



To: 8th Grade Parents/Guardian

RE: 8th Grade Advisory Program 2015

From: Cypress-Fairbanks ISD

In an effort to help support students as they plan for their future, this fall we will be implementing an Advisory Guidance Program that will allow 8th grade students to explore their abilities, career interests, and academic options.

The program is designed to introduce students to the Texas high school graduation plan (Foundation High School Program + Endorsement), explore career options related to each endorsement, and create a 4-Year Plan for high school that will support their college and career goals.

Program Components:

- In-depth exploration of each endorsement area and related careers
- Course requirements for graduation
- Assessment to measure interests and abilities
 - Career Cruising – “Matchmaker” and “My Skills”
- Development of a 4-Year Plan
- Parent meeting to review student plans
- Course selection for 9th grade in the spring

District Activities:

- “Generation Texas” Week (College Week) – October 5 – 9, 2015
- CFISD Career Options Fair – December 1, 2015 (5:00 – 8:00 PM at the Berry Center)
- JA Inspire – February 8, 9, or 10, 2016
- “Keeping the Options Open” – 8th to 9th grade informational meeting for parents in the spring

Helpful Resources for Parents:

- High School Course Description Guide –
 - www.cfisd.net
 - Parents & Students
 - Curriculum/Course Descriptions
- Career Cruising
 - www.careercruising.com

We hope that you will encourage your student to make the most of this wonderful opportunity to explore and plan for his/her future.