The Lanier Full-Service Community School Initiative

What is a Community School?

Community schools are high-quality neighborhood schools, doing whatever it takes to make sure that EVERY CHILD is provided a great education.

In particular, a community school . . .

- Engages families and communities in planning for the success of all students.
- Is shaped by the unique needs of the individual school community.
- Has high-quality academic programs from PK-12 for ALL students, preparing students for college and career.
- Provides for academic, social, emotional and physical development.
- Brings together a range of community partners to offer supports for students and families, including healthcare and adult education
- Coordinates supports to be both efficient and effective.
- Has rich extracurricular and out-ofschool time student programs
- Serves as a community hub.

What will the Full-Service Community School Grant do?

The FSCS Grant will provide 5 years of funding (\$2.5 million total) that will support strengthened families, academic success for students and community engagement in the Lanier Vertical Team.

The grant will serve four schools in particular with services: Lanier HS, Burnet MS, Cook ES, and Wooldridge ES. Specifically, the grant will provide . . .

- A new Family Resource Center at Lanier HS, providing wraparound family services and adult education
- Full-time Community School Coordinators for all four campuses to recruit and coordinate student and family support services
- Both day and evening adult education classes, including ESL, GED, Computer Basics, Job Readiness and Effective Parenting
- Stronger engagement with parents and community partners to support student success

Both local and national community school efforts demontrate that these strategies, combined with effective teaching, result in:

- Reduced Student Mobility
- Increased Graduation Rates
- Increased Academic Perfomance
- Increased Enrollment and Attendance

Austin Voices for Education and Youth (AVEY), recipient of the FSCS grant, will be working with a strong group of community partners to support community schools efforts throughout the Lanier feeder pattern.



- Community planning processes on each campus
- Wraparound supports for students and families
- College readiness strategies at all campuses
- Strong afterschool, summer and extracurricular programs
- Coordinated partnerships across the feeder pattern

