

Guidance & Counseling - FAQs

Question: What is the best way to contact my child's counselor?

Answer: Contact the school's main number and ask to be connected to the counseling office. Campus websites often list contact information for counselors as well.

Question: How does my child order a transcript?

Answer: Transcripts are available in the registrar's office at your high school campus. Transcript requests must be made in writing. Official transcripts are \$2.00 and will be sent directly to the institution. Unofficial transcripts are \$1.00 and may be picked up by the student or parent.

Question: Is parent permission required in order for my child to participate in group counseling sessions?

Answer: Yes, parent permission is required in order for your child to participate in group counseling sessions. Topics vary greatly but may include divorce, grief, or anger management.

Question: My child has several personal issues. Does the counselor provide individual counseling?

Answer: School counselors do see students on an individual basis from time to time. Due to time constraints, they are not able to see students individually for an extended time. If your school counselor feels that your child needs further assistance, he/she will inform you of additional options.

Question: Who should I contact if my child needs a schedule change?

Answer: You will need to contact your son/daughter's counselor. You can find contact information on the campus website or by calling the counseling office at your child's school.

Question: My child is gifted and talented. He was identified in our previous district. Would he/she qualify for the HORIZONS program in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD?

Answer: Parents must notify the registrar during the registration process regarding the GT placement in the previous school. There is no automatic placement of GT students from one district to another. Students would have to qualify for the program based on the district criteria for placement. You must provide evidence (testing scores) of previous GT placement to the elementary counselor or the secondary director of instruction. That data will be reviewed and determination of placement or additional testing will be made within a six week period of entry into CFISD. If additional testing is required, you will be notified. Please contact your child's counselor for additional information or see the HORIZON'S website <http://www.cfisd.net/dept2/curricu/gifted/gifted.htm>.

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Question: How can I help my child to receive scholarships?

Answer: In order to receive scholarships, student and parents should work together to research all available resources. There are thousands of scholarships available each year, some based on merit, some on financial need and some a combination of both. Check the district and campus websites often as scholarships are updated frequently.

Question: I would like for my child to skip a grade in elementary.

Answer: Students with high achievement and ability in grades K – Grade 5 have the opportunity to use “credit by exam” to skip a grade level. To apply to take a “credit by exam”, see your child’s counselor. You will be provided with detailed information on qualifying exam scores and deadlines.