

A vibrant field of cosmos flowers in shades of yellow and orange, set against a clear, bright blue sky. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The background is softly blurred, creating a sense of depth and a bright, sunny atmosphere.

WHAT ARE THE COUNSELING SERVICES AT MONNIG MS?

**How the student
support services team
can help you and
your student(s).**

Kirkpatrick

- Please provide feedback to assist us in developing our improvement plan!
- Our 2 goals this year are:
 - High quality lesson planning/execution
 - Creating a positive school culture through a shared vision
- You can submit a comment (something that we are doing well or something you'd like to see) by entering the website below into your browser or using the QR code.

<https://bit.ly/33DYDPI>



Who are the Student Support Services Team?

- The Student Support Services Team is comprised of two social workers and two professional school counselors. (However, all of us will answer to counselor if that is easier for you to remember.)
- Jose Cantu –Community in Schools
- Stephannie Johnson—Intervention Specialist
- David Morgan—Professional School Counselor (Last names A-L)
- Kristen Riggsby—Professional School Counselor (Last names M-Z)

Community in Schools

Jose Cantu

- Communities in Schools (CIS) is a proactive and proven Stay-In-School Network
- The mission of Communities in Schools (CIS) is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life
- The primary goals of CIS are to help students in at risk situations stay in school and improve in academics, attendance, and behavior.
- **CIS believes that every child needs and deserves:**
 - A personal, 1-1 relationship with a caring adult
 - A safe place to learn and grow
 - A healthy start and a healthy future
 - A chance to give back to peers and community

Communities in Schools

What CIS looks like at Monnig:

- Sitting down establishing goals to work on for the academic year (Grades, Academics or Behavior)
- A behavior can be (SEL, Conduct, or College Readiness)

We then work on these goals throughout the year through:

- Individual Guidance
- Lunch Groups (HW , social skills , SEL , anger management , stress/anxiety management , motivational groups)
- 6-week check ins
- Mentorship, Incentives, competitions within CIS, student spotlight, college and career discussions/presentations
- And so much more!

Once I receive the parent consent form, this allows me to begin working with your student. I work with 88-90 students (6th-8th) every year. All students at Monnig qualify for the program

Students can be referred to the CIS program as a self-referral, parent referral or a teacher referral.

If you are wanting your student to be a part of CIS, please reach out via email or phone call.

Intervention Specialist

Stephannie Johnson

- I serve students who are experiencing difficulties either on or off the school campus. I work collaboratively with students to develop healthy coping strategies and solutions, impacting their performance and overall functioning. My intent is to help these students find coping strategies and solutions that enable them to return to a healthy level of functioning in life and to improve performance in the classroom.
- - Individual and group counseling
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Peer Mediation
 - Nurture Groups
 - Restorative Circles
 - Social Skills Instruction
 - Consultation referrals to community resources
 - Referrals to community resources
 - Limited case management and/or home visits
 - Transitional support for returning students

Professional School Counselors David Morgan and Kristen Riggsby

- Guidance Curriculum
 - Lessons delivered to students in the classroom that pertain to academic and career development as well as personal and social development.
- Individual Planning
 - Each student works yearly with their counselor on their progression plan. This is a map of the courses a student needs to take in order to graduate. These progression plans roll over into the student's course request. This also includes thinking about future opportunities.
- Responsive Services
 - Providing prevention and intervention to students that are in immediate need (social, emotional, academic, etc.) through individual and/or group counseling.
- System Support
 - Counseling Program delivery and support—supporting and ensuring that we are able to provide these services.

Needs Assessment Survey

- https://fortworthisd.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9BqI4eta4M35nH7
- This is a district needs assessment for students, guardians, and staff to complete to provide feedback on the needs of our community.
- We are able to pull information from this form that pertains to Monnig MS specifically.

Suicide Prevention

- Each year, students receive guidance lessons on suicide prevention and how to support others.
- We also incorporate into these lessons awareness of bullying, with the key component being, "if you see something, say something."
- We are so blessed to be a part of the Hope Squad program.
 - The Hope Squad is students that are identified by their peers as people that can be trusted to support them.
 - The Hope Squad is provided additional training and support to ensure that they are setting healthy boundaries in friendships.

More Suicide Info here for parents
[FWISD Parent Suicide Prevention Presentation](#)

Lifelines: Suicide Prevention Guidance Lessons

- The Student Support Team will provide these lessons during Homeroom.
- We will provide them live for in person while also live for remote learners.
- It is important for you to make sure your student is on their correct grade level Counseling Google classroom so they can see this presentation as well as get other resources from the Student Support Team this year.
- We will be starting with 7th grade then 8th grade, and finally with 6th grade.
 - 6th Grade Counseling Services Classroom Code: u7ydc3q
 - 7th Grade Counseling Services Classroom Code: c jy5yyb
 - 8th Grade Counseling Services Classroom Code: 6f5qzlu
- The students also have the district needs assessment in their Grade Level Counseling Classrooms. We would appreciate you having your student complete assessment to provide us with feedback.

COVID Relief/ Needs

- We know that some of our families are struggling in many different ways due to this global pandemic.
- Here is a link in case your family is struggling and you need assistance. (Clothing needs, food, counseling, etc.)
- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=PWwll2oQfk-zmkWUw2de-7ULbqUV69IikorbPSrvNpUM0xFMkwxRII2MTBLUDRHSUNOVDUxVDBBMS4u>

How to Reach the Counselors

- Google Classrooms by Grade Level
- Counseling Referral Form
- Counseling Website
- Call the School
- Email directly

