

# CYPRESS RANCH HIGH SCHOOL-JUNIOR CONFERENCE BULLETIN CLASS OF 2024

## **SAT & ACT**

**Use the Cypress Ranch code when registering for SAT and the ACT: 441689**

- CRHS will offer the SAT March 1<sup>st</sup> at CRHS for juniors. Juniors are automatically registered for the test. There are no makeup days for this SAT administration. Students are encouraged to send their scores to four schools for free.
- Khan Academy is a resource for Test Prep for the SAT, and their website is <https://www.khanacademy.org/>. The ACT ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org)) has released tests for students to prepare for the test.
- We encourage students to take each test once to see which test is best for the student.

### **SAT Test Dates & Deadlines**

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline
March 11, 2023	February 10th
May 6, 2023	April 7th
June 3, 2023	May 4th

### **ACT Test Dates & Deadlines**

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline
February 11, 2023	January 6th
April 15, 2023	March 10th
June 10, 2023	May 5th
July 15, 2023	June 16th

## **Course Selection Deadline: Course changes for the 2023-2024 school year will not be accepted after April 28, 2023.**

The following advanced courses do not offer a level drop:

Statistics AP	Chemistry AP or DC	Spanish IV AP, V K, VI K
Calculus AB AP	Environmental Science AP or DC	Latin 3 or 4 K
College Algebra K or DC	Pathophysiology K	German 3 or 4 K
Advanced Quantitative Reasoning K	Anatomy & Physiology K	French 3 or 4 K
Accounting 2 K	AP Physics 2	AP Music Theory
United States History AP or DC	AP Physics C	Art History DC
Advanced Animal Science K	Biology AP or DC	Texas Government DC
Advanced Plant & Soil K	Engineering Design/Problem Solving K	World Area Studies K
Forensics K	Robotics II K	AP Computer Science Principles
	Speech DC	Computer Science 1, 2, or 3 K

**Transcripts** Order official transcripts <https://cypressfairbanks12.scriborder.com/> or <https://sites.google.com/cfisd.net/collegeandcareercentercrhs/applying-to-college/transcripts>. Send transcripts AFTER you apply to college. Official transcripts cost \$2 and are sent directly to the institution. Transcripts sent electronically to participating Texas colleges are free. Unofficial transcripts are \$1 and may be picked up by the student or parent in the Registrar's Office.

**Dual Credit** A dual credit PowerPoint presentation will be shared in February regarding dual credit registration. Information regarding the presentation will be shared via School Messenger. If you are interested in taking DC courses, please notify your counselor during your junior conference. Students and parents must complete a Lone Star College Registration Form to be enrolled in any DC courses.

**Early Release/Late Arrival for Seniors** Applications are available in the counseling office. Students must apply prior to senior year. To qualify for Early Release/Late Arrival, students need to have a job or be taking a class at the college campus, have their own transportation, be earning more credits than are needed for graduation and have passed all portions of the STAAR/EOC. When registering for classes, you must select 7 classes and will choose which to drop on the application. Eligibility for LA/ER **does not** guarantee that it will work with your schedule.

**College Visits** Students are allowed a total of four college days, two during junior year and two during senior year. Students must obtain a visitation form from the Attendance office and return the form as instructed to have the excused college day granted.  
Virtual College Visit Websites: [youtube.com/c/theartofcollege](https://youtube.com/c/theartofcollege) and [youvisit.com/collegesearch/](https://youvisit.com/collegesearch/)

**Early Decision vs Early Action** *Early decision* plans are **binding** — a student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college. *Early action* plans are non-binding — students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date.

**Pass/Fail** To pass/fail a course, it must be the third **elective** course in approved sequence (example: Medical Terminology, Principles of Health Science, may apply to pass/fail SPRING of Health Science Theory). Students must apply **each semester**, and pass/failing a course benefits student with a 6.0 GPA or better.

**Letters of Recommendation** Please ask recommenders at least THREE weeks in advance if they're willing to write you a letter. If you need a counselor recommendation, please provide your counselor with a completed packet found on the website <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eDfnZribEYExYZ75y8uQ7fqgEa7To46R/view>. For teacher recommendations, we recommend asking teachers from your junior year who know you well. You will need to contact your teacher for the recommendation.

**College and Career Specialist** Mrs. Marks is our College and Career Specialist, follow her on Twitter @Cyranchcounsel. Visit our College and Career website ([www.bit.ly/crhccollege](http://www.bit.ly/crhccollege)) for more college and career information.

### Apply Texas

(<https://goapplytexas.org/>)

### Common App

([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org))

### Coalition App

([www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org))

**Academic Resumes** are an excellent idea to help you complete your application as well as scholarship information. These are also helpful for your teachers to write your recommendation.

### **Financial Aid and Scholarships**

- Fee waivers: If eligible, waive fees for testing (ACT/SAT) and up to four college applications. Eligibility is based on Free/Reduced lunch status. Apply for free/reduced lunch (<https://www.schoolcafe.com/>), regardless if you eat lunch on campus or not.
- Scholarships: Apply...don't let ESSAYS keep you from **FREE MONEY!!!!**
  - [cfisd.net/scholarships](http://cfisd.net/scholarships), Twitter @Cyranchcounsel, and the College and Career website
- FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> Financial aid application will be available October 1st, 2023 (fall of your senior year). **FAFSA completion is now a graduation requirement.** Money is first come/first serve-complete application ASAP.

**NCAA** Students will need to submit their transcript following their junior year (6th semester of high school) to the NCAA Eligibility Center in order to register. Test scores will need to be submitted as well from ACT or SAT. Please visit <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>, there is a fee for the application process.

## **Helpful Sites for Students and Parents**

Cypress Ranch Counselors website (<https://www.cfisd.net/Page/2646>) for more information on course selection, course descriptions, ER/LA applications, Dual Credit information, copies of parent and grade level presentations, etc.

Fund Your Future <https://www.cfisd.net/Page/6888> is a booklet posted on the district website which provides you with information to use in exploring all of the options available to you after high school, and to assist you in creating a plan for successful graduation and your post-secondary options.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/> Helps students research different schools and careers that fit their interests and assists students with how to pay for college along with a means of making a plan for college.

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/home.htm> The Occupational Outlook Handbook can help you find career information on duties, education and training, pay, and outlook for hundreds of occupations.

<http://www.mynextmove.org/> Helps students learn about different careers and industries. If unsure, there is a career assessment to help students get started.