

Bridgeland High School Counseling Department Parent Information Meeting 9th and 10th Grade



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Counselor's Corner at Lunches

- **Students may visit with the counselor on duty**
- **May sign up to see their alpha counselor**
- **Counselors provide information about:**
 - **Programs**
 - **Opportunities**
 - **Scheduling**

As a parent, how can I support my student?



- Encourage and allow your student(s) to self advocate.
- Ensure a healthy balance of academic and social involvement
- Ask your student about progress in school; check grades and attendance on HAC **(Call 281-897-HELP)**
- Check in with teachers 1st about concerns or to notify them of any critical events happening in your student's life
- Monitor social media usage
- Get to know your student's friends
- Give them room to grow and confront their challenges

Grade Classification Standards

Grade

Criteria for Promotion

9th

Promotion from Middle School

10th

1 year of attendance and 5 credits, including English I and Algebra I

11th

2 years of attendance and 11 credits

12th

3 years of attendance and 17 credits

9th & 10th Grade Year Basics

- 1. Meet high school graduation requirements**
- 2. Work on GPA/class rank**
- 3. Explore college/career options**
- 4. Build resume; get involved!**
- 5. Pass “STAAR” EOC tests**

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MEET HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



PACE:

Personal, Academic, & Career Explorations

- **9th Grade and New to CFISD 10th Graders**
- Semester course designed to assist students in the transition from middle school to high school and build skills that will assist them with future transitions to career, college, adulthood, and independence.
- Students will actively work to develop a personalized plan for life success based on their career aspirations.
- Four year plans will be created or updated.

Graduation Plans

1. Foundations Only

- 22 Credit







2. Foundation with Endorsements

- 26 Credits

Students review the graduation plans in PACE

For more information, see pages 18-19 in the [Course Description Book](#).

Graduation Plans for the Class of 2018 and Beyond

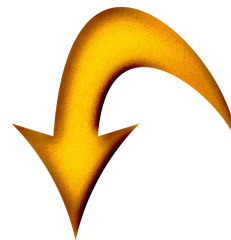
	Foundation 	+ Endorsement(s) 	Distinguished Level of Achievement 
Discipline	Credits	Credits	Credits
English and PACE (1/2)	4 ½		
Math	3 Algebra I, Geometry, + 1 add'l math	+1 advanced math	including Algebra II 
Science	3 Biology, IPC / Chem / Physics, + 1 add'l science	+1 advanced science	
Social Studies	3		
Foreign Language	2		
Fine Arts	1		
PE (1) and Health (1/2)	1 ½		
Electives/Endorsement Courses	4	+2 additional electives	Must earn at least 1 Endorsement
Total Credits for Graduation	22	26 	26 

The Five Endorsements

- STEM- 5 Options
- Business & Industry - 3 Options
- Public Services – 2 Options
- Arts & Humanities- 3 Options
- Multidisciplinary Studies- 2 Options

Course Description Book Pg. 20-21

See Pg. 20-21
for this chart



Cypress-Fairbanks ISD - The Endorsements

A student must complete the Foundation High School Program (22 credits), one additional math credit, one additional science credit, and two additional elective credits while completing the specific requirements of his/her selected endorsement.

STEM	Business & Industry	Public Services	Arts & Humanities	Multidisciplinary Studies
<p>Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math</p> <p>Students may earn a STEM endorsement by selecting and completing the requirements from among these 5 options.</p> <p>Note: Algebra II, Chemistry, and Physics are required for the STEM endorsement regardless of the option the student selects from below.</p> <p>Option 1: Computer Science (Technology) Students take 4 computer science courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Science 2 I & II Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science III I & II Project based Research in Computer Science K <p>Option 2: CTE (Engineering) Students earn four (4) CTE credits by taking at least two (2) courses in the same cluster that lead to a final course in the STEM cluster. At least one (1) of the courses must be advanced CTE course (3rd year or higher course in a sequence).</p> <p>Option 3: Math Students take Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II AND two (2) of the following courses for which Algebra II is a prerequisite:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precalculus Calculus AB or BC Statistics AP ADP R Advanced Algebra College Algebra K 	<p>Students may earn a Business & Industry endorsement by selecting and completing the requirements from among these 3 options.</p> <p>Option 1: CTE Students earn four (4) credits by taking at least two (2) courses in the same career cluster in one of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Architecture and Construction Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communication Business, Marketing and Finance Hospitality and Tourism Information Technology Manufacturing Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics <p>with at least one (1) advanced (3rd year or higher course in the sequence).</p> <p>Option 2: English Students take four (4) English elective credits that include three levels in one of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Journalism Newspaper or Yearbook Debate <p>Option 3: Combination Students take a coherent sequence of four (4) credits from Option 1 and 2. Combination plan must include one (1) advanced CTE course.</p>	<p>Students may earn a Public Services endorsement by selecting and completing the requirements from among these 2 options.</p> <p>Option 1: CTE Students earn four (4) credits by taking at least two (2) courses in the same career cluster in one of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education and Training Health Science Human Services <p>With a least one (1) advanced (3rd year or higher course in the sequence).</p> <p>Option 2: AFJROTC Student takes four (4) AFJROTC courses for (4) credits</p>	<p>Students may earn an Arts & Humanities endorsement by selecting and completing the requirements from among these 3 options.</p> <p>Option 1: Social Studies Students should earn five (5) social studies credits.</p> <p>Option 2: Languages Other Than English (Foreign Language) Students take four (4) levels of the same foreign language.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Students take two (2) levels of one foreign language AND two (2) levels of a different foreign language (two levels in each of two different foreign languages for 4 credits).</p> <p>Option 3: Fine Arts Students take four (4) courses in the same fine arts area for 4 credits.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Students take two (2) courses in one fine arts area AND two (2) courses in a different fine arts area (two courses in each of two different fine arts areas for 4 credits).</p>	<p>Students may earn a Multidisciplinary Studies endorsement by selecting and completing the requirements from among these 2 options.</p> <p>Option 1: Four by Four (4x4) Students take four (4) courses in each of the four core content areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four (4) English credits including English IV Four (4) math credits Four (4) science credits including biology and chemistry and/or physics Four (4) social studies credits <p>OR</p> <p>Option 2: AP / Dual Students take four (4) Advanced Placement (AP) or four (4) Dual Credit courses for four (4) credits in English, math, science, social studies, foreign language, or fine arts.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Students take a combination of Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual credit courses for four (4) credits in English, math, science, social studies, foreign language, or fine arts.</p>

Electives and Endorsements

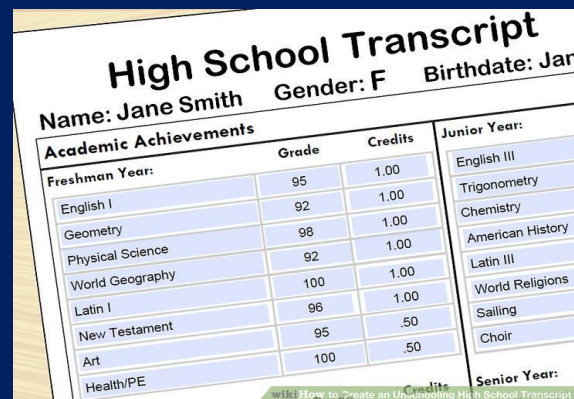
- **Electives allow students to explore interests, discover strengths, and find a passion**
- **Elective choices take on greater importance with students as these lead to earning endorsements**
- **Elective strands can be good ways to develop leadership skills by developing an expertise in a field of study**
- **Students can earn licensure and certifications through some elective/endorsement courses**
- **Exploring electives now allows students to plan for multiple pathways after graduation (MILITARY, WORK FORCE, or COLLEGE)**

What colleges are saying...

- **A rigorous, well-rounded academic program**
- **4 credits of English, 4 credits of math (including Algebra II), and 4 credits of science (including Chemistry and Physics)**
- **3 – 4 Social Studies credits**
- **2 years of the same foreign language**
- **Followed one's passion through electives or extra-curricular activities**
- **Demonstrated leadership in organizations/clubs in or outside of school**

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Work on GPA / Class Rank Earn College Credits



High School Transcript
Name: Jane Smith Gender: F Birthdate: Jan

Academic Achievements		
	Grade	Credits
Freshman Year:		
English I	95	1.00
Geometry	92	1.00
Physical Science	98	1.00
World Geography	92	1.00
Latin I	100	1.00
New Testament	96	1.00
Art	95	.50
Health/PE	100	.50
Junior Year:		
English III		
Trigonometry		
Chemistry		
American History		
Latin III		
World Religions		
Sailing		
Choir		
Senior Year:		

Wiki: How to Create an Outstanding High School Transcript

Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Cumulative grade point average is re-averaged each Year of high school
- All courses taken in high school are averaged in the GPA with a few non-credit exceptions
- The GPA for Cypress Fairbanks ISD is based upon a 6.0 weighted scale
- It is the student's GPA that determines the student's class rank
- Students will Receive a new Cumulative GPA Based on the Completion of 10th Grade

Grading Scale	L- Level On level	Advanced Levels K/AP/DC & Horizons
A = 90 - 100	A = 6.0	A = 7.0
B = 80 - 89	B = 5.0	B = 6.0
C = 75 - 79	C = 4.0	C = 5.0
C- = 70 - 74	C- = 3.0	C- = 4.0
F = 0 - 69	F = 0.0	F = 0.0

Advanced Classes

- **Eligibility for K/AP-Level Course Entry:**
 - A grade of 85+ (previous yearly average) of L level class in same subject area...OR...
 - 75+ in previous semester of K
- **Students will be removed if they have a C- in a K/AP Level class at Semester**
- **Students will be removed if they have an F in a K/AP Level class for any grading period**
- **All level drops begin with the teacher**
 - See Page 11 in the Course Offerings and Descriptions Book

How to Calculate GPA

- Determine each semester letter grade
- Award grade points
- Add points together
- Divide by total number of course grades
- Carry out to 4 decimal points

English I	91 (A) =6
Alg I	80 (B) =5
W. Geo <u>K</u>	85 (B) =6
Biology	78 (C) =4
Spanish I	83 (B) =5
PACE	92 (A) = 6
PE / Ath.	<u>100 (A)= 6</u>
	= 38

$$38 / 7 = 5.4286 \text{ GPA}$$


What does an “F” do to my GPA ?

GPA Calculation without “F”:

English I	91 (A) = 6
Alg I	80 (B) = 5
W. Geo K	85 (B) = 6
Biology	78 (C) = 4
Spanish I	83 (B) = 5
Pace	92 (A) = 6
PE/Ath	<u>100 (A) = 6</u>
	38

$$38 / 7 = \underline{5.4286} \text{ GPA}$$

GPA Calculation with “F”:

English I	91 (A) = 6
Alg I	60 (F) = 0 
W. Geo K	85 (B) = 6
Biology	78 (C) = 4
Spanish I	83 (B) = 5
Pace	92 (A) = 6
PE/Ath.	<u>100 (A) = 6</u>
	33

$$33/7 = \underline{4.7142} \text{ GPA}$$

How is a Semester Average Calculated ?

Semester grades are computed by allocating a weight of 3/7 for each nine week grading period average and 1/7 for a semester exam*.

Ex. N1=84, N2=92, semester exam=81

$$\frac{(3 \times 84) + (3 \times 92) + (1 \times 81)}{7} = \underline{87 \text{ semester avg.}}$$

*Unless you are exempt from semester exam

Final Exam Exemption Policy

9th grade - one exam per semester
10th grade – two exams per semester

Grade	Absences Allowed	Tardies
75+ Semester Average	5	3



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SEMESTER EXAM
EXEMPTION
GUIDELINES

[Here](#)

- E, S, or I in Conduct
- No OSS, ALC or JJAEP Placements
- No Fees or Fines

Grade Averaging

- ✓ Year averages are an average of the fall and spring semester grades.
- ✓ Students **MUST** pass the spring semester.
- ✓ Students that pass both semesters will receive full credit.

Fall Avg.	Spring Avg.	YEAR Avg.	CREDIT
75 Pass	75 PASS	75 PASS	1.0
65 FAIL	75 PASS	70 PASS	1.0
65 FAIL	70 PASS	68 FAIL	.5 MUST MAKE UP FALL
75 PASS	65 FAIL	70 FAIL	.5 MUST MAKE UP SPRING
65 FAIL	65 FAIL	65 FAIL	0.0 Retake course

Pass Fail Opportunity

What is Pass/Fail?

- Opportunity for academically-able juniors and seniors who want to pursue special areas of interest with minimal impact on their GPA
- Benefits juniors and seniors with GPA of 6.0 or higher
- Only certain courses are Pass/Fail (P/F Course List updated each school year by district and subject to change); some courses are P/F only in the Spring semester
- Students **MUST** complete **2 years of ON-LEVEL coursework in sequence** to be eligible to P/F
- Up to TWO credits (beyond graduation requirements)

Examples:

- | | |
|---|---|
| ■ 9 th – Athletics 1 FB | 9 th – Principles of Health Science |
| ■ 10 th – Athletics 2 FB | 10 th – Medical Terminology |
| ■ 11 th – Athletics 3 FB (P/F) | 11 th – Health Science Clinicals (P/F Spring Only) |
| ■ 12 th – Athletics 4 FB (P/F) | 12 th – Health Science (P/F in Spring Only) |

Top 10% Admissions

- Automatic admission to Texas public institutions*
*2023-24 **Top 6%** for UT Austin
- Must submit completed application prior to deadline set by the university
- Apply no later than 2 years after graduating from high school
- Graduate with Distinguished Level of Achievement
- Provide additional documents required by the university
- Automatic admission is to the institution, not the major.



Honor Graduate Requirements



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|-------------------|-----------------|
| ★ Cum Laude | 6.00 – 6.24 GPA |
| ★ Magna Cum Laude | 6.25 – 6.49 GPA |
| ★ Summa Cum Laude | 6.5 + GPA |

Recognition at graduation ceremony

Options for Earning HS Credits Original/Make Up

- Summer School
 - Summer courses are transcribed as on level
- District Credit By Exam (CBE)
- Correspondence Course (Texas Tech/ UT)
 - Up to TWO credits may be earned with counselor approval
- Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN)

*****Students must have counselor permission before registering for these types of courses***

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Explore Career / College Options



Options for Earning College Credit

Advanced Placement Courses

- Offers a chance to receive college credit through AP exam, if passed. (The exam score and type of credit awarded varies with each university.) Texas Public Universities usually accept for college credit a score of 3 or higher.
- Students must meet prerequisites to take AP courses.

Dual Credit Courses

- Available to students starting in 11th grade. Registration begins Spring of 10th grade year.
- Earn both high school & college credit with Lone Star College for certain courses taken at the high school.
- Registration with Lone Star College with prerequisite testing
- Payment to Lone Star College
- Parent and Student meetings prior to registration times

Opportunities to earn College Credit in HS

Dual Credit and Advanced Placement

Dual Credit Must meet qualifications	Advanced Placement – AP Must meet qualifications
Enrolled in LSC & BHS campus course. Taught by BHS teacher who is LSC qualified	Enroll in campus AP course only
Pay tuition (\$120)	Pay for AP exam (\$102)
Grade in course = credit	Score on ONE test (3,4,5)= credit
Credit transfers to public TX Colleges/Universities and many Colleges/Universities within U.S.	College/University determines whether test score is acceptable and type/amount of credit.
You will build both a HS transcript & LSC transcript & submit with your college apps.	You will request scores from College Board after you enroll in your college.

Dual Credit Opportunities

Dual Credit

- Available to students starting end of 10th grade year. Registration begins Spring of 10th grade year.
- Earn both high school & college credit with Lone Star College for certain courses taken at the high school.
- Registration with Lone Star College with prerequisite testing
- Payment to Lone Star College (Increase to \$120)
- Parent and Student meetings prior to registration times

AP Exam Registration is now open:

- If you have a student in Advanced Placement Classes (AP), registration is now open for Year Long and Fall Semester courses
- Registration is a **2- Step Process** - College Board and Total Registration
- Please see the AP page on the [Bridgeland Website](#), or scan the QR Code for step by step directions
- Deadline to register and pay = November 1st ; \$102 per exam



Apply for Free/Reduced Lunch Program!

Benefits Include:

- **Reduced fees for AP Registration**
- **Reduced fees for PSAT**
- **Potential Scholarships for Dual Credit**
- **Potential Scholarships for CTE Certification Tests**
- **Potential Scholarships for Summer School**
- **Test Fee waivers for ACT/SAT**
- **College Application Fee Waivers**
- **Visit www.schoolcafe.com to apply**

College Night!



Oct. 3 | 6 - 8 p.m. | Berry Center

All secondary level students and their parents are invited to attend this free event.

Students and parents should park in Lots A and B, and enter through Entrance Two.

Registration not required.
Clear bag policy will be enforced.



No matter where you are in the college search process, you can learn more about your options.

Come interact with reps and check it out!

Free parking is available and concessions will be open.



Save time and impress reps by coming prepared with your Student Barcode Pass.
www.falltacroswoogo.com/registration
Filter by Region - Houston I
Cypress-Fairbanks ISD - October 3rd



Scan the QR Code for more information!

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Build Resume Get Involved !



Get Involved!

Make your years as a Bridgeland BEAR GREAT!

Extracurricular Activities that you are **INVOLVED** with:

- Join a UIL team: Athletics, Fine Arts program, UIL Academic team
- Join or Start a Club – run for office, chair a committee
- Outside of school activities – Church, Scouts, Club Sports
- Our Freshman & Sophomores have opportunities to be leaders



Clubs and Organizations

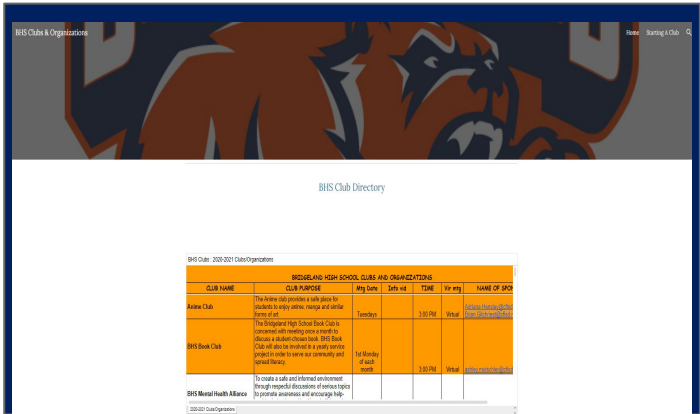
To explore clubs and organizations offered at Bridgeland High School:

Go to Bridgeland website:

→ Student Activities

→ Clubs and Organizations

For information about *National Honor Society*,
use this link: <https://www.cfisd.net/Page/7034>



BHS Clubs & Organizations

BHS Club Directory

BHS Date: 2020-2021 Clubs/Organizations

CLUB NAME	CLUB PURPOSE	Any form	Info ref	TIME	Pr any	NAME OF BHS
Robotics Club	The Robotics Club provides a safe place for students to enjoy science, design, and creative thinking.	Yes	Yes	1:00 PM	Virtual	https://www.bhsd.net/Robotics-Club
BHS Book Club	The Bridgeland High School Book Club is a group of students who meet monthly to discuss a different chosen book. BHS Book Club will also be involved in a variety of events related to books.	Yes	Yes	1:00 PM	Virtual	https://www.bhsd.net/Book-Club
BHS Mental Health Alliance	To create a safe and informal environment through respectful discussion of various topics to provide awareness and encourage help.	Yes	Yes	1:00 PM	Virtual	https://www.bhsd.net/Mental-Health-Alliance

2020-2021 Clubs/Organizations

Volunteer Hours

Any activity that benefits others for which you do not receive payment.
(tutoring, babysitting, yardwork, organized activities, missions trips)

- Begin NOW volunteering in the community, at school, or with your church
- Keep folder with record of hours accumulated (*form available on [BHS Counseling Webpage](#)*)
- More important than the number of hours, the lessons you learn/how service affects you
- Write down a few notes you can use later for essays/résumé.
- Display of commitment to a specific cause; more important to college application than multiple short term volunteer activities.
- **Not a Graduation Requirement**

volunteer



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State Testing

Prepare for and
pass End of
Course Exams



State Mandated Testing Requirements

STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) assessments:

English I – English II - Algebra I - Biology - US History



- All CFISD students must pass all EOC STAAR assessments in order to walk in graduation ceremonies.
- Move-in students from home school, Accredited private school, or out-of-state public school settings with a **transcribed** EOC course will NOT be required to test in that subject
- Students earning credit through correspondence, virtual or summer school for an EOC-tested course will be required to take an EOC for that course
- Can retest to reach passing in December, Spring, or Summer

10th grade year and looking ahead



- 10th grade PSAT/NMSQT (Oct. 3)
- Lone Star College Leadership (Due Sept. 22)
- HOBY (English classes)
- Dual Credit Spring Registration (scores from PSAT can qualify)
- 10th Grade Student Conferences
 - Students will meet with counselors to select junior year courses

Top 10 Reasons to take the PSAT for 10th graders

- It will be given here at Bridgeland in October
- Provides access to “my road”--a college and career planning tool
- Can predict how well you will score on SAT
- Measures your reasoning skills, not your memory
- Compares your skills with other college-bound sophomore
- Student Search Service sends your info out to colleges and scholarship competitions
- Scores can be used to qualify for summer scholars
- Scores can be used to qualify for dual credit
- Personalized feedback on your performance to help you improve
- Official practice for the 11th grade PSAT/NMSQT and SAT

Did you know...we offer a semester long SAT/ACT Prep course beginning in 11th grade

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& **STAY
INFORMED**



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BRIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

**BHS COUNSELING OFFICE
PARENT MEETINGS**
Join us during Open House on
September 18th

**12th Grade = Parent Meeting 7-8 pm
in the Cafeteria**

**9th & 10th Grade = Parent Meeting 7-8 pm
in the Auditorium**

11th Grade Parent Meeting will be held in January

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year
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