

# Communities In Schools Newsletter



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In Schools®

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

**100%**

graduation rate

**5**

school districts

**100%**

stayed in school

**65**

volunteers

**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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# Mancelona School District Spotlights:

## School Year Priorities:

### Elementary School:

- Behavior Support
- Family Engagement
- Social-Emotional Learning

### Middle School:

- Social-Emotional Learning
- Family Engagement
- Mentoring

### High School:

- Academic Support
- Attendance Support
- Family Support

## Reading is a Gift!

### Mancelona Elementary School

We thank our partner, Power Books, for donating books to MES students in the month of December.

## CIS Kids “Travel” The Globe

### Mancelona Middle School

Students recently had a chance to sample the flavors of the world! 75 participants “traveled” to six countries, learning about each culture and enjoying foods native to each destination. We thank Chartwell’s Food Service for providing these tasty treats!



## Promoting Career and College Readiness

### Mancelona High School

CIS wants students and families to feel well supported as they take the next steps after high school. In December and January, CISNWMI coordinated:

- Campus visits to Ferris State University and North Central Michigan College.
- College Application and FAFSA Assistance Workshops, which helped parents and students understand the process of applying for financial aid, and offered targeted support with college applications.
- A Manufacturing Day visit to Lanzen, to expose students to the high-tech career opportunities available in the industry.

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