

CY-FAIR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
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Principal

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter has selected a K/AP class for this school year. I am confident that your son/daughter will find this class intellectually stimulating and challenging.

K/AP classes have a more rigorous and in-depth content focus than L-level classes. Classes move at a faster pace, include different types of assignments, and require additional outside reading. These classes are designed to challenge students beyond grade-level academic courses and prepare them for success in future advanced coursework. Students may require additional encouragement and support from both family and campus staff to be successful in advanced classes. Students enrolled in advanced classes in English, math, science, or social studies should have an interest in and an aptitude for the subject. To maintain the academic excellence characteristic of an honors program, our district has established the following criteria for entrance into and exit from K/AP-level classes.

CRITERIA GOVERNING K/AP-LEVEL ENTRY AND EXIT

Eligibility for *First-time* Entry into K-level or Advanced Placement (AP) Classes in High School

1. Students must earn a grade of 85+ yearly average in the previous L-level class in the same subject; or
2. Students must Level III- Advanced on STAAR (9th graders) or scores Level III-Advanced on the End-of-Course exam (10th-12th graders) for the corresponding subject (see the chart in the high school course description book); and
3. Students must have parent permission to take a K-level or AP class.

Ninth graders (previously scheduled in Level 1 courses) and tenth, eleventh or twelfth graders (previously scheduled in K-level courses) will be able to continue in the K-level course sequence if they maintained a 75+ average for the second semester.

Removal from K-level or AP Class*

1. Students who receive an average of 74 or lower for the semester will be removed from the K-level class and placed in an appropriate L-level class for the following semester, if an L-level class is available. Students who receive an average of 74 or lower for the semester will be removed from the AP class and placed in the appropriate L-level class for the following semester, if an L-level class is available. An average of 74 or lower does not meet the entry criteria for a K-level class. No grade adjustments are made to semester averages.
2. If a student makes a 69 or lower for any grading period, he/she will be placed in an appropriate L-level class for the remainder of the school year.
3. A student making below an 80 average at the end of the third week of a grading period in a K-level class may, upon his/her request and parent approval, be placed in an appropriate L-level class for the remainder of the school year. A student making below an 80 average at the end of the third week of the grading period in an AP class may, upon his/her request and parent approval, be placed in either a K-level or L-level for the remainder of the school year. The student must meet entry requirements to qualify for placement in K-level (75+ average). No grade adjustments are made when a student drops from an AP class to a K-level class.
4. A student may, upon his/her request and with parent approval, transfer from a K-level or AP class to an appropriate L-level or K-level class at the end of any grading period.

*The K-level entry/exit criteria apply to all HORIZONS students in HORIZONS/K-level cluster classes.

Please sign your name on the slip provided to your child to acknowledge your receiving this information about K/AP-level criteria, and ask your son/daughter to return the acknowledgement slip to his/her teacher. If you have any questions regarding these criteria, please contact me at pamela.adams@cfisd.net

Sincerely yours,
Pamela Adams

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