Communities In Schools Newsletter



Northwest Michigan

What Does a CIS Site Coordinator Do in My School?

Your CIS of Northwest Michigan Site Coordinator is a caring, trained advocate who connects children and families with the resources that they need to be healthy, safe, and ready to learn. The CISNWMI Site Coordinator works alongside teachers and staff in your school every day to provide students with the resources to succeed. We can help when kids need support with:

- Basic needs
- · Mental health referrals
- Brain breaks
- Behavioral interventions
- Academic assistance
- Student/teacher relationships
- Fitting in
- Transportation to attend school
- · Checking for any needs at home
- Needing a caring adult in their lives



CIS Stats: Our Impact in Northwest Michigan Schools

1678

students served

5 school districts

volunteers

100%

graduation rate

100%

stayed in school

40

community partners

How Can I Refer a Student for Support?

If you know a student who could benefit from our support to be more productive, confident, or successful in school, contact your CIS Coordinator to complete a referral form.

Once the referral form is complete, your CIS Coordinator will follow up with you to determine the best way forward.

"Programs don't change people, relationships do."

Bill Milliken

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Kalkaska School District Spotlights:



School Year Priorities:

Middle School:

- Social Emotional Learning
- Family Engagement
- Basic Needs

High School:

- Positive Attendance Supports
- Family Engagement
- Social Emotional Skill Building

Brightening Days with the Basics

Kalkaska Middle School

By fulfilling basic needs, CIS Coordinators keep students focused on scholastic achievement all year long. Shyenne, the CIS Coordinator at your school, recently distributed water bottles, personal hygiene items, snacks, weekend meals, and holiday gifts to students and families needing support. We thank all donors who generously purchased gifts for CIS families during the holiday season!

A CIS Success Story

Kalkaska High School

Back in middle school, one Kalkaska student struggled to make it to school on time, connect with her peers, and manage her emotions. But steady support from her CIS Site Coordinator, Haley Nelson, supplied this student with the resources to succeed. The student, who once struggled to get through the school day, is excitedly planning for her future. Today she's halfway through her senior year and is making plans to attend college.

Kalkaska Communities In Schools Site Coordinators



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