



Communities In Schools

South Central Texas

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Welcome to those families new to John A. Sippel Elementary School and welcome back to those families returning! My name is Kelsey Plant and I work as the Site Coordinator with Communities In Schools (CIS) at John A. Sippel Elementary. CIS is a part of the Sippel Stallion family and I would like to share a little information about my program and how it may benefit your child and family.

CIS is a local, non-profit organization which is part of a nation-wide “stay-in-school” network. On campus, CIS works closely with families, teachers, principals, and other school staff to help students be successful in school. Our goal is help children learn, stay in school, and make positive life choices. CIS “Site Coordinators” are housed on school campuses to help create a support system for students. We successfully build support systems with the aid of parents, school staff, local businesses, civic organizations, government, social service providers, and volunteer groups.

Activities provided by CIS are designed to help students improve self-confidence, behavior, attendance, and grades. For students, CIS can provide: counseling and support, academic support (including homework assistance, organizational skills, etc.), school supply assistance, and group activities to address social skills, character development, career awareness, and self-esteem. These activities can take place in person while at school or virtually using technology like Google classroom, Google Voice, Dojo and even Zoom if your child is at home. If these platforms will be used to provide services to you or your child, I will call or email you.

For parents, CIS can provide: parental support and guidance, referrals to community agencies for counseling, employment information, and basic needs. CIS can also serve as a link for healthcare and/or medical issues with community services (i.e. medical, dental, vision).

CIS works with families to reduce barriers to a successful education and prepare students for fun-filled days of learning! Please feel free to reach me on campus, by phone at (210) 619-4600, or by email kplant@scuc.txed.net if you have any questions about the Communities In Schools program. I can also be contacted if you are interested in becoming a CIS volunteer.

If you would like your child to participate in CIS, please sign the attached consent form and return to me as soon as possible. If you would like to talk further about the programs I can offer, please do not hesitate to give me a call at the number above. We are all in this together!

Have a WONDERFUL School Year!!

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