

K-level courses to include more students

Prior to the 2009-2010 school year, entry to K-level classes was only for students who earned a grade of an A or B in previous K-level courses. Now the district has opened up an opportunity for more students to enroll in K-level courses by including those students who earned a C in previous K-level or L-level course.

"The district's goal is to provide more students the option to self-select a more rigorous and challenging curriculum. The standards and expectations in K-level courses will

not be altered," said Mary Jadloski, director for high school curriculum and instruction. "We [the district] feel that this decision is better left to students and their parents."

The district's *High School Course Offerings and Descriptions* booklet states that "students must earn a grade of an A, B or C in the previous K-level or L-level class" to be eligible for entry into K-level or Advanced Placement (AP) Classes in high school. K-level classes differ from L-level classes in that they move at a faster pace, include different types and numbers of assignments, and demand more out-of-class time to complete tasks and required reading.

Jadloski said that it is important that students enrolled in advanced classes for English, math, science

or social studies have an interest in and an aptitude for the subject.

"Students who accept challenges in areas of interest are more likely to achieve in the course," she said.

K-level students who receive a D average for the semester will be removed from the K-level (or AP) class and placed in an appropriate L-level class for the following semester, if an L-level class is available.

However, if a student receives an F average during any grading period, that student will be placed in the appropriate L-level class.

At the end of the third week of any grading period, a student may request (with parent approval) to be placed in an L-level class if he/she is making below an 80 average. All K-level students have the option to request (with parent approval) a transfer from a K-level or AP class to an L-level class at the end of any six-weeks' grading period.

"We want students to have various entry points to advanced courses. Each student deserves the opportunity to reach his/her educational and career goals with fewer barriers or obstacles," Jadloski said.

More information on L-level, K-level and AP classes is available through each high school counseling office.

K-level Courses

Season tickets go on sale Aug. 3

The 2009 season ticket package, available both in person and online via online ticketing vendor Ticket Servant (www.ticket servant.com), includes admission to both the Berry Center and Pidgeon stadiums.

Last year's season ticket holders will have the first option to purchase season tickets Monday, Aug. 3 through Friday, Aug. 14 online at Ticket Servant (accessible through the Athletics page at www.cfisd.net), by phone at 281-319-6900 or in person from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Berry Center's Athletic Department, located on the first floor in Suite 1401 at 8877 Barker Cypress Road. The office can be accessed easily via entrance No. 2. The advance season ticket price is \$7 per ticket. If the tickets are not renewed by 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14, they will be made available to the general public beginning Monday, Aug. 17 at 8 a.m.

General public season ticket sales will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 17 and continue through Friday, Aug. 28 at 4 p.m. Tickets are available online at Ticket Servant, by phone at 281-319-6900 or in person from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Athletic Department. Online purchases include a \$2 service fee and phone purchases include a \$4 service fee per ticket.

Season tickets purchased online can

Season Ticket Cost (Per Person)

Team	Games	In-Person Price	Online Price
Cy-Fair	9	\$63	\$81
Cypress Creek	9	\$63	\$81
Jersey Village	8	\$56	\$72
Langham Creek	8	\$56	\$72
Cypress Falls	9	\$63	\$81
Cypress Springs	8	\$56	\$72
Cypress Ridge	9	\$63	\$81
Cypress Woods	8	\$56	\$72

be printed immediately or received by mail. For your convenience, tickets purchased online can also be transferred via email to another party for any game.

Advance game ticket prices will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for students. Tickets may be purchased online 24/7 through Ticket Servant, by phone at 281-319-6900, in person from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Athletic Department or at the high school during designated hours. Online purchases include a \$2 service fee and phone purchases include a \$4 service fee per ticket.

Tickets purchased at the gate will be \$8 except for students in grades K-5, who will pay \$5. Cash and credit cards will be accepted. Season tickets will not be sold for Cypress Lakes or Cypress Ranch high schools, which will play junior varsity schedules. Call the athletic department at 281-894-3980 for additional information.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD offers career and technical education programs in trade and industry, agri-science, business computer information systems career preparation, health science technology, technology education and family and consumer sciences.

Admission to these programs is based on student interest, age and grade requirements specified by the Texas Education Agency.

It is the policy of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its career and technology programs, services, activities and employment as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission to and participation in all educational and career and technology programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures contact Dan McIlhuff at 281-897-6416 or Teresa Hull at 281-897-4030.

ACBM REMOVAL AND COMPLIANCE

In accordance with Environmental Protection Agency 40 CFR 765 regulations, all parents and district employees are hereby informed that a six-month inspection of asbestos containing building material (ACBM) in Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District facilities was recently completed.

This inspection confirmed that the district's buildings are in compliance, and that the district continues to provide a safe environment for its staff and students. The individual building re-inspection reports are on file in the Management Plan books located in facility administration areas.

Additionally, during the past twelve (12) months, ACBM was removed from the following schools: Frazier Elementary School, Hancock Elementary School, Lamkin Elementary School, Moore Elementary School and Cy-Fair High School. For more information, contact Martin Anding, senior director of special services, at 281-897-4065.