



Communities
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Communities In Schools of Marietta/Cobb County Achieves National Accreditation

Marietta, Georgia - Communities In Schools of Marietta/Cobb County, a drop-out prevention organization that works with both the Cobb County and Marietta City School Systems, has achieved National Accreditation by demonstrating compliance with all Communities In Schools Total Quality System (TQS) standards.

CISMCC's programs in our schools currently include the Georgia Literacy Connection, Parents as Teachers, Parents Assuring Student Success, Performance Learning Centers (non-tradition high schools), Reality University (financial literacy) and the Ambassador Leadership Program for students enrolled in the Performance Learning Centers. The CIS Model is currently implemented at the Cobb and Marietta Performance Learning Centers, Dunleith Elementary School, and will be put into place at Osborne High School for the 2011-2012 school year.

"We are proud to have achieved our accreditation as it underlies the value of falling in compliance with the high set of standards put in place by Communities In Schools," said **Carol Fey, Executive Director**

Communities In Schools of Marietta/Cobb County is among the first to receive its national accreditation among the nearly 200 local affiliates that comprise the Communities In Schools network in 25 states and the District of Columbia.

Communities In Schools surrounds students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. CIS partners with local school districts and community organizations to connect needed resources and services to kids and families. In Georgia, 41 CIS local affiliates and 19 Performance Learning Centers[®] (PLCs) provide services to more than 130,000 students in 54 school districts. Communities sponsoring CIS programs have seen an **increase** in their school graduation rates, a **decrease** in violence and disruptions, and an **increase** in attendance and academic achievement. For more information, visit www.cismcc.org or call 678-503-0901.

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