



# HORIZONS PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**WELCOME!**

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.  
WE WILL BEGIN THE MEETING  
SHORTLY.**

# INTRODUCTIONS

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Office of Advanced Academics

CFISD Gifted & Talented Staff  
Development Team



# The Team: *Meet the GT Staff Development Team*



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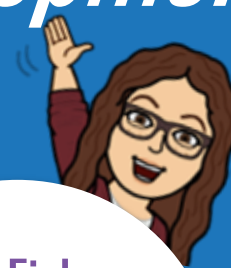
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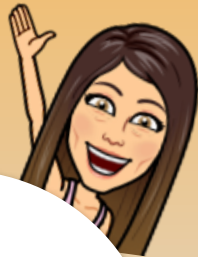
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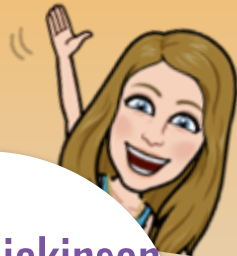
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**Matt Wells**

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# AGENDA

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- Review of the Mission and Purpose
- Services offered to teachers
- Services offered to students
- Student Opportunities
- Parent Resources

# MISSION

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- Serve the CFISD community as a resource to offer a forum for dialogue and dissemination of information regarding issues of interest for parents/guardians of students identified as gifted and talented.

# ON THE WEB SITE

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- In a few days, this PowerPoint will be posted to the web site.
- Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Gifted and Talented Website

# HORIZONS - BY THE NUMBERS



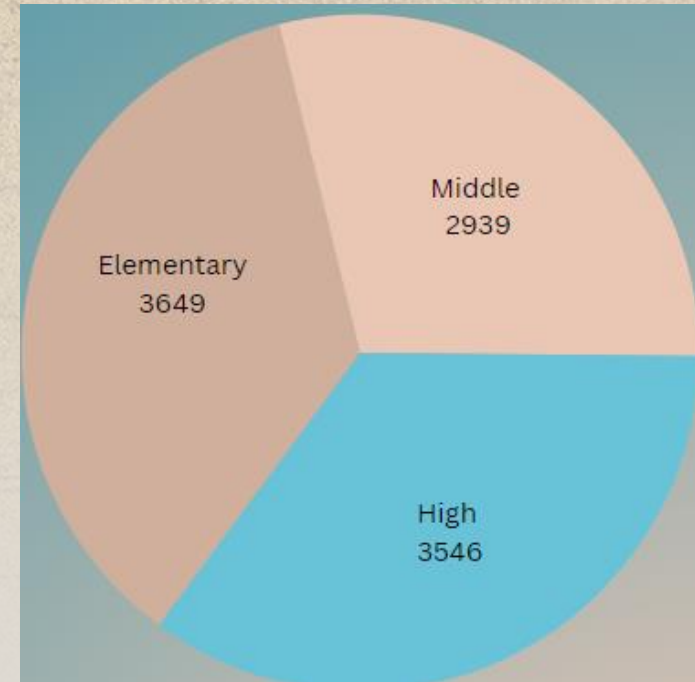
**90 Campuses**

100% of campuses have an active HORIZONS program

Spring 2024 saw an increase in identified students



**HORIZONS Program Active Enrollment: 10,134**



# HORIZONS SERVICES IN 2023-24

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- Teachers of HORIZONS classes receive training to serve gifted learners including:

30 hours of foundation training, including at least:

- 6 hours - Curriculum and Instruction
- 6 hours - Nature and Needs of Gifted students
- 6 hours - Identification and Assessment of Gifted Learners

6 hours of annual update training



# HORIZONS SERVICES IN 2023-24

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GT Staff Development Cadre offers courses to build capacity in our classroom teachers including:

- 25 foundation and update courses offered this past summer
- 12 foundation and update courses offered last fall, 9 courses offered for this spring, and currently planning for summer.



# CAMPUS AND TEACHER SUPPORT



- Counselors and administrators providing support for students receive specialized training to meet the needs of GT students
- Teachers continue to receive training in Identification and Assessment
- Additional face-to-face training for Identification and Assessment of Kindergarten students is provided for all Kinder teachers during summer Professional Development.
- Teachers receive support from instructional specialists and curriculum experts to differentiate instruction based on student needs.

# HORIZONS SERVICES IN 2023-24

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- We continue to follow an inclusion model for grades 1-12
- Kindergarteners who are identified as G/T in the mid-year cycle began receiving services on March 1 via a pull-out model
- Students are grouped with other HORIZONS-identified peers

# HORIZONS Programs 2023-24

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Cy-Fair ISD Gifted and Talented students are offered a wide range of opportunities to showcase their knowledge and skills.

Examples of clubs and activities available:

- Horizons Showcase
  - Da Vinci Day
  - Spelling Bee
  - EdTech Expo
- Spanish & French Honor Society
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## 2023-24 HORIZONS

### Student Community Showcases

- ❖ Many secondary campuses are hosting community showcases
- ❖ Elementary, Middle, and High School students are brought together to showcase their products
- ❖ Inter-campus relationships are nurtured
- ❖ Younger students can view the work of their older peers
- ❖ For more information, please contact your campus directly



# 2024 HORIZONS Virtual Showcase

## 2024 HORIZONS VIRTUAL SHOWCASE

- Each campus selects advanced level student products to be shared through a showcase site.
- This is not a competition, but an exhibition.
- Visitors to the site may submit feedback that will be shared with campus participants.
- Information and permission forms will be shared by individual campuses.
- Online showcase site will be available April.



# 2024 HORIZONS Virtual Showcase

## What makes this event unique?

- Allows for all campuses across the district to share projects with each other.
- Opportunity for all projects to be seen at leisure, giving more stakeholders access to view the students' projects.
- Virtual Showcase also allows for family members to see a student's project anywhere around the world!



# 2024 Da Vinci Day



## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



- STEAM-focused DaVinci Day was held in person at Cypress Ranch High School on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Over 2,700 1st-5th grade HORIZONS students from across the district engaged in challenging and collaborative hands-on activities with a robotics focus.
- Big thanks to the 100+ student volunteers from across the district and Cy-Ranch for hosting



# Cy-Fair ISD Spelling Bee You Be the Chemist

Elementary Spelling Bee took place February 1st with Wells fifth grader Vir Lagad taking first place and Ault fifth grader Mahek Ibraheem placing runner up.

Middle School Spelling Bee took place February 22nd with Goodson sixth grader Ashish Belani taking first place and Smith sixth grader Edelynn Tang placing runner up.



Elementary School fifth grade student Vir Lagad, left, and Ault Elementary School fifth grade student Mahek Ibraheem, right.



You Be the Chemist Team from Goodson:  
Zoie Kennedy  
Ashish Belani  
Liam Gupta

# Supporting and understanding your G/T Child

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[https://gtequity.tea.texas.gov/supporting-  
and-understanding-your-gt-child](https://gtequity.tea.texas.gov/supporting-and-understanding-your-gt-child)



EQUITY IN GIFTED/  
TALENTED EDUCATION

# Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented Podcast

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<https://www.txgifted.org/podcast>

The TAGT Podcast covers a wide range of topics geared towards the unique needs of the gifted and talented student. The podcast offers resources, parental support, and features interviews with educators who share their best practices working with GT students.



# TAGT Conferences

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Conferences, book studies, events geared towards support of the Gifted and Talented student

<https://www.txgifted.org/event-snapshot>



THANK YOU  
FOR  
YOUR  
SUPPORT!



- If you have questions regarding this meeting or topics discussed, please submit them in the bit.ly link. <https://bit.ly/4audTi3>
- Any further questions, contact [GT@CFISD.NET](mailto:GT@CFISD.NET)

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