

## We are guided by the five basics

- 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

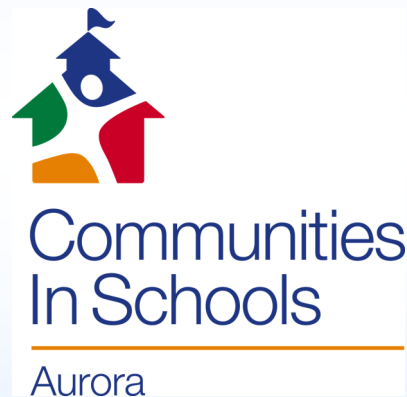
## CIS COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES:

- ◆ The Back-to-School Fair
- ◆ Summer Camps
- ◆ MyTime Afterschool Programs
- ◆ Daytime Service
- ◆ Coats for Kids



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

There are approximately 66 local agencies that CIS partners with to deliver a wide variety of services and programs to help students and families.



For more information about our programs, sponsorship or volunteering, please contact us at 630-692-9524 or Email us at [cis@cisaurora.org](mailto:cis@cisaurora.org) Please visit our website at [www.cisaurora.org](http://www.cisaurora.org)

# SUCCESS is the only option...



## For our Children and our Community

## Why Communities In Schools?

Every nine seconds a young person in America drops out of school and into an uncertain future. One-third of high school students won't finish on time.

When students drop out, a door closes on their dreams, and ours.



Helping children is our mission. Since 1994, Communities In Schools (CIS) of Aurora has been the connection between educators and the community, maximizing all available resources for:

*The Back-to-School Fair*  
*Daytime Services*  
*Coats for Kids*  
*MyTime After School Program and Summer Camps*

All programs take place right in your neighborhood school, making use of a well equipped, safe resource.

## CIS Comprehensive Services:

### *The Back-to-School Fair*

- ◆ Helps children to be ready for the start of school and be prepared to learn
- ◆ Provides free school supplies, backpacks, physicals, immunizations, dental screenings and community resources to families

### *Daytime Services*

- ◆ Helps children address problems that are barriers to school success and build behaviors that will help them be better teenagers and adults
- ◆ Provides a link between local mental health resources and students in need of counseling service
- ◆ Coordinates care plans for students receiving individualized counseling service
- ◆ Facilitates supportive programs to address student needs related to the CIS 5 Basics



### *Coats for Kids*

- ◆ CIS partner with the Aurora Kiwanis Club and the City of Aurora purchase and distribute over 1,700 new coats, annually.
- ◆ Keeps students of all ages and in all Aurora school districts safe and warm during the winter at no cost to families.

## Who benefits? ....The children do!



### *“MyTime” After School and Summer Programs*

- ◆ Provide academic and homework assistance to students
- ◆ Engage students in positive activities beyond the school day in the areas of academics, fine arts, recreation, socialization, leadership and teambuilding
- ◆ Create opportunities for young people to develop other essential skills - creative thinking, problem solving, the ability to work on diverse teams, communication, self-direction, and the use of technology - the very skills employers know contribute most to success in the work force now and in the future
- ◆ Encourage students to learn new skills while having fun in a safe school environment
- ◆ Positive relationships with caring and motivated adult role models
- ◆ Provide interaction with local high school and college leaders which model positive attitudes, behaviors and the importance of staying in school and a college education by building meaningful and trusting relationship which transfer to school success
- ◆ By providing choices for creative learning opportunities such as arts, drama, music, sports and community service projects, we help to prepare young people to be well-rounded and productive members of society