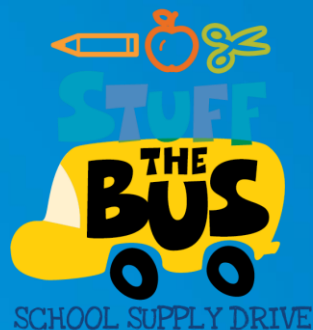




Helping Here.

2026 Stuff The Bus School Supply Drive

Volunteer Training



Communities
In Schools®
San Antonio



Today's Driver

Agenda

- Stuff The Bus Overview
- Our 2026 Goal
- Your Role On Stuff The Bus Day
- Engaging Customers
- Q & A Session



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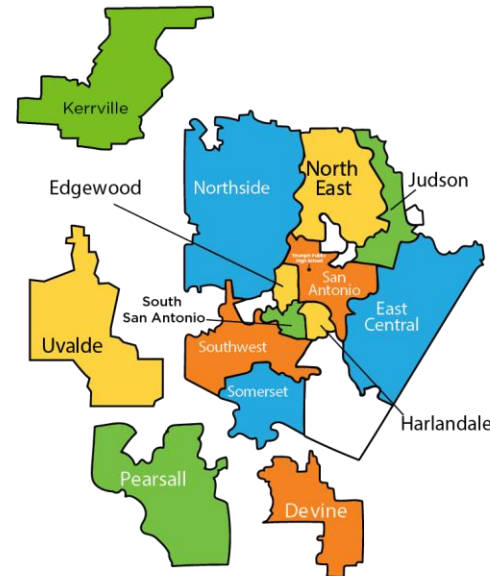
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Thank You!



Our mission is to surround students with a **community** of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.



17 School Districts, **7** Charter Networks, **115+** Schools, **6** Counties

About Communities In Schools of San Antonio (CIS-SA)



- Part of a nationally recognized nonprofit delivering one of the nation's **most effective** student support models.
- Building **relationships** and removing barriers so students can thrive.
- CIS-SA is the largest provider of school based **mental health** services in our region
- Supports youth both in schools and through community-based programs like Haven for Hope and NXT Level.

Every \$1 invested in CIS-SA returns \$11.60 in community value.

What is Stuff The Bus (STB)?



- One of the **largest** school supply drives in South Texas
- A Community-wide campaign held each summer (**June – August**)
- Culminates on **Stuff The Bus Day** (Saturday, August 1, 2026) mobilizing 500+ volunteers at 52 H-E-B Stores
- Provides essential school supplies, **reducing barriers** for families
- Helps students start school prepared, confident, and ready to learn
- Stuff The Bus opens the door to **relationships**.



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*KENS Cares sponsors Methodist Healthcare,
Raising Cane's, Rodriguez Trial Law, Goettl,
and RBFCU.*

*Perry Homes will match the donations raised
up to \$10,000!*

Scan a barcode below to donate

\$1

\$3

\$5

100% OF YOUR DONATION WILL PROVIDE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL STUDENTS IN NEED.



Support these Stuff The Bus Events!



Proceeds benefit our Stuff The Bus School Supply Drive

Pearl Children's Entrepreneur Market & Back Drive: Wed. July 22 from 5-8 p.m. at The Pearl
Shop local youth entrepreneurs while donating backpacks and school supplies for local students.

CB Harper School Supply Drive: Thurs. July 23 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at CB Harper Stone Oak
Agents, clients, and neighbors are invited to bring school supplies to support Stuff the Bus. Every donation receives a free Popsicle.



EoS Fitness Grand Opening & School Supply Drive: Sat. July 25 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at EoS Fitness Walzem

Celebrate the grand opening of the 1st EoS Fitness in San Antonio and visit community vendors while donating school supplies for students.



EoS Fitness Zumbathon / SweatFest for Stuff the Bus: Tues. July 28 from 6 - 8 p.m. at EoS Fitness Walzem

Get moving while helping students head back to school prepared.

Sunset Brews: Stuff The Bus Networking Mixer

Hosted by the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: Thurs. July 30 from 4 - 6 p.m.
Enjoy an evening of purposeful networking. Admission is a new backpack or school supplies benefiting CIS-SA.



UTSA Youth Volleyball Clinic: Fri. August 7

Participants are invited to support Stuff the Bus by donating school supplies during the clinic.

10 Participating Las Palapas Locations

Visit participating restaurants to donate school supplies and receive \$5.00 "Sabor Savings" credit

Visit StuffTheBus.cissa.org for more information.





Sponsored by:



Your Impact

Supplies collected will benefit 115+ CIS-SA campuses and 9 Non-Profit Partners



What to Expect on Stuff The Bus Day

Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 9 am. To 5 p.m.
3 - 4 Volunteers at one time



Special thanks to our 50+ Volunteer Partners!

When You Arrive



- **Check in** with the CIS-SA Ambassador (yellow shirt and name badge) for instructions and your volunteer location.
- **First shift volunteers:** Please arrive at **9:00 a.m.**
- **Sign in** by scanning the QR code at the start of your shift to track volunteer hours.
- It's **Kids Day** at H-E-B! Expect multiple vendors
- **Stay hydrated.** Water will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own drinks or snacks.
- **Take breaks as needed** and dress for the weather.
- **Before you leave,** let the CIS-SA Ambassador know. If possible, wait until the next volunteer shift has arrived.

Recommended Attire

- Corporate, school, or organization volunteer shirt
- Comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing
- Sun protection (hat, sunscreen, umbrella, etc.)
- Refillable water bottle (*water will also be provided*)

Optional: Folding chair for breaks (please spend most of your shift standing, if able, and engaging with customers)



How Customers Can Give

1. Donate Supplies

- Drop off yellow barrel/ watermelon Bin

2. Donate Cash/Check

- Direct donor to place in money bucket

3. Donate using QR Code

- Located on money bucket. Donor can scan with phone



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Engaging Customers

Greet customers and briefly ask for support

Hi, Would you like to donate new school supplies for families in need?

We're collecting school supplies for students in need. Here's a poster of suggested items.

Limited school flyers will be available to distribute. If you run out, direct customers to view poster

Avoid blocking entrances or pressuring customers

Remember... 🙄 😞 😐 😊 😄

- Some customers are excited to help.
- Some are in a hurry.
- Some may politely decline.
- A few may be frustrated—and that's okay.

Smile, thank them, and wish them a great day regardless of their response.



Give Everyone the Opportunity to Help

- Invite every customer to participate.
- Every donation makes a difference.
- You never know someone's story. Today's donor may have once been a student who received help.
- If someone needs assistance, direct them to the CIS-SA Ambassador or the resource flyer.

Remember: Our role isn't to decide who can give—it's to give everyone the opportunity to make a difference.

Accepting Donations from Customers



- **Thank every donor**
- **Celebrate** with a cowbell ring, pom poms, or thank-you sticker.
- **Place school supplies** in the watermelon collection bin.
- **Direct cash, check, and donation questions** to the CIS-SA Ambassador.
 - **Volunteers should never handle cash or checks.**

Tip: Look inside donated bags to ensure there aren't any non-school supply items (like produce)

Final Reminders

- Always be friendly, polite and smile even when confronted with adversity
- Offer every customer the opportunity to give—but always respect their decision
- We are guests of H-E-B, please comply with all of the Store Manager's requests and especially avoid interfering with the shopping carts
- If an issue arises, please contact the CIS-SA staff lead. They will be POC for any HEB issues
- If bringing children (10 years and older) to help, please keep them safe and in sight at all times



Common FAQs from Customers

Where do the supplies go?

- Students at 115+ CIS-SA campuses and nonprofit partners. QR code to list of schools will be provide.

Can I donate money?

- Yes! Cash, check, or QR code.

Can I donate used supplies?

- We are collecting **new** school supplies only. Live drive ends at 5 p.m. Yellow barrels will be at entrance until close of business day.

Are donations tax deductible?

- Yes. Connect donor with CIS-SA Staff

Send Us Your Pictures!

We LIKE you and want to see your team in action

#StuffTheBus, #CISSA, #KENS5Cares or tag KENS5 & HEB

Email at marketing@cissa.org



What Happens After The Live Drive Ends?



Q&A Session



Volunteer With Us

One-time volunteer opportunities: Make a big difference in a small amount of time.

Reading Day

Get students excited about reading by participating in a Reading Day. Volunteers read a book and engage in conversations to inspire students to read and build their knowledge. This is typically a two-hour event.

Job Shadows

Invite students to your workplace to learn more about your industry and profession. Job shadow events typically last 4 hours and consist of an overview of your company, a tour of the facilities, breakout sessions with your staff and lunch (provided by your company).

STEM Family Night Volunteer

Volunteer with our team during a STEM Family Night where students experience hands-on activities involving science, technology, engineering, and math. This is typically a two hour event.

Ongoing volunteer opportunities: Support students throughout the school year and make a lasting difference in their lives.

InspireU Workplace Mentorship

Through our InspireU program, CIS-SA brings high school students to a corporate office to be matched with a mentor, exposed to the workplace environment, and expand their knowledge of potential careers. This is a four-year commitment.

Pen Pals Program

Correspond every other week with a group of elementary school students. This program helps students develop their writing skills while connecting them with a supportive professional.





Give Your Time, Talent, or Treasure

Basic Needs

Help fulfill our students' basic needs by organizing a drive. Our students need items such as hygiene products, shoes, food and other items to keep them focused in school.



United Way

CIS-SA is a United Way community partner. Consider inviting us to speak to your employees about our work during your United Way campaign.

CIS-SA Star

CIS-SA Star is a monthly giving program that provides consistent support to the students we serve. Visit www.cissa.org/donate to become a sustaining donor!



Friends of CIS-SA

Friends of CIS-SA is a diverse group of community members with a shared passion for supporting and empowering students. Membership dues and donations to Friends of CIS-SA help fund student enrichment activities, like field trips to local museums. Visit www.cissa.org/get-involved/friends for more information and to join.

Foundation Gift

If your corporation has a foundation, we would love to see if CIS-SA aligns with your philanthropic priorities! Foundation grants provide funding for our work to keep students in school.

Holiday Giving

Provide gifts and meals to students who would otherwise go without during the holidays. Get involved by collecting Thanksgiving baskets, winter coats, or presents.

Matching Gift Program

Employers have matching gift programs and will match your charitable contributions or volunteer hours. This could double (or even triple) the value of your donation.

Thanks for being a Champion for Students and helping connect students with supplies!

