

HORIZONS Program Philosophy

Cypress-Fairbanks I. S. D.'s HORIZONS program is dedicated to providing instruction to meet the needs and interests of academically gifted and talented students. The HORIZONS curriculum is firmly embedded in the TEKS, the state mandated curriculum. We recognize that gifted students require differentiation of this 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 that these students learn best when provided with multi-sensory instructional services which are both age- and ability-appropriate. In addition, we believe these students need instructional time to work with their age peers, to work with their 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.