



What is Communities In Schools?

Communities In Schools – Bay Area (CIS-Bay Area) is a nationally recognized, non-profit, drop-out prevention organization dedicated to helping at-risk youth in Bay Area Houston stay in school and successfully learn in order to become productive future citizens. We believe every child needs and deserves the following:

- A personal one-on-one relationship with a caring adult
- A safe place to learn and grow
- A healthy start and a healthy future
- A marketable skill to use upon graduation
- A chance to give back to peers and the community

Our free services are coordinated and delivered through a network of volunteers, as well as partnerships with private businesses, the government, other community organizations and public schools.

Communities In Schools - Bay Area is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Communities In Schools Services

Educational Enhancement: Tutoring is made available to students on a one-on-one basis or in group settings. Students are also given incentives to excel academically.

Counseling/Supportive Guidance: CIS Case Managers work regularly with students on any issue of concern. Referrals to agencies are made for extensive counseling for the students and their families.

Career Awareness: Staff persons offer pre-employment education to the students. Guest speakers present career opportunities in CIS group settings.

Health & Human Services: By way of networking with other social service agencies, CIS helps to provide food, shelter, clothing, health education and other basic life essentials for students and families.

Parental & Family Involvement: Parents are encouraged to be an intricate part of their child's development through parenting classes, home visits and various activities.

Enrichment: Activities, such as field trips and special events, are offered throughout the year to enhance the learning process. Before- and after- school groups are provided to aid in self-esteem building. Fun and educational summer programs are also available.

Communities In Schools - Bay Area Campus Sites

Clear Creek Independent School District

Clear Brook High School
Clear Creek High School
Clear Lake High School
Clear Path Alternative School
Clear Spring High School
Clear View Education Center
McWhirter Elementary
Bayside Intermediate
Brookside Intermediate
Clear Creek Intermediate

Dickinson Independent School District

K.E. Little Elementary
Barber Middle School
Dunbar Middle School
McAdams Jr. High
Dickinson High School

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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

As an individual...

- Consider tutoring a child to help increase the student's skills and knowledge level
- Provide encouragement and support as a student mentor

As a civic organization ...

- Sponsor an event or a classroom activity
- Provide incentives (i.e. theater passes, concert tickets, etc.) to promote positive student behavior, including improved school attendance, attitude and grades

As a business/corporation ...

- Encourage your employees to make classroom presentations
- Host a tour of your company
- Provide financial support to enhance and develop new programs
- Sponsor a school



THE DROPOUT PROBLEM

- A recent report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics cites that high school graduates (without any college) earned an average of \$7,956 more per year than dropouts.
- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, unemployment rate for high school dropouts is currently at 8.5%.
- 82% of America's prisoners are high school dropouts.
- Students from low-income families are 2.4 times more likely to drop out of school than are children from middle-income families, and 10.5 times more likely than students from high-income families.

Communities In Schools (CIS)

- Communities In Schools – Bay Area is part of an innovative national approach to combat the dropout problem.
- CIS is the nation's leading organization dedicated to empowering students to stay in school and achieve in life.



OUR PHILOSOPHY

The dropout problem is not just a school problem, but in reality, a community problem.



The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.