Cleburne County Comprehensive Safe and



Drug Free Schools Plan

(Title IV – Part A)

Introduction

Cleburne County Schools have implemented a comprehensive safe and drug free school plan for grades K – 12. Since student illicit drug, alcohol and tobacco use is illegal, harmful, and interferes with both learning and the healthy development of students and recognizing the need for students to feel safe to promote the learning process, Cleburne County School System is committed to providing effective and age-appropriate prevention programs for all students. Prevention trainings, services, and resources will also be provided for employees as needed.

Goals

1). To provide drug, alcohol, and tobacco use prevention programs and activities to all students.

2.) To provide a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports academic achievement.

3.) To prevent violence and bullying in and around our schools.

4.) To help our students know that school and community leaders, teachers, and faculty care for them and want them to be healthy, happy and successful members of society.

Prevention Programs and Activities

**School Counseling Programs**

Throughout the year, school counselors teach lessons on drug and alcohol prevention, decision making, self-esteem, personal safety, conflict resolution, effective interpersonal/communication skills, bullying prevention, suicide prevention, cyber-bulling, sexting, and respecting diversity.

**Speakers**

A number of speakers have spoken to Cleburne County students on drug prevention, safety, and bullying over the past number of years. The speakers come at random times throughout the year to share important information with our students.

**Prevention Messages**

Information on drug and alcohol prevention, bullying prevention, and suicide prevention are distributed throughout the year. The messages come through various sources such as morning announcements, computer monitor messages in the hallways of the schools, and email and Facebook blasts.

**Silent Strength Program**

Silent Strength is a program delivered at each school by Doug Revis. Mr. Revis focused on empathy, and he illustrated the effects that negative words have on others. He used the Great Kindness Challenge to motivate and encourage students to reach out to those in need of help. Some schools have taken advantage of the online platform which is visible to everyone in the school that gives students the opportunity to submit positive messages and comments about each other.

**Red Ribbon Week**

In October, all of Cleburne County’s schools celebrate Red Ribbon Week. The celebration includes special drug activities and special speakers that educate students of the dangers and effects of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use.

**Anti-Bully Month**

Cleburne County’s Counseling Team decided that, during December and/or January, we focus on bullying prevention. Students are taught how to identify bullying behavior, how to stop it, and self-assertiveness skills that will help to ward off bullies.

**Health/Family Wellness Classes**

Drug education, suicide prevention, and decision making is taught in both high schools in the health or family wellness classes that are required to graduate.

**Law Enforcement Presence**

City and county law enforcement agencies perform random visits daily at all county schools. It is common for students to see officers at the schools and at school functions. This is to provide them a sense of security and to give them the chance to see law enforcement officials as the heroes that they are.

**Drug and Weapon Free Signage**

Drug and weapon free signs are posted on the exterior doors of all of Cleburne County’s schools. Announcements are also made regularly at all football games.

**School Security**

All of Cleburne County’s exterior doors remain locked during the school day to protect our students from outside intruders. All of Cleburne’s schools have security cameras with doorbells where visitors must be allowed in. Most schools have a secondary security door where students and visitors must be buzzed in the second time to be able to access student hallways. All schools have many security cameras at various places on their campuses.

**Drills**

All of Cleburne County’s schools conduct fire, storm, intruder, and medical emergency drills regularly as required by state law.

**Safety Plans**

Each school has their own Safety Plan. These Safety Plans are reviewed and updated yearly. Faculty and staff are reminded of their roles in the Safety Plan each year.

**Online Bullying Report for Students and Parents**

On the Cleburne County School’s Website ([www.cleburneschools.net](http://www.cleburneschools.net)) there is a link for students and parents to report incidences of harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, or other forms of bullying. The link notifies individual school leaders when a report has been made.

**Alternative School**

Students that have habitual behavior issues or ones that are suspected of being involved in criminal issues are required to attend Cleburne County’s Alternative School for a prescribed period of time. The students are removed from daily interaction with the school’s regular student body. The Alternative School is a separate setting where students are required to attend school from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. Students continue their school work online. The Alternative School is the last chance before complete expulsion.

**Relentless Peer to Peer Mentoring Program**

All of Cleburne County’s ninth graders take part in the Relentless Peer to Peer Mentoring Program. The program is a federally funded program that trains and uses upper-classmen to mentor to ninth graders. The program teaches the health benefits of avoiding risky behaviors, self-regulation, success sequencing for poverty prevention, healthy relationships, goal setting, resisting dating violence, and how to avoid the use of illegal substances.

**Elementary Mentoring Programs**

Some of our middle and elementary schools use positive high school role-models or outside community leaders to mentor young at-risk students. The mentors are trained by counselors to help point young mentees toward positive behaviors and better grades.

**Teacher Advisory Programs**

Both of Cleburne County’s high schools have teacher advisory programs where teachers are assigned certain students that they meet with at designated times throughout the school year. The teachers talk with students about their grades and future plans. The programs are designed so that every student has at least one adult in the school that knows and checks on them.

**Drug and Weapon Searches**

Cleburne’s schools schedule various law enforcement agencies to do random drug and weapon searches on campus. Drug dogs are used to search the schools and the high school parking lots.

**Parent Education**

Parents are educated on various related topics throughout the year. Some of the resources include parent newsletters, social media, parent meetings, and parent conferences.