



HORIZONS Program Philosophy

The HORIZONS Program of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is dedicated to providing quality instruction to meet the needs of gifted and talented students. The HORIZONS curriculum is firmly embedded in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills objectives, the state mandated curriculum of the Texas Education Agency. We recognize that gifted and talented students require differentiation of their curriculum in pace, depth, or complexity to provide an appropriate level of challenge and to allow students to reach their full academic potential.

We believe students in the HORIZONS program benefit academically and emotionally when given opportunities to develop effective inter- and intra-personal skills related to their giftedness; to develop advanced, self-directed learning skills; to internalize advanced processing skills; and to develop original products of relative complexity and sophistication.

We believe students learn best when provided multi-sensory instructional services which are both age and ability appropriate. In addition, we believe these students need instructional time to work with age peers, to work with intellectual peers, and to work alone in independent study.

We believe the instructional program for gifted and talented students should challenge and stimulate students to excel as independent, responsible, contributing members of society.