –** A teacher who knows your abilities. Consider one from an academic teacher related to your major.



# FAQ

- **What if I won't have test scores to send?** Many colleges are test optional. They will be using the holistic review process - grades, course rigor, resume, and student essay. Talk to your college admissions office.
- **Should I submit my application before I have my test scores?** Application needs to be submitted first before sending transcripts, test scores, letters, etc. Call your college's admission's office with any questions.
- **How can I get help with my college essay?** English teachers, free resources online.
- **Where can I find scholarships?** The financial aid office of the college/school you plan to attend, CFHS College & Career (<https://www.cfid.net/Page/2120> ), CFISD College & Career (<https://www.cfid.net/domain/2369>) Finding Your Future (<https://www.cfid.net/Page/1805>), organizations in which you or a family member belong.
- **What is my unweighted GPA?** It is based on a 4.0 scale. It is calculated in our computer system and can be attained from the registrar's office if needed.



CLASS OF

**2023**

