

**Additional services provided
with the Safe Schools /
Healthy Students Grant
funding for 2007-2011**

- ⇒ Security Cameras for both the Middle and High School campuses
- ⇒ Facilities Monitors at the Middle and High School campuses
- ⇒ Expansion of current DARE program services provided by Comal and Bexar County Sheriff's Offices

*Six Core Elements for the
Safe School/Healthy Student Grant*

1. Safe school environment
2. Violence, alcohol, and other drug prevention and early intervention
3. School and community mental health prevention and intervention services
4. Early childhood psychosocial and emotional development services
5. Supporting and connecting schools and communities
6. Safe school policies

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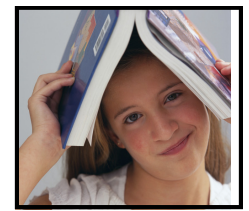
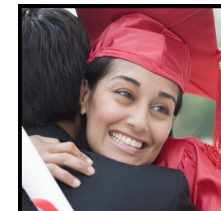
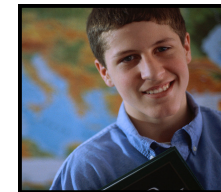
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Special Programs Department

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ABOUT THE SAFE SCHOOLS HEALTHY STUDENTS INITIATIVE

In 1999 the U.S. Departments of Health & Human Service, Education, and Justice, collaborated to create an initiative in response to rising concerns across the country regarding youth violence and school safety. Drawing on the best practices and the latest thinking in education, justice, social services and mental health, the SS/HS Initiative takes a broad approach to assist communities in taking action.

COMAL ISD'S SS/HS KEYSTONE PROGRAM GOALS ARE:

- ◆ Improve school safety and reduce violence
- ◆ Reduce Alcohol, Tobacco and other drug use
- ◆ Increase School-Community Partnerships
- ◆ Increase access to Mental Health Services
- ◆ Increase services that address early childhood emotional and social development
- ◆ Provide coordinated Case-Management Services for students and families
- ◆ Implement a Universal Bullying Prevention Program at all elementary campuses

KEYSTONE Services

Mental Health / Counseling

Hill Country Community MHMR—Screening and Assessments along with school-based individual one-on-one counseling sessions will be offered by licensed mental health therapists.

Connections Individual and Family Services, Inc. will offer Art, Music, and Recreational Therapy along with family counseling.

Violence Prevention

The Olweus Bullying Prevention program is designed to prevent or reduce bullying in schools. By restructuring the school environment, the program helps lessen opportunities and rewards for bullying.

Communities In Schools Prevention Specialists along with the campus staff are responsible for implementing this program in all CISD elementary schools.

Reintegration

Individual counseling and family support services will be provided for those students who are returning to their homes and schools from an out-of-home placement. These services are offered through the **Comal County Juvenile Probation Department**.

Substance Abuse Prevention/Intervention

LifeSkills Training, a research validated substance abuse prevention program, will be taught to 6-8th grade students by **CISD Prevention Education Specialists**. *LST* is designed to teach students the necessary skills to resist social pressures to smoke, drink, and use drugs. Lessons are geared toward helping students to develop greater self-esteem and self-confidence and enable them to effectively cope with stress and anxiety.

Parenting Skills Training

The *Parenting Wisely* curriculum will be offered through **CISD Prevention Education Specialists** and **Connections**.



English as a Second Language (ESL)

Classes for Comal ISD students and families for those interested in learning the English language.

Provider: Comal/Guadalupe/Kendall County Adult Education.

GED

Classes for Comal ISD students and families for those interested in obtaining a General Education Diploma (GED certificate).

Provider: Comal/Guadalupe/Kendall County Adult Education.

Case Management

CISD Case Managers will coordinate services for those students who are referred to and enrolled in the Keystone Program. Case work services will be offered to identify and assist students with personal, emotional, and social problems.

Early Childhood Learning Programs

In-home early childhood training and care to teen parents and their newborns utilizing the *Parents as Teachers* curriculum.

Provider: McKenna HealthCare Foundation