



# **COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOL**

**WEST OSD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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# What is C.I.S.?



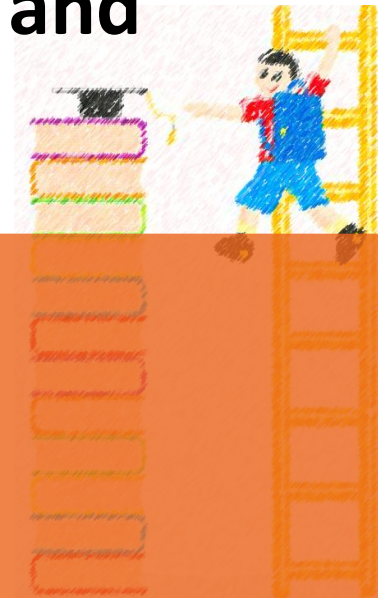
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- ❖ Communities In Schools is a non-profit dropout prevention agency established in the Coastal Bend area in 1986.
- ❖ CIS is the nation's largest dropout prevention organization.
- ❖ CIS promotes and facilitates delivery of community social services, health, educational services, enrichment and other support services to youth and their families.
- ❖ We partner with local businesses, social service agencies, health care providers and volunteers to speak educate our students and their families.

# Mission

**The mission of Communities In Schools of the Coastal Bend (CIS) is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.**



# WHO IS AT WOISD?



**West Oso Elementary**  
Marlen Vargas ext. 321

**West Oso Junior High**  
LeeAnn Cañas ext. 440

**West Oso High School**  
Jacqui Valdez ext. 598

## WHEN?

Monday- Thurs  
8:00am- 4:30pm  
Friday 8:00am-12:00

- ❖ *CIS mandates that all Site Coordinators must set aside 4 hours a week for TEA/CIS State Data System Entry*



we're here to help



# Our Model

1

School system asks Communities In Schools to help, we assign a **site coordinator**.

2

Site coordinator and school administrators **develop the plan and build a team.**

3

Site coordinator **organizes local services** to benefit the student.

4

Services are **monitored and adjusted** every year.

SERVICE LEARNING

COLLEGE VISITS

JOB SHADOWING

HEALTH SERVICES

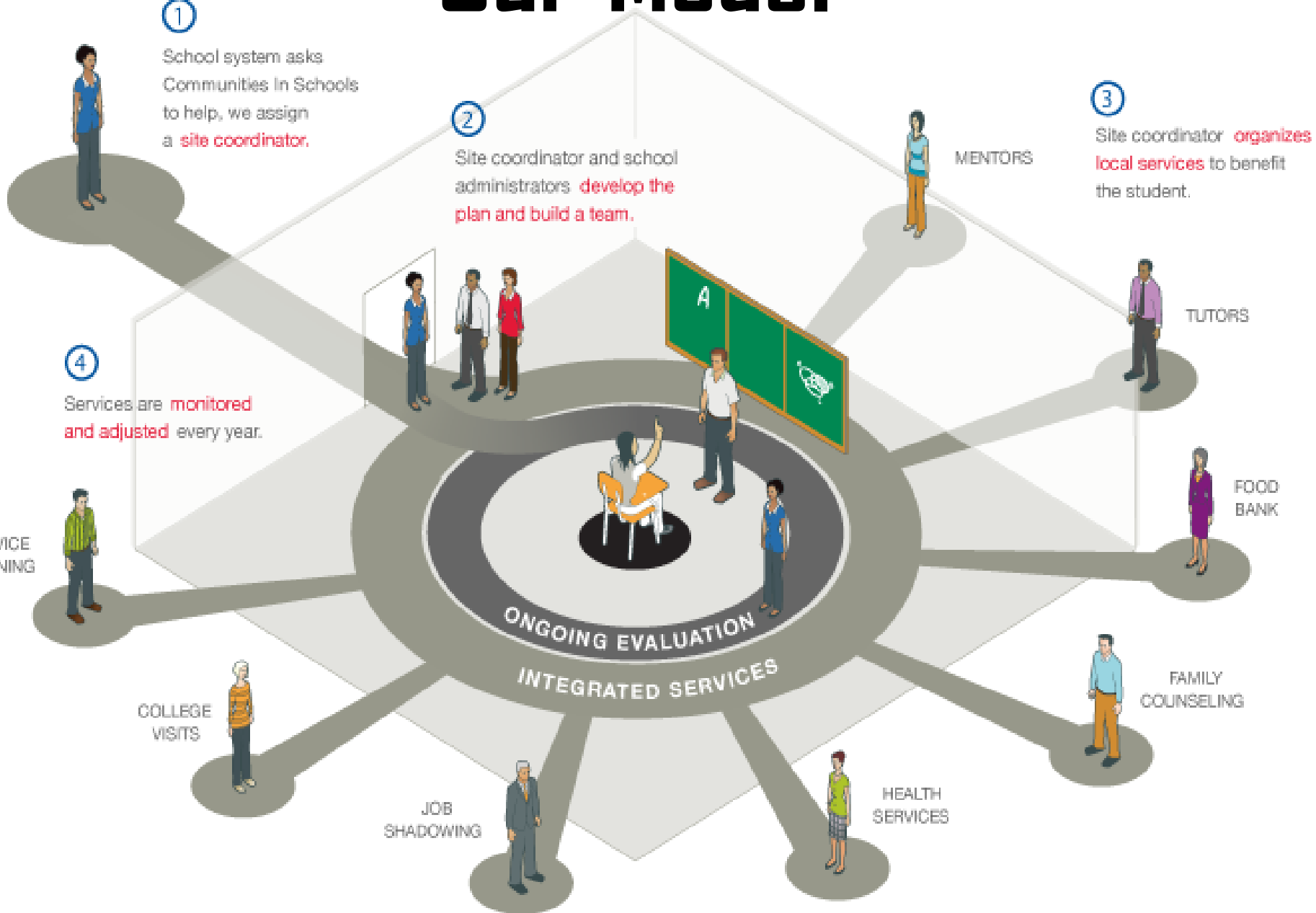
FAMILY COUNSELING

FOOD BANK

TUTORS

MENTORS

ONGOING EVALUATION  
INTEGRATED SERVICES



# THE CIS BASICS

**CIS believes that every child needs & deserves:**

- 1. A one-on-one relationship with a caring adult**
- 2. A safe place to learn and grow**
- 3. A healthy start and a healthy future**
- 4. A marketable skill to use upon graduation**
- 5. A chance to give back to peers and community**

# HOW DOES CIS REACH THOSE 5 BASICS?

## THE 6 CIS COMPONENTS:

1. Supportive Guidance and Counseling
2. Health and Human Services
3. Parental and Family Engagement
4. College and Career Readiness
5. Enrichment
6. Academic Support





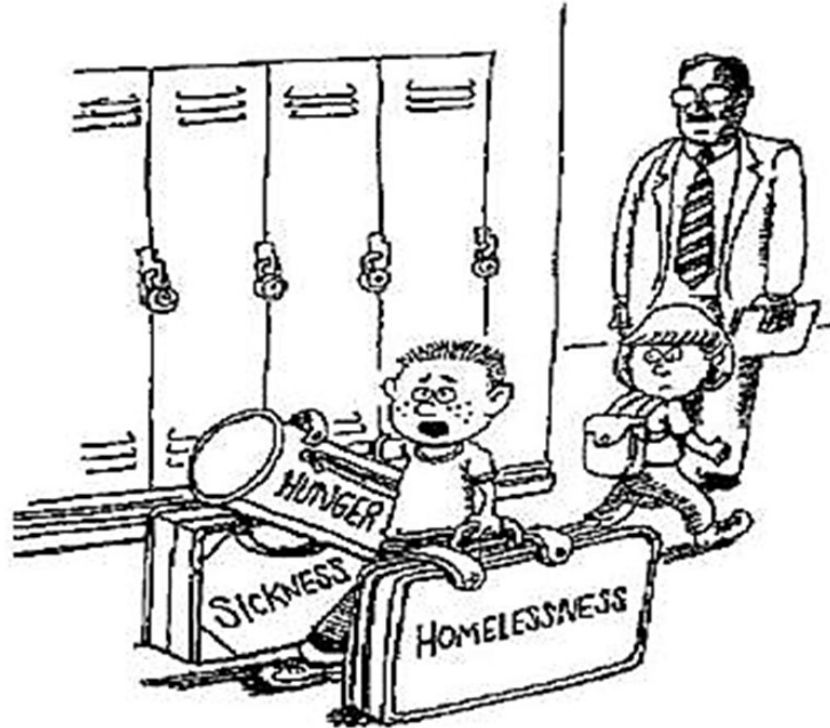
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# Importance of Teamwork



**“Could someone help me with these?  
I’m late for math class.”**







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# What does all this mean?



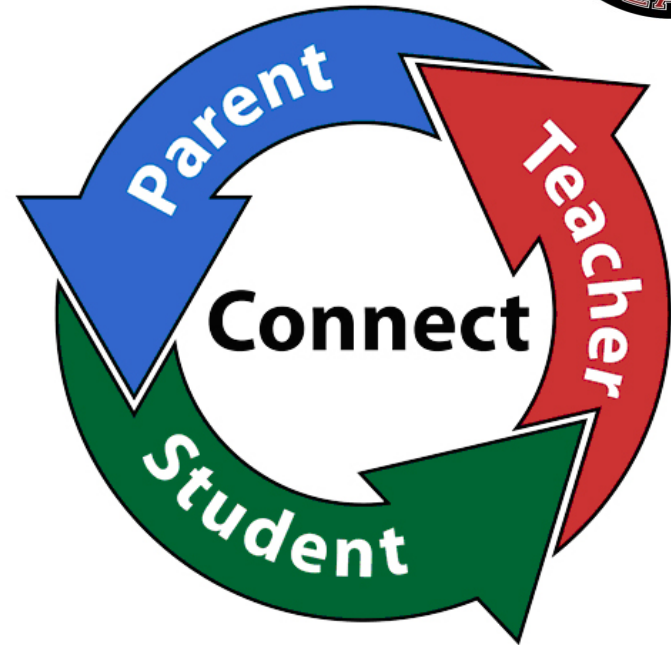
## *Some services include:*

- ❖ Home Visits (As Needed or Requested)
  - ❖ more of a face to face contact, not a home inspection visit
- ❖ Clothes Closet (Limited)
- ❖ Referrals to social service agencies for assistance in counseling, shelter, food, utility assistance, etc.
- ❖ Homework Help
  - ❖ Homework Check
  - ❖ Quiet Workspace
    - ❖ General Tutoring (if available)
- ❖ Parent Meetings (once a month)
- ❖ School Supplies (Limited)

# CIS GOALS WITH WEST OSO



- Establish and maintain strong professional relationships with faculty, staff, and students to improve the student's chance of success
- Increase parental involvement throughout the school year
- Monitoring student behavior, academics and attendance so that they don't fall behind



# How does a student enroll in CIS?

## Recommendation!

- Who can recommend a student?
  - Teacher
  - Administration
  - Staff
  - Another student
  - Student interested
  - Parent
  - Anyone!
- Teachers & Staff will each receive a copy of the recommendation form to their email.

## Parent Consent

- I must have a signed parent consent from each student that wishes to enroll in Communities in Schools.
  - Students can pick up parent consent forms from the CIS office

# Remember:



- If you recognize that a student has a concern refer to CIS
- Confidentiality



# CIS OFFICES

## West Oso Elementary

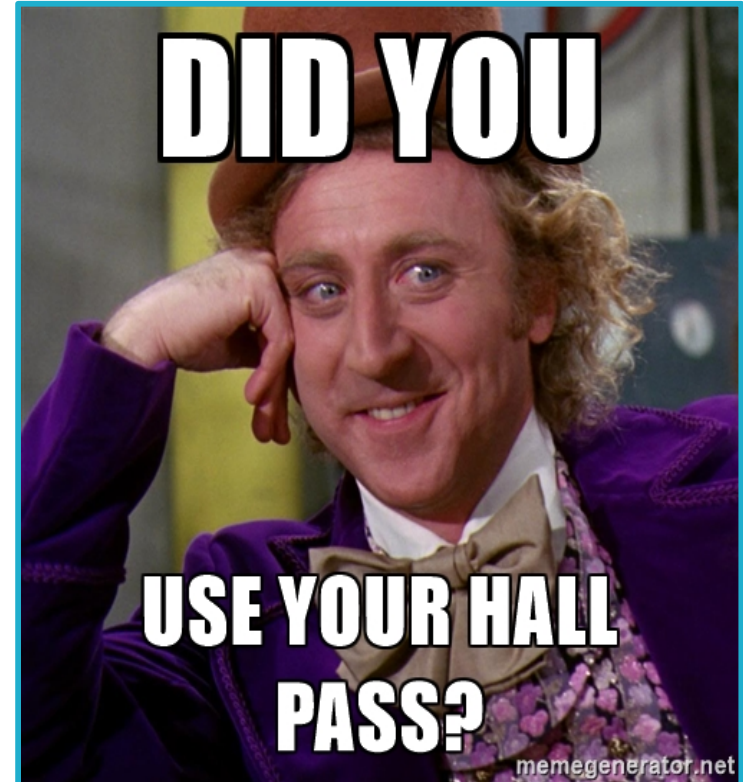
- Room #10
- Open Door Policy
- Students **MUST** have pass or teacher communication with CIS

## West Oso Junior High

- CIS Office #3 in the 200 Hallway
- Open Door Policy
- Students **MUST** have pass

## West Oso High School

- Office #353
- Open Door Policy
- Students **MUST** have pass



# When can a student come to CIS?

A student is allowed to come to CIS office during the following times:

- Emotional/Family Crisis
- During elective classes (with Teacher Permission)
- Passing Period
- After School
- At Lunch
- When teacher feels student could benefit from completing classwork independently



# Policy for Voluntary Participation in CIS

It is the policy of Communities In Schools of the Coastal Bend that each student chooses to participate in the CIS program.

*Exceptions to this policy include:*

*Disciplinary Strategies (As agreed upon by CIS and the school district) and court mandated participation.*

# What we also do on campus:

- Self-Esteem Groups
- Homework/Classwork Group
- Character Building Groups
- Bullying Prevention Groups
- College and Career Awareness
- Parent Contact
- Home Visits as Requested
- Attendance Calls as Requested
- Child Protective Services Referrals
  - Other Agencies Referrals such as Counseling
- Sight for Students
- Health and Hygiene Awareness
- Do The Write Thing Contests
- Speakers on different topics
- Bullying Prevention
- Recycling Campaign
- Red Ribbon Week
- Graduation
- Monthly Parent Meetings
- Shopping Spree
- Clothes Closet (Limited)
- Stuff the Bus
- Schools Supplies
- Holiday Food Drive
- Thanksgiving Dinner
- Christmas Dinner
- Christmas Tree
- And other duties as requested 😊



# WEST OSO ELEMENTARY

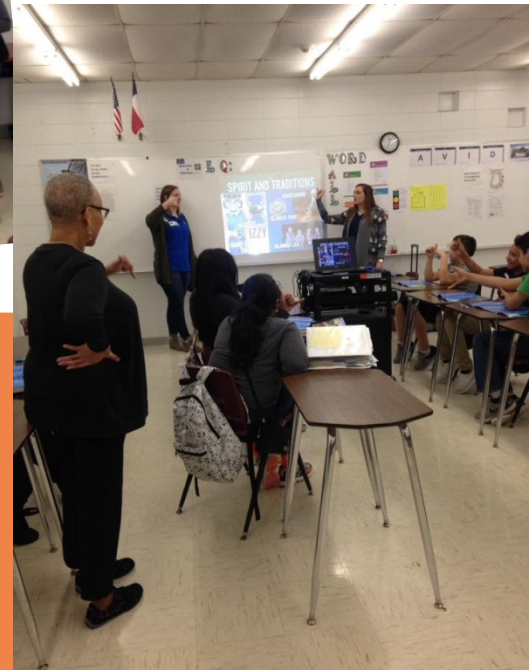


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# WEST OSO JUNIOR HIGH



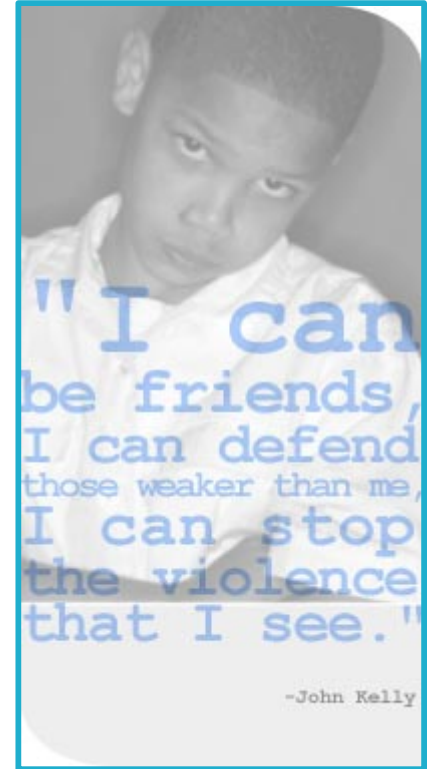


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# Do the "Write" Thing

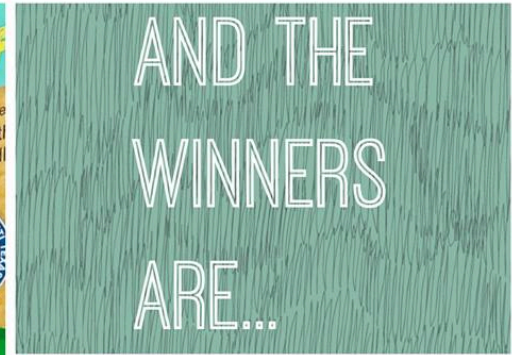
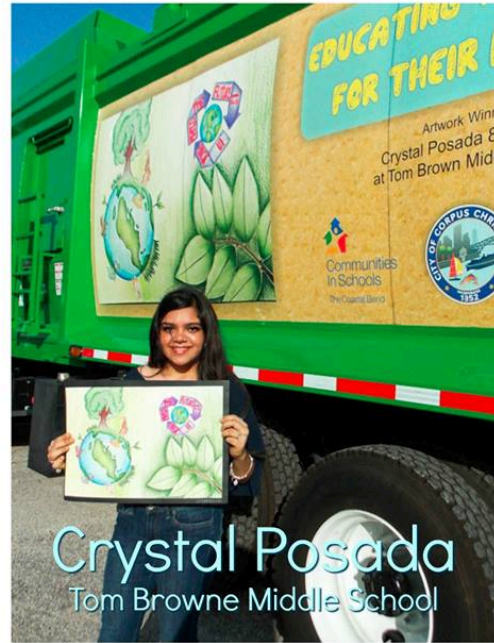
- ❖ The Do the Write Thing Challenge gives middle school students an opportunity to examine the impact of youth violence on their lives. Through classroom discussions and writings, students communicate what they think should be done to reduce youth violence
- ❖ 1 boy and 1 girl (1 parent/1teacher) will be chosen as ambassadors of the Coastal Bend and be awarded an all expense trip to Washington DC with an agenda full of activities
- ❖ Ambassador will be able to meet with national leaders and their papers will be published and placed in the Library of Congress



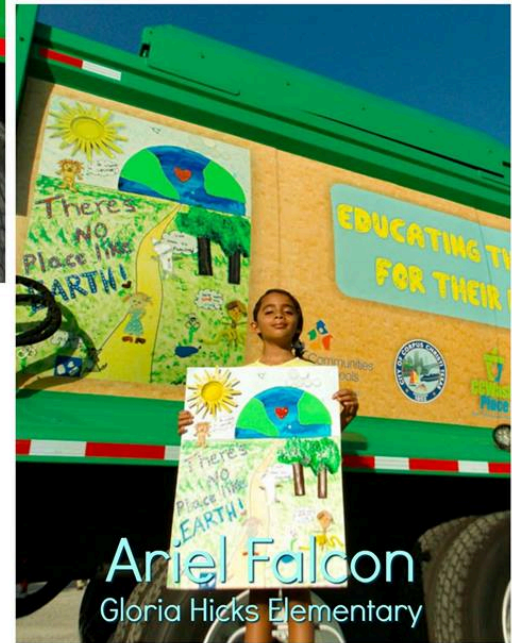


# Campus Recycling

- Recycling Week 2017 November
- Promotion of Recycling on campus
- Recycling Bins
- Competitions
- Collaboration with the City of Corpus Christi and HEB



EDUCATING THE YOUTH FOR  
THEIR FUTURE





- Questions
- Concerns
- Ideas of Collaboration?



Communities In Schools at WOISD

