



Cypress Elementary

New Family Guide

2026–2027 School Year

From one Cypress parent to another

This guide was written by parents who remember exactly what it felt like to be new. We've tried to put everything in one place so you spend less time searching and more time feeling at home.

View the live guide online: sites.google.com/cypresspta.org/cypressnewfamilyguide

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Before the First Day

Before the First Day

There are a few things worth getting set up before school starts so you're not scrambling in August. Work through this page at your own pace -- we'll also be sending you emails all summer with reminders at just the right time!

Apps & Accounts to Set Up

 **Before you start:** Save your usernames and passwords somewhere safe -- you'll use all of these throughout the school year!

Some accounts are created automatically by LISD -- watch your inbox and spam folder. Others you create yourself.

Watch for an email from LISD:

ParentSquare -- The main communication hub for the district, campus, and your child's teacher. LISD will send an activation email once enrolled. Download the app and log in with the email or phone number you registered with the district. Set this one up first!

 leanderisd.org/parentsquare

Home Access Center (HAC) -- Your portal for grades, attendance records, and report cards. LISD will email your login to the primary guardian on file. On your phone? Download the eSchoolPLUS Family app and select Leander ISD.

 leanderisd.org/homeaccesscenter

SDM (School Dismissal Manager) -- The app you'll use to change your child's dismissal method on any given day. Watch for a Welcome Email from info@schooldismissalmanager.com -- check spam if you don't see it!

 schooldismissalmanager.com

Create your own account:

MySchoolBucks -- Set up your child's lunch account before school starts. You'll need your child's student ID.

 myschoolbucks.com



From one parent to another: HAC is most useful for attendance and report cards. For day-to-day communication -- teacher updates, event reminders, campus news -- ParentSquare is where most of the action happens. Get that one up and running first!

School Supplies

Cypress partners with EPI to offer teacher-approved supply packets assembled and delivered directly to your child's classroom by Meet the Teacher night. Your child gets to walk in and find their supplies already at their desk -- it's such a sweet first moment!

⚠️ **Order deadline: June 21**

👉 [Order your supply packet at educationalproducts.com/shoppacks](https://educationalproducts.com/shoppacks) -- use code CYP003

👉 [Individual supply list: cypress.leanderisd.org/parent_resources/school-supplies](https://cypress.leanderisd.org/parent_resources/school-supplies)



***From one parent to another:** The EPI packet is genuinely worth it -- teacher-approved means no guessing, no returns, and no hunting down that one specific brand of crayon. Most Cypress families order it and don't look back!*

Visitor Badge

To come inside the school for any reason -- including walking your child in on the first day -- you'll need a visitor badge. Here's how it works:

- **First day & large events** -- A Google Form will be available at Open House night to pre-register. Submit your name and driver's license number so the office can print your badge ahead of time. Watch ParentSquare for the form link!
- **One-off visits** -- Stop by the front office with your photo ID.
- **Regular volunteers** -- Book Room, Wednesday Folders, Room Reps, PTA Board, and anyone volunteering weekly go through a one-time approval process for a permanent badge. At the start of each school year an email and newsletter will go out with instructions to apply or renew. Volunteer registrations must be renewed every school year -- returning volunteers receive annual renewal reminders from the district.

👉 [Register or renew your LISD volunteer application](#)



Here's something most new families don't know right away: You need your volunteer application approved BEFORE you can volunteer inside the building. Watch for the start-of-year volunteer email and get your application in early so you're ready to say yes when sign-ups open!



***From one parent to another:** Don't wait on the first day badge pre-registration -- last year the line wrapped down the front of the building! Pre-registering means you walk straight in instead of waiting outside.*

Backpack Checklist

A few things to have ready before the first day:

- Completed supply list items (or your EPI packet ordered!)
- A daily snack -- all students are encouraged to bring one
- Lunch or MySchoolBucks account funded
- Water bottle with your child's name
- Any medications needed -- check in with the clinic



From one parent to another: We strongly recommend tucking a full change of clothes into your child's backpack (or leaving one in their cubby) -- especially for PK, Kinder, and 1st grade. Pack a complete set (shirt, pants/shorts, underwear, and socks), label everything with your child's name, and know that their teacher or Nurse Maria may request one directly.



Teacher Assignments

Teacher assignments are released the day before school starts -- which also happens to be Meet the Teacher night, so you'll find out right before you meet them in person!



[Browse the staff directory: cypress.leanderisd.org/directory](https://cypress.leanderisd.org/directory)



From one parent to another: It's completely normal to have a preference or feel nervous about the assignment. Trust the process -- Cypress teachers are wonderful across the board and your child will thrive.



Key Events Before School Starts

New Family Orientation

Hosted by Cypress school administration in the cafeteria -- your official welcome to the community! Come with your questions, meet the team, and get a head start on the school year.



Wednesday, August 5 | 5:00–6:30 p.m.

Meet the Teacher Night

The night you'll find out your child's teacher assignment -- held just before the first day of school!



Monday, August 10

- Last names A–L: 5:00 p.m.
- Last names M–Z: 5:45 p.m.
- Enter through the cafeteria -- that's your starting point
- Teachers, local clubs, daycares, PTA, and community organizations will all be there
- Volunteer sign-ups will be in classrooms -- they fill up fast!
- If you ordered an EPI supply packet, your child's supplies will already be at their desk
- Spirit Wear and car pickup signs available for pickup



[Join the PTA & buy Spirit Wear](#)



[Cypress PTA Events Calendar](#)



From one parent to another: Order your Spirit Wear ahead of time and choose pickup -- grab your order right at Meet the Teacher night and skip the line!



Health & Clinic Forms

Before the school year begins, make sure your child's health information is on file with the clinic.

- **Health Services Annual Consent Form** -- required by state law for all students. Authorizes the clinic to provide basic acute care, chronic disease management, and medication administration.
- **Immunization Records** -- all students must have up-to-date records on file.
- **Medication Authorization** -- if your child requires medication during the school day, a separate form must be completed before it can be administered.
- **Allergy Action Plan** -- if your child has a severe allergy, Nurse Maria will reach out to complete one once your health information is on file.

👉 [LISD Health Services](#)

👉 [LISD Intervention Services](#)

👉 [Cypress Clinic](#)



Here's something most new families don't know right away: These forms need to be completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year -- don't wait! Until they're on file, the clinic's ability to care for your child is limited.

☀️ A Note for Kinder & New Families

Starting kindergarten is its own adventure -- even if you have older kids at Cypress already!



***From one parent to another:** First day drop-off feelings are real -- for kids AND grown-ups. It is completely normal for there to be tears from both of you! And you won't be alone -- join us outside the front door after drop-off for Tears & Cheers, a PTA-hosted sendoff with light breakfast bites and drinks. You're in very good company. 🐾*

📧 Staying in the Loop

ParentSquare -- The district's official communication platform. Messages come from Leander ISD, Cypress admin, and your child's teacher all in one place. Download the app and set your notification preferences early. School closure and delay announcements come through here too!

Teacher Communication -- Your child's teacher will share their communication style at Meet the Teacher. Most use ParentSquare for newsletters and updates, but format and cadence varies by teacher.



Here's something most new families don't know right away: Your child's classroom has a Room Rep -- a parent volunteer who sends periodic emails throughout the year with class updates, upcoming needs, and coordination. Keep an eye on your inbox! If you placed any communication restrictions on your child's account during registration, your Room Rep may not be able to reach you. Contact the registrar to check your settings.

Your Daily Routine

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Once you know the rhythm of a Cypress school day, everything clicks into place. This page walks you through arrival, dismissal, and everything in between so your first week feels smooth instead of stressful!



School Hours & Attendance

- Doors open: 7:10 a.m.
- School begins: 7:30 a.m.
- Dismissal begins: 2:45 p.m.
- Office hours: Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.



Attendance cutoff is 9:10 a.m. Students arriving after 9:10 a.m. are marked ABSENT unless they have a doctor's note.



Here's something most new families don't know right away: Texas is one of only six states that funds schools based on attendance rather than enrollment. For Leander ISD, a 1% increase in average daily attendance nets about \$3 million for the district. Every student being present and on time genuinely makes a difference!

If you have any flexibility on scheduling appointments, consider booking at 10 a.m. rather than 9 a.m. -- it's a small swap that adds up over the year!



[Cypress Attendance Info](#)



From one parent to another: If your child arrives late or misses school due to illness or a medical appointment, a doctor's note can flip a marked absence to a state-approved non-absence -- which means the school still receives funding for that day. Always bring one when you have it!



Arrival

Doors open at 7:10 a.m. -- students should not arrive before this time as there is no supervision on campus. All students enter through the front door.

- Car riders -- teachers and administrators are stationed outside to open and close car doors
- Walkers -- use the designated sidewalks to stay clear of the drop-off lane
- Bus riders -- buses drop off at the designated bus area; your child will be walked in by staff

As the year progresses you'll see our Student Safety Patrol joining in -- helping open doors and welcome classmates into school!

First day note: On the first day, parents are welcome to walk their child to the classroom. A Google Form will be available at Open House night to pre-register for your first day badge -- watch ParentSquare for the link and fill it out as soon as it's shared!



From one parent to another: Don't wait on this one -- last year the badge line wrapped down the front of the building! Pre-registering means you walk straight in instead of waiting outside. It takes two minutes and makes a big difference on an already emotional morning.



From one parent to another: Arrival is a well-oiled machine -- but don't let that intimidate you! Stay in your car, have your child's backpack ready to grab, and trust the staff. They've got you.



Dismissal — Car Riders

Dismissal begins at 2:45 p.m. Car pickup runs smoothly when everyone knows the system!

- Three lanes are available out front -- pull into any open lane
- Display your car pickup sign in your windshield with your child's name, grade, and teacher
- Once in a lane, stay there unless a teacher directs you to switch
- A teacher walks each lane calling the next 6 cars -- your child goes to a numbered cone
- Pull all the way up to your cone -- your child will be waiting!

Car pickup signs are available at Open House night -- pick yours up when you're there! If you need a replacement, they're located in the front vestibule by the front window during school hours.



From one parent to another: Spread out across all three lanes! There's a strong pull toward the lane closest to the school but it backs traffic all the way onto El Salido. All three lanes move at the same pace -- pick the shortest one!

First day heads up: Be patient the first couple of days -- everyone is still learning the ropes. It moves much faster once the routine kicks in!



Dismissal — Walkers

Dismissal begins at 2:45 p.m. Walkers exit from the DaGama Pass or Alter Pass side of the school. Parents typically park along those streets -- on the street, not in the school parking lots.



Kinder families: Kindergartners dismiss at 2:40 p.m. for the first 3 days of school only for a direct parent handoff. Their teacher will walk them out and wait to make eye contact with a parent before releasing them. This is communicated heavily in campus newsletters that week!



Pre-K families: Pre-K students follow the same 2:45 p.m. dismissal as the rest of campus but are directed to their exit areas earlier so they aren't navigating the halls with the older kids.



***From one parent to another:** Dismissal has a wonderful community feel -- you'll quickly get to know the other parents who gather and chat while they wait. It's one of the unexpected little joys of the school year!*



Dismissal — Bus Riders

State law requires districts to provide transportation for students living more than 2 miles from school. Students within 2 miles are in the Not Eligible for Transportation (NET) Zone and only qualify if their walking route is rated hazardous.



Important update for 2026-27: Leander ISD has made changes to bus eligibility this school year. Some families who previously had bus service may no longer qualify. If your family was affected you should have received direct communication from LISD -- check your eligibility if you're unsure.

If you are eligible:

- Register through LISD -- registrations after May 31 do NOT guarantee transportation on the first day
- Set up a SMART Tag Parent Portal account to track your child's bus in real time



[LISD Transportation Info](#)



[Register for Bus Transportation](#)



[SMART Tag Parent Portal](#)



Dismissal — Daycare & Camp Pickup

Daycare and after school program pickup happens on the Alter Pass side of the building.

Registration and coordination is handled directly between you and your provider -- the school is not involved in that process. Every program is different, so check with your provider on what to expect.



***From one parent to another:** Many local daycares and after school programs set up tables at Meet the Teacher night -- a great opportunity to connect with providers and get signed up before the school year begins!*



Changing Your Child's Dismissal

Need to change how your child gets home today? SDM handles all of it. Any changes must be submitted by **1:40 p.m.** on the day of the change.



Early pickup cutoff is 2:15 p.m. -- the office cannot process pickups after this time.



Here's something most new families don't know right away: If you're picking up early, send your child's teacher a quick ParentSquare note too -- they can have your child's backpack ready ahead of time, especially if your child is in specials!



schooldismissalmanager.com



From one parent to another: Get SDM set up before the first week -- you don't want to figure it out the first time plans change last minute!



Reporting an Absence

All absences must be reported by email to cypattendance@leanderisd.org. Writing the reason in SDM does NOT excuse the absence -- it must go to that email.

Include your child's first and last name, date(s) of absence, and reason. Attach a doctor's note if you have one.

If your child has an ongoing health condition the nurse should be aware of, reach Nurse Maria at maria.snow@leanderisd.org.



From one parent to another: It's a good habit to copy your child's teacher as a courtesy heads up -- they appreciate knowing!



Parking

- The front of the building is a fire lane -- no standing or parking at any time
- For drop-off or if leaving your car, use street parking on DaGama Pass or Alter Pass
- The front parking lot may have parking outside drop-off/dismissal -- but not guaranteed
- For school-wide events, plan to park on DaGama Pass or Alter Pass and walk in



Please note: The area behind the school is closed and gated. Do not attempt to access the back of the school.



After School

YMCA After School Care

The YMCA of Central Texas offers an on-campus after school program at Cypress Elementary for students in PreK–5th grade. Care runs from dismissal until 6:30 p.m. and includes enrichments, crafts, snacks, STEM activities, and more. Financial aid is available for those who qualify. Spots fill quickly -- register early!



[LISD After School Programs](#)

School Clubs & Activities

Cypress offers a variety of after school clubs and activities including Run Club, Garden Club, and more. These are announced through ParentSquare as sign-ups open throughout the year.



From one parent to another: If your child is staying after school for a club or activity, remember to update their dismissal through SDM by 1:40 p.m.!

At School

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Once your child walks through those front doors, a full day of learning, activity, and community awaits. Here's what to know about the school day at Cypress!

Meals at Cypress

Breakfast

Breakfast is served in the cafeteria from 7:10–7:30 a.m. daily.

👉 [View the Cypress Breakfast Menu](#)

Lunch

Each grade level has an assigned lunch period.

👉 [View Lunch Schedule by Grade](#)

👉 [View the Cypress Lunch Menu](#)

Eating Lunch With Your Child

Parents are welcome to join their child for lunch outside of a few restricted windows!

- Lunch visits are not permitted during the first week of school or STAAR testing windows
- Plan to arrive a few minutes before your child's scheduled lunch period
- Check in at the front office with your visitor badge before heading to the cafeteria

Cypress also hosts campus-wide lunch events including a Fall Picnic, Spring Picnic, and Grandparents Lunch. Keep an eye on ParentSquare!



From one parent to another: For the Fall and Spring Picnics, weather permitting you'll eat in the courtyard -- bring a picnic blanket and scope out your spot carefully (ant beds are real!). Pack whatever lunch works for your family!

Paying for Meals — MySchoolBucks

Leander ISD uses MySchoolBucks to manage meal accounts. Create a free account to view purchases, check balances, and pay from anywhere.

👉 [Set up MySchoolBucks](#)

Free & Reduced Meals



Here's something most new families don't know right away: You may qualify for free or reduced-price meals -- and the application is worth doing even if you're not sure. Students who qualify will receive FREE breakfast AND lunch through at least 2026-27 thanks to a state grant. Applications open after August 1.

 [Apply Online for Free/Reduced Meals](#)

Recess & Snacks

Cypress students have recess daily -- it's a cherished part of the school day!

 [View the Recess Schedule](#)

Snacks

All students are encouraged to bring a daily snack from home. Your child's teacher will set the snack schedule and share guidance on what works best for their class. Check with your teacher about any allergy considerations.



From one parent to another: If your child ever forgets their snack, no worries -- most teachers keep a small stash on hand. If you'd like to contribute, teachers are always happy to accept donations!



Specials

Every Cypress student attends specials -- dedicated classes rotating throughout the week, including Art, Music, PE, and Library. Your child's teacher will share their rotation at the start of the year.

 [View the Specials Schedule](#)



From one parent to another: Once you know your child's PE days, make sure they wear sneakers that day -- it makes a real difference for an active class!

Birthdays & Classroom Celebrations

Want to celebrate your child's birthday at school? Reach out to their teacher first -- they'll share what works for their classroom, any allergy considerations, and the best timing. Many families do a treat drop-off during lunch rather than during class time.

Holiday & Seasonal Celebrations

- December -- Holiday celebrations in the classroom. Connect with your room rep or teacher about participation and volunteer opportunities.
- February -- Friendship/Valentine's Day celebrations. Classes often do card exchanges -- your teacher will share the class list and any guidelines.
- May -- Year-end celebration! Starting in 2026-27, Cypress PTA hosts a school-wide celebration on campus during the school day.

Keep an eye on ParentSquare for seasonal event announcements throughout the year!



From one parent to another: Space for parents at classroom celebrations can be limited -- one of the surest ways to get in is to sign up for a volunteer spot. Keep an eye out and grab one early!

Field Trips

Field trips are organized at the class level and funded by the Cypress PTA -- one of the many ways your PTA membership comes back directly to your child! Your teacher will share details and permission slip information through ParentSquare.



From one parent to another: To participate in any capacity -- chaperoning, joining lunch at a public space, or helping with transportation -- you must be an approved LISD volunteer. Get that sorted early! Teachers commonly look for help transporting lunches (you drive yourself), attending based on need, and chaperoning lunch or public spaces.



Clinic & Nurse Maria

Our campus clinic is staffed by Nurse Maria and is your first point of contact if your child needs medical attention during the school day.



512-570-5427 | maria.snow@leanderisd.org

Students with a fever of 100°F or above or contagious symptoms must be picked up within the hour and need to remain symptom free for 24 hours without medication before returning.



[Cypress Clinic Site](#)



Grades & Homework

Cypress does not use traditional letter grades and there is no regular homework until 5th grade -- and most families find this a very welcome change!

Progress is measured using an effort-based rating system:

- **SE** -- Satisfactory Effort
- **EI** -- Effort is Improving
- **NI** -- Effort Needs Improvement

Progress is communicated through teacher updates, ParentSquare, and fall and spring conferences. You can also log into Home Access Center (HAC) to view attendance records and progress notes.



[Log in to Home Access Center](#)



From one parent to another: Cypress holds both teacher-led conferences and student-led conferences throughout the year -- these are your dedicated time to connect and get the full picture. Your teacher will share sign-up details in advance -- don't miss them!



STAAR Testing (3rd–5th Grade)

If your child is in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade, they will participate in STAAR testing -- Texas's state standardized assessment -- in the spring. Testing windows are communicated in advance through ParentSquare and the campus newsletter.

A couple of things to know during testing windows:

- Lunch visits are not permitted during STAAR testing

- Avoid scheduling early pickups on testing days when possible

👉 [STAAR Testing Info -- Cypress Campus](#)

Calendars

Bookmark these early -- they'll be your go-to all year long!

👉 [Cypress Campus Calendar](#)

👉 [LISD District Calendar](#)

👉 [Cypress PTA Events Calendar](#)



From one parent to another: If you're new to LISD, add the full district calendar to your family planner early -- early release days and breaks can sneak up on you!

Get Involved

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There is truly a place for every family at Cypress -- whether you have five hours a week or five minutes. Here's how to find your fit!

PTA 101

The Cypress Elementary PTA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that helps organize and fund many of the programs and events that make Cypress special -- but it's our families who bring the community to life.

What your PTA membership supports:

- Campus events (Fall Fest, Multicultural Night, Glow Party, Food Truck Nights and more)
- Classroom support (Field Trips, Student Grants, Teacher Grants)
- Teacher & Staff appreciation
- Teacher Trolley
- Spirit Wear
- Cheetah Pals new family program

Joining is easy and there is no required time commitment. Every membership counts!

 [Join the PTA & buy Spirit Wear](#)

 [Learn more about Cypress PTA](#)

Stay connected: Facebook @CypressElementaryPTA | Instagram @CypressElemPTA | connect@cypresspta.org

Volunteering

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Cypress -- and there is something for everyone regardless of your schedule!

To volunteer inside the building you must be an approved LISD volunteer. Get this sorted early in the year!

 [Register or renew your LISD volunteer application](#)

Ways to get involved:

- **Room Rep** -- communication bridge between teacher and classroom families
- **Wednesday Folders** -- help sort and distribute weekly communication folders
- **Book Room** -- assist with the campus lending library
- **Field Trip Chaperone** -- join your child's class on field trips
- **Event Volunteers** -- help set up and run campus events
- **Teacher Appreciation** -- support the PTA in showing love to our incredible staff

Want just-in-time volunteer opportunities? Join our distribution list!

✉ Email volunteer@cypresspta.org to be added



From one parent to another: *You don't have to do everything -- pick one thing that fits your life and do that well. The community you build along the way is one of the best parts of being a Cypress family.*



Room Rep

The Room Rep is the communication bridge between your child's teacher and classroom families -- not an event planner, but a connector who helps make sure everyone feels informed and included.

What Room Reps do:

- Share class updates and reminders from the teacher
- Coordinate sign-ups for classroom celebrations and events
- Help recruit volunteers for field trips and special activities
- Serve as a friendly point of contact for classroom families

Room Rep sign-ups happen at Meet the Teacher night -- spots fill fast!



From one parent to another: *Room Rep is one of the most rewarding volunteer roles at Cypress. You get a front row seat to your child's classroom community and build relationships with families you'll know for years!*



Cheetah Pals

Cheetah Pals is Cypress's new family connection program -- designed to make sure no new family feels like they're figuring it out alone. You'll be paired with a returning Cypress family who knows the ropes and is happy to be your go-to person throughout the year.

What to expect:

- A personal match with a returning Cypress family
- A warm introduction before the school year starts
- A friendly resource all year long -- no question is too small



[Sign up to be paired with a Cheetah Pal](#)

Want to give back and be a Cheetah Pal? Returning families are always welcome! Email connect@cypresspta.org and we'll match you with a new family.



How We Raise Funds & Show Appreciation

Everything the PTA does is made possible by donations, fundraising, and volunteer hours. There is no pressure and no minimum -- every bit helps.

Raise Craze — Our Main Fundraiser

Raise Craze is our primary annual fundraiser, typically held in the fall. Students collect pledges for completing fitness activities -- fun, active, and kids love it! No door-to-door selling. Funds support classroom grants, community events, and more. Watch ParentSquare for dates and details!

Teacher Breakfasts

Each grade level hosts a breakfast for teachers and staff. Room Reps coordinate sign-ups and families contribute food, drinks, or supplies. One of the most loved ways to show appreciation!

Teacher Trolley

A few times a year we roll a treat trolley through the school for teachers and staff. Watch for sign-up links in ParentSquare!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Held each spring -- sign-up opportunities shared through ParentSquare. Teachers share their favorites lists and Amazon classroom wish lists too.



From one parent to another: A heartfelt card from your child is always meaningful -- and always free. Teachers treasure them.

Need Help?

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We want your Cypress experience to be as smooth as possible. Here's who to contact when you need support!



Cypress Elementary



2900 El Salido Pkwy, Cedar Park, TX 78613



512-570-5400 | cypress@leanderisd.org



cypress.leanderisd.org

Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.



***From one parent to another:** If you need to connect with an administrator after dismissal, it's best to schedule in advance -- admin is typically in teacher and parent meetings after school. The front office remains open briefly after dismissal for late student pickup only.*



Chain of Contact

Have a question or concern about your child? Here's the best way to get it resolved:

1. **Start with your child's teacher** -- most questions about classroom life, grades, and your child's day start here. Reach out via ParentSquare.
2. **School Counselor -- Jenny Carter** -- for social, emotional, or academic support concerns.
3. **Assistant Principal -- Nancy Martinez** -- for concerns that need further attention after speaking with the teacher or counselor.
4. **Principal -- Justin Gomez** -- for matters that need campus leadership involvement.



***From one parent to another:** Teachers genuinely want to hear from you -- don't hesitate to reach out! Most things are resolved quickly at the classroom level and teachers appreciate the direct communication.*



Key Contacts

Absences & attendance: cypattendance@leanderisd.org | 512-570-5413

Clinic / Nurse Maria: maria.snow@leanderisd.org | 512-570-5427

Counselor / Jenny Carter:



PLACEHOLDER — Add Jenny Carter's direct email once available.



[Counseling Services](#)

Principal: Justin.Gomez@LeanderISD.org

General questions: cypress@leanderisd.org | 512-570-5400

PTA & new family questions: connect@cypresspta.org

Volunteer opportunities: volunteer@cypresspta.org

Lost & Found

Lost and found is located inside the school cafeteria. It gets cleared out periodically -- if your child is missing something, check sooner rather than later. Label everything with your child's name!

After a last call at the end of the year, unclaimed items are donated to the LISD Clothes Closet.

Getting Around Campus

Events at Cypress are held in a few key spaces -- here's a quick guide so you always know where to head!

Campus Spaces:

- **Cafeteria** -- main community events, meetings, and lunches
- **Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)** -- PE classes and larger events
- **Courtyard** -- outdoor space used for picnics and celebrations
- **Field** -- large open field behind the playgrounds, used for Field Day and Fall Fest

During school hours, enter through the front doors and check in with the office. After hours, doors to the MPR or cafeteria will be stationed with greeters to assist you.

Where Things Happen — Quick Reference:

Event	Location
 Fall & Spring Picnic	Courtyard
 Grandparents Lunch	Cafeteria -- overflow to courtyard weather permitting
 Student-Led Conferences	Pick up child from classroom -- directed to hallway or foyer
 Field Day	Large field behind the playgrounds
 Book Fair	Library
 Spelling Bee	MPR
 Multicultural Night	Cafeteria
 Fall Fest	Courtyard and field behind the school

Getting your badge for events:

A pre-registration form will be sent through ParentSquare before each event. Completing it ahead of time means your badge is printed and ready -- just pick it up at the badge table when you arrive and head straight to the event. If you didn't pre-register, stop by the front office to print your badge before heading in.



From one parent to another: Always look for the badge table first before going to the front office -- it saves time and is usually right at the entrance to the event area!



Campus Quick Links

Bookmark the Cypress campus website -- it's always the most current source for school information!



[Cypress Elementary Website](#)



[Campus Calendar](#)



[Attendance Info](#)



[Cypress Clinic](#)



[Counseling Services](#)



[Cypress Library](#)



[Staff Directory](#)



[Schedules](#)



[School Supplies](#)



[STAAR Testing Info](#)



[SDM -- School Dismissal Manager](#)



Resources & Support

Cypress and Leander ISD are connected to a range of resources for families who need support. No questions asked, no judgment.

- LISD Community Resources -- food assistance, rent and utility help, childcare scholarships, legal aid, and more



leanderisd.org/communityresources

- Free & Reduced Meals -- apply at myschoolapps.com
- Special Programs & Services -- 504, dyslexia, intervention, and special education support



leanderisd.org/specialprogramsservices

- Your School Counselor -- a great first point of contact for any family navigating a difficult situation



Let's Talk

Leander ISD uses the Let's Talk platform for questions, feedback, and concerns directed to the district or campus.



leanderisd.org/letstalk



Stay Connected

Cypress Elementary School

Facebook: [@cypresselementarycheetahs](https://www.facebook.com/cypresselementarycheetahs)

Instagram: [@cypresselem_lisd](https://www.instagram.com/cypresselem_lisd)



cypress.leanderisd.org

Cypress Elementary PTA

Facebook: @CypressElementaryPTA | Instagram: @CypressElemPTA

Email: connect@cypresspta.org

👉 cypresselementarypta.givebacks.com

👉 [Cypress PTA Site](#)

Cypress PTA

For questions about events, volunteering, Cheetah Pals, or anything community-related:

✉️ connect@cypresspta.org

Your Cheetah Pal

Don't forget -- if you were matched with a Cheetah Pal, they are your personal go-to resource all year long. No question is too small. That's exactly what they're there for! 🐾