

ACE w/ CISNT Campus Orientation

Evers Park Elementary



Communities
In Schools

North Texas

In schools to help kids stay in school.

Welcome and Introduction

Rachel Rodriguez AKA Mrs. Rachel
940-369-2655
Portable 30
rrodriguez_cis@dentonisd.org

Mission Statement

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

ACE Facts

Also known as 21st Century Community Learning Centers at the federal level.

“The federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program is authorized by Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015. The program provides opportunities for communities to establish or expand activities that provide students attending low performing schools with access to academic enrichment and other activities that are specifically designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program to help students meet the challenging state academic standards. The program provides families of participating students with active and meaningful engagement in their children’s education as well as opportunities for adult literacy.”

In Texas, the 21st CCLC Program is called the Texas Afterschool Centers on Education.

Texas ACE programs aim to improve student attendance, behavior, and academics, while providing safe supplemental learning space for students and families who otherwise would not have such opportunities. These grant-funded programs provide high quality supplemental enrichment activities that align with the regular academic program; and programs are encouraged to deliver those activities in creative, hands-on, and exploratory ways. TEA funds local Texas ACE programs through a competitive peer-review process.

CISNT's Impact

- 3 Counties – Cook, Denton and Wise
- 6 ISDs – Bridgeport, Denton, Gainesville, Lake Dallas, Lewisville, and Northwest
- Case Management and Afterschool Programs
- Over 15,000 students served throughout year
- 51 schools
- 55 programs
- Over 1,200 volunteers

Five CIS Basics

CIS believes every child needs and 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

Six Service Components of the CIS Model

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

ACE Goals

Improved Student Academic Outcomes

- Focused on 3rd-8th grade students with an academic or behavioral need, can include younger siblings
- Promote College and Career Awareness throughout the program

Consistent Student Engagement

- Student attend 45 days or more - Goal to qualify 110 students

Increased Parent Engagement

- Adults engage in their child's school experiences - Goal to qualify 85 parents
- Monthly Family/Parent Events that include an educational focus

ACE Daily Components

Decompression

Dinner, Homework,
read, & decompress
from school day

Academic Enrichment

Students participate in
an academically
enriching activity with
their class

Small group tutoring
opportunities with
certified teachers for
those in need

Clubs

Student Voice & Choice
Students vote as a class
& decide what club will
be for the day

ACE Team

1 Site Coordinator

6 Academic Enrichment Specialist 2 (AES2)

1-2 Certified Teachers on staff with ACE

5 to 7 Volunteers

ACE Site Coordinator Role

- Coordinate and manage the day to day for the program.
- Recruit students to participate in ACE.
- Report program students grade, attendance and behavior to TEA.
- Collect and input program attendance data.
- Manage and train all part time staff and volunteers

Key CIS Services



Who Does CISNT Help?

- **Students** who are identified as at-risk of dropping out of school.
 - TEA's at-risk indicators are used to determine eligibility
- Students or **families** in crisis
- The **school** through:
 - school-wide services such as school supplies, food, clothing, career days, health fairs, etc.

How to Refer a Student to ACE w/ CIS

Process for student Referrals

- Email me the information- **Why is the student being referred?**
- Call me to advocate
- Set up a time to meet with me as needed

Campus Specific Service

- School Wide Services
 - ACE partners with Evers to join all family events.
 - Months that Evers is not hosting an Event ACE hosts an event for ACE families (December: Gingerbread Houses & Hot Cocoa, May: EOY ACE Banquet)
- Individual Student Services
 - Students are able to be pulled for small group tutoring through 2 campus teachers here at Evers to work on math & reading

Thank you

Rachel Rodriguez

940-369-2655

Cell 940-297-7158

Portable 30

rrodriguez_cis@dentonisd.org



Communities
In Schools

North Texas

In schools to help kids stay in school.