# Communities in Schools North Texas

## Current caseload is 66 students

I meet with students 2-3
times a month to
provide
supportive guidance,
college &
career assistance,
social services,
mentors,
and a safe place to
talk.

### **How To Contact Me**

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## Did You Know?

LHS-Killough

December 2014

## December Highlights for CIS:

### 12/18- College Club

15 students attended the first meeting of a new CIS college prep workshop called "Bridges" I am co-leading with a volunteer. We had great discussions about the benefits of going to college and how high school prepares us for the future. Students wrote down questions they have which we will be discussing throughout the next sessions. We meet on Thursdays during lunch in room 103.

## 12/18- Holiday Assistance Distribution

Our angel tree gift distribution events for parents was a success! Parents attended a seminar where they received folders to organize household documents including report cards, immunization records, college information, etc. CIS served a total of 1,200 students this holiday season with help from Killough staff! Huge thank you to all who participated!





## Upcoming Events

## 2/17 AT&T Field Trip

I will be taking 30 students to a corporate AT&T office in Downtown Dallas. We will take a tour, meet with professional mentors, and create with mock business plans.

### **2/28 UNT**

#### **Basketball Game**

CIS students and their families are invited to be UNT's special guests for a day. Campus tours, dinner, and great seats to the game included!

## **Current Needs**

#### **Mentors**

I have 8 mentors who meet with their students an hour per week. Their students have been showing big improvements this year. A relationship with a caring adults has been proven to be one of the biggest assets an at-risk teen can have.

My mentors have a blast meeting with their students. They play games, eat lunch, and give advice. If you know of someone who would make a great mentor for a Killough student, please give them my info and/ or direct them to

**CISNT.ORG!** 



## What is CIS?

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.

CISNT dropout prevention programs provide solutions to keeping at-risk students in school and ultimately reduce the incidence of dropping out of school. We believe that dropping out is not just a school problem, but also a community problem. Therefore, we believe that coordination of community services is essential to meeting the needs of at-risk youth—youth not only at risk of dropping out of school, but also other at-risk social issues including substance abuse, teen pregnancy, involvement with juvenile justice system and other negative social outcomes.

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