



CYPRESS WOODS HIGH SCHOOL

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Application for Consideration
School of Transformation
Basis: Visioning Document Article V: Organizational Transformation
Student/Teacher Voice – Student/Teacher Choice

The continuous challenge at Cypress Woods High School is to remain transformational in creating opportunities for our teachers, leaders, and students resulting in a rich curriculum, creative lesson plans with students at the center of their learning, and students having a voice and choice in their course selection and content activities.

TEACHER VOICE & CHOICE: The 212 philosophy, the extra degree of effort in all that we do, is our driving force. Daily, teams are afforded the opportunity to meet cohesively and plan engaging student learning opportunities, involving purposeful embedded activities to fill in lost learning opportunities as a result of Covid-19. Cypress Woods teachers commit to multiple levels of rich lessons, ranging from our In-Class Support Special Education Model to Dual Credit/Advanced Placement courses. Lesson plan designs focus on an awareness of student's current level of learning and the enhancement necessary to prepare all of our Wildcats for their futures – both in post-secondary institutions or career opportunities.

STUDENT VOICE & CHOICE: Wildcat students have a plethora of industry certifications available in their CTE course choices. In addition, our campus teams with NASA in their HUNCH program. Currently, our students have three products aboard the International Space Station, with several more currently in the design stage. The Performing and Fine Arts Department engages over half of our student body, thus allowing students to explore their interests outside of the traditional classroom. The campus encourages students to form and/or join a club/organization of their interest. As a result, there are a minimum of 50 such opportunities for students. All club and organization presidents, as well as each grade level president, combine to form the Presidents' Council. This organization meets monthly with the principal in order to increase their leadership skills, problem solve campus-wide student concerns, and to engage in activities to give back to the campus and community. Five students are chosen by the administrative team to represent the campus on the Superintendent's Student Leadership Advisory Council. Our student representatives openly discuss and problem solve with the other eleven CFISD campus representatives.

Celebrations are equally important part of the learning process at The Woods. Whether it be in the classroom, in the hallway, on stage, or on the athletic field we must continue to recognize student and teacher growth outcomes. These celebrations provides for sustained connectivity within our culture.

At Cypress Woods we are committed to facing the challenges that currently and in the future, face learning in public education. Continuously reflecting on our results, drives our next move toward ensuring success of our Wildcats. Incremental growth is essential and most difficult at a very high achieving campus. However, our administrative team, working along-side of campus academic leadership, all classroom teachers, our students, and the community unites every stakeholder and guides our 212 focus!

Our mission statement captures our purpose:

Cypress Woods High School
embraces a mindset of growth that nurtures
responsible citizens, insightful problem solvers,
and global leaders who embody the
POWER OF 212.

Evidence of Outcomes:



UIL District Academic Champion (14 of 15 Years)



UIL Academic 6-AAAAAA State Champion ('20)



UIL Academic 6-AAAAAA State Runner Up Champion ('22)



National Football Federation High School National Academic Excellence Team of the
Year ('22)



Houston Chronicle Top 10 Public High Schools Greater Houston ('21)



In-Building Mentoring Program of 200+ Students ('21-'22)



UIL State Marching Contest ('21 & '22)