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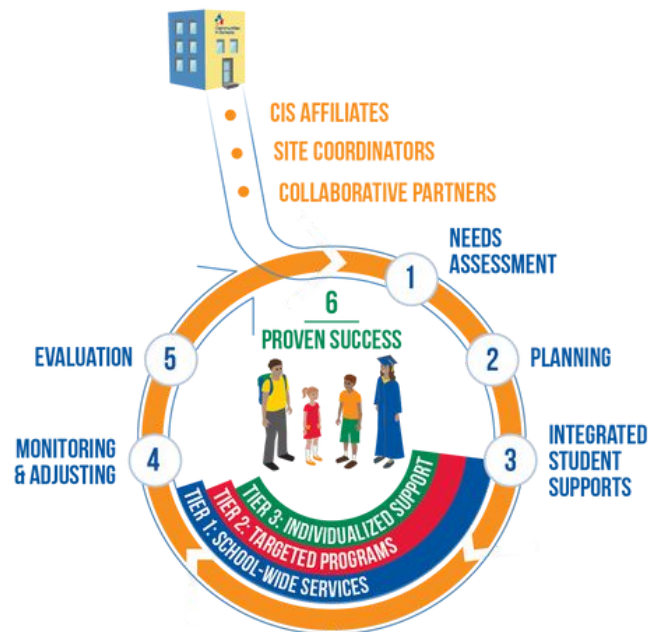
IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND

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Who We Are

Our Model

The cornerstone of the CIS model is integrated student support. This means each of our partner schools has a trained professional on-site providing tiered support including school-wide services, targeted programs and individual support based on each student's needs. This model enables students and teachers to get the help they need to be successful.



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• CIS AFFILIATES

Hire and train site coordinators, bring the CIS model to schools in need and mobilize partners to provide resources.

• SITE COORDINATORS

Trained professionals who work with school administrators to assess needs, develop a plan and build a team to provide supports to schools and students.

• COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

Schools, businesses and community agencies all work together with site coordinator to deliver supports to students and families.

1 NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Analyze multiple sources of data to identify the key needs of the school and individual students.

2 PLANNING

Site coordinators lead their school support team to develop a plan to prioritize supports that address academic and non-academic needs.

3 INTEGRATED STUDENT SUPPORTS

Site coordinator and partners deliver tiers of support to the school, students and their families.



4 MONITORING & ADJUSTING

Site coordinator continuously monitors student and school progress and adjusts supports to optimize results.

5 EVALUATION

Continuous assessment of partners and student supports by the CIS affiliate to demonstrate results and improve practice.

6 PROVEN SUCCESS

We increase graduation, reduce dropout, and improve attendance for schools in need.



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Albemarle HS



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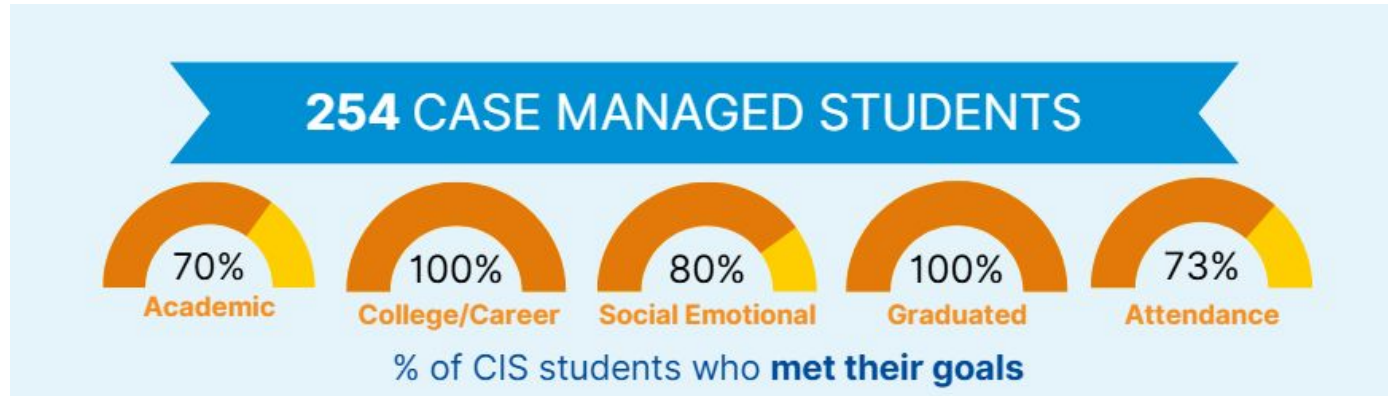
Gabi Rodriguez
Site Coordinator
Greer ES



Savannah Eckstein
Site Coordinator
Red Hill ES

The Albemarle Team

SY 2025-2026 Highlights - Albemarle County



WE SERVED

3,436
STUDENTS

Across **5 schools** in
Albemarle County

254 students were case managed
26% were English Language Learners
53% qualified for Free & Reduced Price
Meals

OUR IMPACT



\$100,000
Dollars donated and given in kind



795
Volunteer hours given in
support during SY 2025



40
Community Partnerships in the
past year



57
Hours of aid given to each CIS NOVA
student on average this year

Red Hill Elementary School

Savannah Eckstein

The Students We Serve

50 Case Managed students including:

- **193 Kids** served through Tier 1 events
- **20%** Qualify for Free and Reduced Price Meals
- Fall, Winter, and Spring Break Food Distribution
- Weekly food bags through MVMNT Church

Student Story



Impact



- ▣ **86%** of case-managed students met their academic goals.
- ▣ **77%** of case managed students met their SEL goal.

Program Highlights

Girls on the Run

"Notable difference in confidence and social/emotional growth of students on caseload." -Karen Ferrer, school psychologist



For more information and student stories, follow Red Hill CIS on Instagram at [@cis_redhillelementary](https://www.instagram.com/cis_redhillelementary)

Drama Club



The Red Hill Drama Club is quickly becoming an important part of each school year. With over 25% of the school participating and great parent involvement, this year focus on a book store that comes alive at night to defend itself from thieves. Savannah linked this to school wide literacy and SEL goals.

Clothing Swaps

Community Favorite!

Savannah has coordinated multiple clothing swaps for families, so that as students grow out of their clothes, they can pay them forward to younger students.



SEL Lunch

"Lunch groups have been great for building students' connections and social skills. I also think the Drama Club was a great community-building and confidence-boosting activity." -Brittany Kaufman, 2nd grade teacher



Woodbrook Elementary School

Kaniyah Key

The Students We Serve

27 Case Managed students including:

- **84** individualized student hours and **64** program hours
- **20%** English Language Learners
- **100%** Qualify for Free and Reduced Price Meals
- Winter and Spring Break Food Distribution



Impact



- **100%** of case-managed students met their academic goals.
- **90%** of case managed students consistently received basic needs support.
- **73%** of case managed students met their attendance goal.

Program Highlights

Literacy Lunch

Students work on their Lexia assignments while being provided with free books curated to their tastes from local community partners.



For more information and student stories, follow WES CIS on Instagram at [@cisnovawoodbrook](https://www.instagram.com/cisnovawoodbrook)

Upcoming Fall 2026

- Partnership with WildRock
- Partnership with Virginia CareerWorks
- Basketball club
- Literacy tutoring before school
- Partnership with Atlantic Union Bank to provide financial literacy workshops to parents

Community Corner



Through a mixture of CIS grant funding, local community partner donations, and WES staff donations, we are able to maintain a community corner for students and families in need.

Classroom Support

Kaniyah supports students and teachers at WES by pushing into classrooms and leading small group tutoring sessions for students in math and reading. She helps students who are falling behind keep place with the class through individualized support.



Parent Outreach



Kaniyah meets monthly with the PTA to encourage parent engagement, and utilizes her connection to the community to strengthen her ties with student's families.

Greer Elementary School

Gabi Rodriguez

The Students We Serve

51 Case Managed students including:

- **495** Kids served through Tier 1 events
- **68%** English Language Learners
- **100%** Qualify for Free and Reduced Price Meals
- Fall, Winter, and Spring Break Food Distribution
- Weekly food bags through MVMNT Church



Impact



- ▣ **100%** of case-managed students with attendance goals are meeting their target.
- ▣ **93%** of students are progressing in their social-emotional learning goals.
- ▣ **33 students** consistently received basic needs support.

Program Highlights

Lit Leaders

This group brings tutors from AHS to Greer students who are struggling with literacy. It meets twice a week at the Boys and Girls Club after school.



For more information and student stories, follow Greer CIS on Instagram at @cis_greer

Community Corner



Gabi helps the social workers stock and maintain a closet of emergency basic needs for students and families.
"Thank you so much for helping our kiddos stay warm."-Greer Staff

Staff Recognition WE NOTICED 2026

Site Coordinator, Gabi Rodriguez, was recognized by her peers at Greer for her outstanding work this year.
"Gabi is kind and caring. She genuinely loves our students and does everything she can to help them be successful. Gabi builds great relationships with students and finds fun ways to connect with them. We are so lucky to have Gabi as part of our Greer Community!" - Jean Flaherty

Attendance

This school year Gabi has helped the Greer team in their goal to help improve school-wide attendance. She is a member of the attendance committee, helps outreach to Spanish speaking parents, and creates friendly competitions for kids to improve their attendance.



Parent Outreach

Gabi has built great relationships with GES families as one of the few Spanish speakers on staff.



Journey Middle School

Sonia Montalvo

The Students We Serve

50 Case Managed students including

- 644 Kids served through Tier 1 events
- 22% English Language Learners
- 36% qualify for Free and Reduced Price Meals

Black History Month



Impact



- 83% of case-managed students showed measurable growth, increasing their SEAD SEL assessment score by 5 points or more during the 2025–2026 school year—indicating stronger skills in self-regulation, conflict resolution, and emotional awareness.
- 380 community members attended CIS led events at Journey Middle School this year.

Program Highlights

Girl Code

A weekly creative writing group to help student develop both their writing and SEL skills.



For more information and student stories, follow Journey CIS on Instagram at [@cis_journeys](#)

Bright Success



Our Bright Success program is a leadership group where students learn about how to succeed in school, learn about college and career opportunities, and develop student's SEL skills.

Community Engagement

Over 380 families attended at least one Communities In Schools event at Journey during the 2025-2026 school year. This number reflects consistent engagement across multiple family-centered programs hosted throughout the year.



Quest to the Capitol



Site Coordinator Sonia Montalvo worked with community members to raise funds to take students on a trip to Washington, D.C. this Spring. They visited the National Museum of African American History and did a scavenger hunt!

Albemarle High School

Manisha Ellis

Liz Wachter

The Students We Serve

84 Case Managed students include:

- **1,963 Kids served through Tier 1 events**
- **44%** qualify for Free and Reduced Price Meals
- **19%** English Language Learners
- **1,548** students served basic needs.



Graduation!
100% of CIS
seniors at AHS
graduated
on-time in SY
25-26!



Impact



- **100%** of case students met their CCLR goals.
- **100%** case managed students graduated.
- **93%** of case managed students met their attendance goal.

Program Highlights

Delta GEMS

Delta GEMS is a college and career readiness program developed by the founders of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for high school girls.



For more information and student stories, follow AHS CIS on Instagram at @cis_albemarlehhs

SEL



CIS ran weekly Creative Expressions Art Therapy Girls Group, League of Leaders, Lean in Girls, and Brave Hearts Boys Group.

HBCU Fair

Manisha hosted the 1st HBCU Fair in Albemarle and surrounding counties. They covered FAFSA, job readiness, and had on site admissions from representatives.



Staff Recognition

WE NOTICED 2026

Site Coordinator, Manisha Ellis, was recognized by her peers at AHS for her outstanding work this year.

“Manisha truly cares about her students and builds great relationships. She expects respect, excellence, and achievement, which shows in her daily work!” - Tim Hamlette

Program Highlights

Brave Hearts

Brave Hearts is an SEL group for male identifying students, focused on navigating and embracing positive masculinity.



Creative Expressions

Creative Expressions is an SEL group for girls. We partnered with a local art therapist and tackled topics related to mental health, emotions, and girlhood.



Sense of Belonging

One of Albemarle High School and CIS's goals this year was to raise student's Sense of Belonging score on their Panorama EOY data. Last year 30% of students responded favorably. This year 43% did.



Ask a Principal



"The groups facilitated by Ms. Ellis and Mrs. Wachter have been important to our school. They also support our underprivileged students and community invaluable. For example they've had a turkey distribution, prom closet, food bags on Friday, the College Fair, and free haircuts, to name a few." - Damean Barfield

Growth and Sustainability

- Current Funding Model - 6 schools funded by CIS NOVA - 3 Year Grant
 - Year 3 - FY27 - 42% CIS NOVA, 58% ACPS
 - Year 2 - FY26 - 58% CIS NOVA, 42% ACPS
 - Year 1 - FY25 - 67% CIS NOVA, 33% ACPS
- Woodbrook Expansion added January '26
 - CIS received VDOE Community School Funding
- Growth Opportunities
 - Agnor ES
 - Mountain View ES

Thank you