Communities In Schools of Caldwell County (CISCC)

2025-2026 Program Summary & Outcomes

2025-2026 Community Impact

7 Caldwell County Schools served

487 Students received CISCC services

4,397 Students receiving whole school services

100% Graduation Rate For CIS Caldwell Seniors

Senior Future Plans for Forty-Six Graduates:

Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute: 21

Haywood Community College: 1

Western Piedmont Community College: 1

Military: 1

Four-Year University: 6

Workforce: 14

Seminary School: 1

Universal Technical Institute – Mooresville: 1

GMS: 69/445 or 15.5%
GFMS: 59/537 or 10.9%
HMS: 49/535 or 9.1%
WLMS: 80/522 or 15.3%
HHS: 76/738 or 10.2%
SCHS: 87/1071 or 8.1%
WCHS: 67/549 or 12.2%
CCS: 487/4397 or 11% at seven CISCC school locations.

Caldwell County's Future Workforce: A Collaborative Pathway to Tech Access and Student Success with Communities In Schools

The Partnership: Funded by a **$270,000 grant from Google** ($90,000k/year for 3 years).
The Problem: Rural students face a "triple threat" to graduation and employment:

- **Digital Divide:** No reliable internet or laptops for training.
- **Financial Hurdles:** Inability to afford specialized tools, certifications, or work attire.
- **Emergency Barriers:** Transportation failures and housing instability that derail career training.

The Mission: To ensure every Caldwell County student—regardless of financial status—is globally competitive and ready for the 21st-century workforce.

Program Impact & Resource Allocation

Objective: A flexible, responsive fund providing 100% direct student support with minimal administrative overhead.

Core Components

- **Hardware Loaner Program:** * **100 Total Devices:** 80 Laptops + 20 Hotspots with data plans.
    - Provides essential tech for coding, engineering, and remote work training.
- **Direct Workforce Assistance:** * **Supplies:** Safety gear (steel-toed boots), specialized tools, and adaptive tech.
    - **Professionalism:** Interview attire, uniforms, and certification exam fees.
    - **Stability:** Emergency gas cards, bus passes, and short-term crisis support.

Annual Budget Breakdown ($90k of the Google Grant)

Category	Allocation	Impact
Workforce Supplies	$30,000	Tools, gear, attire, and certification fees.
Digital Access	$40,000	100 devices, data plans, and maintenance.
Emergency Support	$20,000	Transportation, medical, and housing stability.

Community Service Projects – “**Opportunities**”

Eighth Grade WLMS Supporting Yokefellow of Caldwell County







Community Service Projects – “**Opportunities**”

Seventh Grade CISCC Middle School Sites Partnering with Caldwell County Animal Enforcement Center





All of the 7th Grade CISCC middle School sites toured the Caldwell County Animal Enforcement Center to learn about the importance of pet responsibility. Our county is in need of educating our youth on the role of pet ownership. We give many thanks to the staff of this organization to Mr. Richard Gilliland and his staff in offering our students a visit to this location to learn about various ways they can help with the multiple issues that are negatively impacting animals in our county.

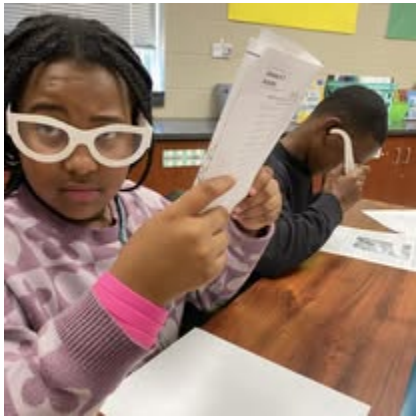
Community Service Projects – “**Opportunities**”

All CISCC Middle School Sites Partnering with the Senior Center of Caldwell County



The students were able to participate in hands on activities to help them gain a deeper understanding and empathy for those who are older. Specialized glasses and gloves showed them what life might be like with Macular Degeneration, Glaucoma, Cataracts, Arthritis and more as the students attempted to find locations on maps, read new articles, sort “pills”, thread a needle or even tie their shoe.

It really gave the kids a whole new perspective on what their elders may be dealing with, and they even said they needed to be more patient, kind, and understanding.



Career Learning Experiences – "**Opportunities**"

All CISCC Ninth Grade Sites Focus on **Career Planning**, **Personal Finance – Dave Ramsey** and how to best utilize the **Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute** to improve outcomes both in and after high school.

Career and College Promise

CCC&TI
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute



The Career and College Promise program lets eligible high schoolers take community college classes to earn job skills and college degrees early. These credits help you graduate from college faster and save time on your future education. Best of all, CISCC covers the costs of your books and fees so the classes are free for you.

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Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade	Ninth Grade
Transitioning to Middle School	Dave Ramsey Introduction to Personal Finance	Hunger and Homelessness	Transitioning to High School
Computational Skills	Protecting and Caring for Animals	My Truck Ventures	Dave Ramsey Foundations in Personal Finance
Building a Community		Dave Ramsey - Foundations in Entrepreneurship	Career Exploration Unit and CCC&TI Career Tour
Community Service Project	Career Exploration Unit	Shark Tank Competition	Dave Ramsey Board Game Development and Presentations
Bee Cause Unit		Career Exploration	
Elderly and Senior Citizens	End-of-Grade Review	End-of-Grade Review	
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“Real Skills” Development in all of our CISCC Sites







Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Grade CISCC Students Participate in Weekly Character Education lessons and are ***recognized each month***.



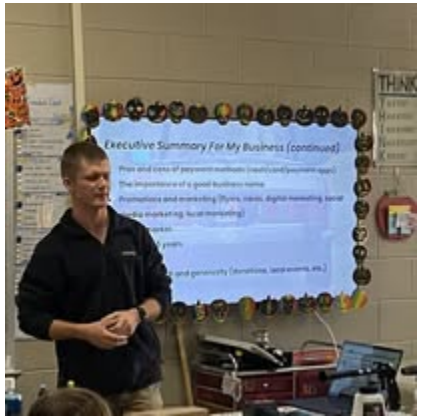




CISCC Most Important Resource – **MENTORS**









How can I get involved to promote character and social growth for the youth in our community?

1. You can become and CISCC Mentor that serves for 30-60 minutes a week at one of our 7 school locations.
2. Allow a CISCC representative to come and speak to your business, church, or civic organization about all the many rewarding gifts that come out of being a CISCC Mentor!