

Business and Student Support Standards and Indicators for Independent Affiliates

Business and Student Support Standards

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Business Standards

I. Identity Standards

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Standard	Indicators	
I.1: Trademark License Agreement		
CIS affiliates have a signed, current trademark license agreement with the national office and abide by the stipulations in the agreement.	Fully executed, current trademark license agreement.	
I.2: Affiliate Name		
CIS affiliates are named Communities In Schools of (the name of the city, community, county or region where the affiliate operates).	 Articles of Incorporation showing the appropriate affiliate name, Or Amendment to Articles of Incorporation showing the appropriate affiliate name, Or Official notification from the appropriate state authority that a request for amending the affiliate's name to the appropriate name has been received. 	
I.3: Mission Statement		
CIS affiliates have formally adopted the official CIS mission statement as follows: "The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life."	Board minutes showing the official CIS mission statement has been adopted.	
I.4: Branding		
CIS affiliates display and incorporate appropriately the official CIS logo and mission statement in conformity with the current CIS Branding Manual.	 Samples of the following (if available), demonstrating correct identity element usage: Printed promotional materials. Publications. Staff business cards. Social media accounts. 	



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I.5: Website	
CIS affiliates use an up-to-date website exclusive to CIS that conforms with the current CIS Branding Manual. The website:	An up-to-date website incorporating all elements listed in the standard.
 a. Identifies CIS in the URL. b. Includes the official CIS mission statement. c. Links to the CIS national website. d. Provides a method for making donations. e. Uses the localized CIS logo: I. Including both the schoolhouse and affiliate name. II. Separate and distinct when used in conjunction with any other logo. f. Provides a specific staff member's email address for public inquiries. 	
I.6: Office Space	
CIS affiliate boards provide space for the affiliate central office that:	 Affiliate central office address Central office incorporating all elements listed in the standard.
 a. Is sufficient for the size of the affiliate. b. Is located in a non-residential, business location. c. Has secure storage for sensitive documents (e.g., financial records, employee records, and student files) in compliance with all federal, state and local law. 	



II. Governance Standards

Standard	Indicators
II.1: Incorporation	
CIS affiliates: a. Are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, as an organization described in section 501(c)(3), either by: I. Incorporating as their own 501(c)(3) organization Or II. Operating under another 501(c)(3) organization as approved by the national CIS office in accordance with TQS policies. b. Comply with all applicable state laws for nonprofit organizations.	 Affiliate's IRS determination letter. Good standing in the state in which the affiliate is incorporated, as indicated in official public records. State registration for charitable solicitation, as required by state law.
II.2: Bylaws	
CIS affiliate boards have adopted bylaws that comply with the laws of the state in which the affiliate is incorporated. The board reviews its bylaws no fewer than every five years and adopts any necessary changes to ensure that the current bylaws are consistent with board practice. The bylaws are dated at the time of each review.	 Bylaws incorporating all elements listed in the standard. Board minutes showing the current bylaws were reviewed and adopted within the past 5 years.
II.3: Board Membership	
CIS affiliates are governed by a board of directors that includes active and influential members from the public, private and independent sectors. The board possesses: a. Racial, ethnic and gender diversity reflective of the community. b. Members with sufficient expertise and skills. c. At minimum 5 members.	 Board roster including each board member's: Name. Organization/affiliation and title/position. Current email address. Aggregated board demographics, including race, gender and ethnicity.



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II.4: Board Meetings	
As specified in their bylaws and board policies, CIS affiliate boards: a. Meet at least quarterly. b. Conduct meetings in accordance with federal, state and local law, including requirements around:	 Agendas for board meetings held during the past 12 months. Approved minutes for board meetings held during the past 12 months.
I. Location. II. Participation. III. Voting. c. Record, approve, and maintain minutes. d. Conduct the due diligence, governance,	
review and approval processes required by these standards.	
II.5: Board Member Commitment	
Each CIS affiliate board member has an annual, written commitment that outlines their individual goals for the year (e.g., fundraising, committee/taskforce participation) and their responsibility for reaching these goals.	 Template of written commitment incorporating all elements listed in the standard. Signed commitments kept on file and produced if requested for verification.
II.6: Board Committees	
CIS affiliate boards are organized into standing, working committees that report out to the full board at least quarterly and adhoc committees that meet as needed to conduct the work of the board. Committee report-outs are captured in the board minutes. At minimum, the board's standing committees should include oversight of the following functions:	 List of current board committees and rosters. List of meeting dates for each committee for past 12 months. Approved minutes showing quarterly report-outs on all required standing committee functions from past 12 months.
 a. Finance. b. Governance. c. Fundraising. At minimum, the board's standing or ad-hoc committees/taskforces should include oversight of the audit process with at least one individual not involved in oversight of finance.	



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II.7: Board Self-Assessment	indicators
CIS affiliate boards undergo a self-assessment no less than every three years, incorporating input from all members, that evaluates at minimum: a. Board composition, including: I. The board's diversity and cultural competency. II. Ratio of board members from the public, private and independent sectors. III. Any gaps in needed skills, abilities and competencies. b. Board functioning, including: I. Committee activities. II. Meeting attendance. III. Overall board commitment. IV. The board's participation in fundraising. The board uses the assessment results to plan and implement any necessary changes to enhance its overall effectiveness, as captured in the current annual operations plan (V.2).	 Written summary of most recent self-assessment results. Board minutes from within past three years showing discussion of most recent board self-assessment results.
II.8: Insurance Coverage	
CIS affiliate boards conduct an assessment of the affiliate's insurance needs no less than every three years, or more frequently if needed due to significant changes in programming/operations. Affiliates secure insurance coverage that takes into account all affiliate activities and related risks and that abides by local, state and federal law. At minimum, insurance coverage includes: a. Directors & Officers Liability Insurance. b. General Liability Insurance. c. Workers Compensation Insurance. d. Abuse and molestation insurance (if specifically excluded from general liability insurance). e. Cyber Security Insurance.	 Current certificate of coverage for all required insurance (may be bundled). Documentation of most recent board assessment of insurance needs. Board minutes from within past three years showing discussion of most recent assessment of insurance needs.



III. Policies/Procedures Standards

Standard **Indicators III.1: Board Policies** CIS affiliate boards have board-approved, Written policies incorporating all elements written policies to ensure strong board listed in the standard. governance and board member Board minutes from within past three years participation. The board reviews and showing review and approval of current approves these policies no less than every board policies. three years and the policies are dated at the time of each review. At minimum, the following policies applicable to board members are required: a. Code of ethics. b. Conflict of interest. c. Giving/fundraising. d. Board meeting attendance. If any or all of these policies are included in the board bylaws, then Business Standard II.2 applies to those respective policies.



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III.2: Business Continuity Procedures	
CIS affiliates ensure the continuity of business operations by maintaining written, boardapproved procedures. The affiliate board reviews and approves these procedures no less than every three years. The procedures are dated at the time of each review. The procedures outline: a. A succession plan that:	 Business continuity procedures incorporating all elements listed in the standard. Board minutes from within past three years showing current business continuity procedures were reviewed and approved.
I. Identifies critical positions, including at minimum the executive director and board chair. II. Describes the process(es) the board and staff will follow upon a sudden and a planned departure of any of these positions to ensure continuity in operations, III. Requires that incoming executive directors receive TQS-related training from the state and/or national office. b. Alternate means of communication with staff, board, and key constituents in the event of an interruption (i.e., crisis, natural disaster, etc.). c. Process for relocating the primary business operations in the event of an interruption. d. Any other steps needed to maintain critical business operations in the event of an interruption.	
III.3: Record Retention Policies	
CIS affiliates have board-approved written policies regarding the retention, maintenance, and destruction of electronic and hard copy records at all locations (e.g., central office and schools). At minimum, these policies are compliant with all local, state and federal law and include:	 Record retention policies incorporating all elements listed in the standard. Board minutes showing approval of current record retention policies.
 a. Minimum retention periods for records. b. Procedures for secure storage and transportation of records with confidential or sensitive information. c. Procedures for destroying records as appropriate. d. Backup and restoration procedures for electronic records. 	



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Standard	Indicators	
III.4: Financial Management & Accountability Policies		
CIS affiliates have board-approved written financial management and accountability policies that are compliant with all local, state and federal law and funder requirements and aligned with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Policies reflect any recommendations or findings from audits/limited reviews. At minimum the policies include:	 Financial management and accountability policies incorporating all elements listed in the standard. Board minutes showing approval of current financial management & accountability policies. 	
 a. A system of practical internal controls designed to ensure that: No single staff person is solely responsible for any financial transaction. A back-up staff person performs any financial transaction when the primary responsible staff person is absent. All financial transactions are subject to review by a person without direct responsibility for the transaction. 		
b. Policies pertaining to:		
Appropriate data management, security, and privacy for all credit card transactions.		
II. Required use of reputable and established accounting software to manage the affiliate's finances.		
III. Required reconciliation of bank statements to accounting records no less than monthly.		
IV. Required board authorization of all		



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III.5: Personnel Policies	
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CIS affiliates have board-approved, written personnel policies that are compliant with all federal, state and local laws and address all affiliate-specific personnel-related practices. Personnel policies and/or an Employee Handbook summarizing relevant policies are provided to all staff. The affiliate board reviews and approves these policies no less than every three years. The policies are dated at the time of each review. In addition to meeting all federal, state and local requirements, the personnel policies include at minimum the following components:

- a. Mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect policy.
- b. Policy requiring that school-based staff are aware of and follow their school/school district crisis management procedures, including participating in preparedness activities as required by school/school district policy.
- c. Policy regarding staff interaction with students.
- d. Policy regarding transportation of students.
- e. Policy requiring all staff working with students and/or student data to obtain parent/guardian consent per Student Support Standard II.1 and General Youth Services Standard I.2.
- f. Requirement that all staff:
 - Sign a document acknowledging receipt of Employee Handbook/Personnel Policies.
 - II. Sign confidentiality agreements.

- Dated personnel policies, reviewed and approved within past three years, incorporating:
 - o Elements (a) (f) of the standard.
 - All policies required for affiliate compliance with federal, state, and local law.
 - Any policies specific to affiliate practices.
- Affiliate documentation of:
 - Staff member receipt of personnel policies and/or Employee Handbook summarizing relevant policies.
 - o Staff member completion of confidentiality agreement.
- Board minutes from within past three years showing review and approval of current personnel policies.



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III.6: Volunteer Policies

CIS affiliates have board-approved, written volunteer policies that are compliant with all federal, state and local law and address all affiliate-specific volunteer-related practices, such as engaging AmeriCorps/VISTA members. Volunteer policies are available to all volunteers and are specifically provided to all regular and/or student-serving volunteers. The affiliate board reviews and approves these policies no less than every three years. The policies are dated at the time of each review. In addition to meeting all federal, state and local requirements, the volunteer policies include the following components:

- a. Mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect policy.
- b. Policy regarding volunteer interaction with students.
- c. Policy requiring that school-based volunteers are aware of and follow their school/school district crisis management procedures.
- d. Policy regarding volunteer transportation of students.
- e. Requirement that:
 - All volunteers working with students and/or student data sign confidentiality agreements.
 - II. All regular and/or student-serving volunteers receive the volunteer policies.

- Dated volunteer policies, reviewed and approved within past three years, incorporating:
 - o Elements (a) (e) of the standard.
 - All policies required for affiliate compliance with federal, state, and local law.
 - Any policies specific to affiliate practices.
- Affiliate documentation of:
 - Volunteer receipt of volunteer policies and/or Volunteer Handbook summarizing relevant policies (as appropriate).
 - Volunteer completion of confidentiality agreement (as appropriate).
- Board minutes from within past three years showing review and approval of current volunteer policies.



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III.7: Screening Procedures	
CIS affiliates have clearly articulated, board-approved screening procedures for hiring staff and engaging contractors, volunteers, AmeriCorps/VISTA members, and interns. These procedures are consistent with federal, state and local laws, school district requirements, and any funder requirements. At minimum, these procedures include:	 Written screening procedures incorporating all elements listed in the standard. Board minutes showing approval of current screening procedures.
 a. A description of the process to onboard staff, contractors, volunteers and interns, including the circumstances under which the following would be required: A written application, resume or CV. An in-person interview. Reference checks. Background check(s) (Per Standard III.8 Background Check Procedures). b. A description of the process for supervising any minors less than 18 years of age serving as volunteers. 	



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III.8: Background Check Procedures CIS affiliates have clearly articulated, boardapproved background check procedures for individuals working on behalf of CIS with students and/or confidential or sensitive data. These procedures are consistent with federal, state and local laws, school district requirements, and any funder requirements. CIS affiliates maintain documentation demonstrating that these procedures have been followed for all required individuals. At minimum, these procedures include: a. Requirement that background checks are conducted on all individuals, including staff, contractors, volunteers, AmeriCorps/VISTA members, and interns, that work on behalf of CIS with students and/or any confidential or sensitive data: l. As part of hiring/onboarding process, and II. No less than every three years thereafter. b. A description of automatically disqualifying offenses for applicants. c. A description of how individuals who have not yet completed the background check process will be managed and supervised to avoid unsupervised contact with students or access to confidential or sensitive data. d. Process for securing actual background check documentation and results, or records from school district containing all required information under (e), in accordance with state law. e. Process for securely maintaining documentation demonstrating that these procedures have been followed for each individual, including: l. Background check vendor. II. Date of receipt of results of initial background check. III. Results of initial background	Written background check procedures incorporating all elements listed in the standard. Board minutes approving current background check procedures. Required documentation for all individuals.
background check. III. Results of initial background check.	
IV. Date individual starting working with students/data.	
V. Date(s) of receipt of results of subsequent background check(s).	
VI. Results of subsequent background check(s).	



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III.9: Partner Engagement Policies	
CIS affiliates have clearly written, board- approved policies and procedures for identifying and engaging with partners to provide resources, services and/or staff. CIS affiliates sign partnership agreements with partners as outlined by their policies and procedures. At a minimum, the policies and procedures:	 Written policies incorporating all elements listed in the standard. Board minutes approving current partner engagement policies. List of all partners. Signed, current partner agreements with all partners for whom agreements are required per the affiliate's policies,
 a. Identify specific criteria for requiring partnership agreements. b. Establish how partners are: I. Oriented to CIS. 	incorporating all required elements listed in the standard.
II. Monitored and evaluated. c. Ensure all partnership agreements contain:	
Duration of agreement. Roles and responsibilities of each entity.	
III. Intended deliverables (e.g., number of events provided, number of students served).	
d. Require that partnership agreements for partners providing direct services to	
students, with access to confidential information, and/or requiring a determination of liability (e.g.,	
professionals volunteering their services in a professional capacity, special events) contain any necessary language	
regarding:	
I. The legal relationship between the	
partners. II. Confidentiality.	
III. Data sharing.	
IV. Screening/background check requirements.	
requirements.	



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Insurance coverage.

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Standard Indicators

III.10: Written Data Management Procedures

CIS affiliates use the system provided by the national CIS office, or an alternative database approved by the national office, to uniformly collect and maintain information as required by Student Support & General Youth Services Standards. Affiliates have written data management procedures to ensure accurate and consistent data collection across the organization. At a minimum, these procedures include:

- a. Process for training all staff, volunteers and interns entering data into the database and their supervisors.
- Guidelines for entering data consistently, including required frequency of entry and use of database functions, in accordance with Student Support & General Youth Services Standards.
- c. Process for provisioning and deprovisioning staff accounts.
- d. Data security and confidentiality measures.
- e. Policy and process for sharing data with any other entities.
- f. Designation of a data administrator.

- Written data management procedures incorporating all elements listed in the standard.
- Identification of designated data administrator, including name, title, email address, and phone number.



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III.1	1: Data Verification Procedures	
	affiliates have written data verification cedures that at minimum require:	Written data verification procedures incorporating all elements listed in the
	Prior to the completion of End of Year reporting, annual random sampling of data entered in database from at least 20% of students at 20% of representative schools at which students are case managed to verify the following: I. Student enrollment status. II. Metrics. III. Completion of student support plans. IV. Completion of service entries. V. Completion of progress entries.	 standard. Documentation of most recently completed local data verification process, including any required remediation actions.
	Description of data verification process including: I. Staff position(s) designated and authorized to conduct data verification (other than position responsible for data collection and entry). II. How schools and students will be randomly selected for each verification. III. How source documentation and data management system reports will be used to verify data. IV. How remediation actions will be determined if less than 100% of records are accurate or if records are incomplete.	
	Records of each local verification process on file.	



Standard	Indicators
III.12: Parent/Guardian Consent Form Verific	cation Procedures
CIS affiliates have written parent/guardian consent form verification procedures that at minimum require: a. Twice annual verification that 100% of student files required to have parent/guardian consent forms, contain signed parent/guardian consent forms. b. Documentation of process including: I. Position designated and authorized to conduct verification (other than position responsible for collecting and maintaining parent consent forms). II. Date(s) of verification process. III. Percentage of files containing current consent forms. IV. Actions taken if less than 100% of files had consent forms.	 Written consent form verification procedures incorporating all elements listed in the standard. Documentation of completed local consent form verification processes for previous 12 months, including any required remediation actions.
c. Records of each local verification process on file.	



IV. Financial Management Standards

Standard **Indicators** IV.1: Budget CIS affiliates have a board-approved budget Board-approved affiliate budget for their current year that supports the annual incorporating all elements listed in the operations plan. At a minimum, the budget standard. outlines projected revenue and expenses. Board minutes showing the current budget was approved and adopted. IV.2: Financial Monitoring CIS affiliates regularly monitor their finances to Documentation of monthly staff reviews ensure board and staff comprehension of the of financials in past 12 months. affiliate's financial position. At minimum, this All financial reports shared with the board in past 12 months. monitoring process includes: Board minutes showing the board received required financial updates at a. Monthly: executive director, and executive/finance staff, and/or board least quarterly during the past 12 months. member(s) review a comparison of actual revenue and expenses to budget. b. Quarterly: full board review and approval of timely, accurate financial reports including: Balance sheet. Ι. Cash flow projections (at minimum II. six months). III. Comparison of actual revenue and expenses to budgeted.

IV.3: Audit

CIS affiliates retain an independent auditor or reviewer, as required, to conduct an annual audit/review and present the findings directly to the CIS board or designated committee (e.g., Executive Committee, Audit Committee). CIS affiliates with:

- a. Gross annual expenditures of \$500,000 or greater undergo an independent audit of their financial records on an annual basis, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as with any federal, state and funder requirements.
- b. Gross annual expenditures of less than \$500,000 undergo either an independent audit as described in (a) or an independent review of their financial records on an annual basis, in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as with any federal, state and funder requirements.

- Previous fiscal year's:
 - o Financial review (expenditures of less than \$500,000)

Or

- Independent audit (expenditures of \$500,000+), including the Audit
 Opinion Letter/Report of Independent Auditors.
- Board minutes showing the most recent audit or financial review was presented to the board.
- Board minutes showing discussion of plans for remediation of findings from the most recent audit or financial review, if applicable.



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IV.4: Form 990	
CIS affiliates:	 Current Form 990 available on the affiliate's website.
a. File Form 990 on an annual basis as required by current tax law.	
b. Make the current Form 990 publicly available on the affiliate's website.	



V. Affiliate Planning Standards

Standard **Indicators** V.1: Strategic Plan CIS affiliate boards and staff engage in a Description of strategic planning process strategic planning process that: (e.g., agenda, presentations, session outline). a. Assesses the affiliate's operating Current plan incorporating all elements environment. listed in the standard. b. Results in a long-term, board-approved, 3-Board minutes approving current strategic 5 year plan that focuses on the plan. organization's: Ι. Capacity. II. Sustainability. III. Impact. At minimum, the plan includes: a. Long-term goals. b. Strategies to help the affiliate achieve its goals (e.g., fundraising, constituent engagement, advocacy). c. Relationship-building with significant constituents (e.g., legislators, funders, local and state officials, school district leadership), including: Assessment of existing Ι. relationships. Strategies for developing and 11. strengthening key relationships. V.2: Annual Operations Plan CIS affiliates develop and implement a Current annual operations plan board-approved annual operations plan. At incorporating all elements listed in the minimum, the annual operations plan: standard. Board minutes showing the current annual a. Describes how the affiliate will: operations plan was approved. Complete annual activities aligned with the goals in the strategic plan. Address any other key operational II. activities or unique needs of the affiliate for the year, including those identified in the most recent board self-assessment. b. Includes associated: Annual goals. Ι. II. Corresponding activities. III. Timelines. IV. Measures of success. Responsible/participating staff or V. board member committees, teams or positions.



Standard	Indicators	
V.3: Strategic and Annual Operations Plans	Review	
CIS affiliate boards regularly use the annual operations and strategic plans to assess the organization's progress toward accomplishing affiliate goals, and make adjustments accordingly.	 Documentation of board review of annual operations plan progress at least quarterly in the past 12 months. Documentation of board review of strategic plan progress in the past 12 months. Documentation of adjustments to plans as necessary. 	
V.4: Accreditation and Reaccreditation		
CIS affiliates comply with all national and state-level processes, procedures and timelines required for initial accreditation and ongoing reaccreditation.	 National documentation of affiliate participation and compliance. State office documentation of affiliate participation and compliance. 	



Personnel Management Standards VI.

Standard **Indicators** VI.1: Full-Time Executive Director CIS affiliate boards hire or designate a paid, Full-time employment of the executive full-time executive director in accordance director as evidenced by either: with all federal, state and local law. The Signed letter of full-time employment executive director is responsible for from the affiliate board, overseeing: If the executive director is paid by an a. The execution of the organization's outside entity (e.g., school district), a strategic and annual operations plans. written agreement between that b. Staff development. entity and CIS that specifies: That the executive director is responsible to the CIS board insofar as his or her CIS activities are concerned. The conditions under which a change in employment status may be made. Job description that outlines the specific responsibilities of the executive director.

VI.2: Staff Hiring

CIS affiliates establish and implement standardized hiring procedures that include at minimum:

- a. Public-facing locations for open job postings.
- b. Standardized job descriptions for all positions that clearly state job responsibilities and requisite skills, education, and experience.
- c. Adherence to all required screening procedures (Business Standard III.7) and background check procedures (Business Standard III.8).
- d. Standardized hiring/offer letter that:
 - Includes agreed upon compensation including overtime and employee benefits as applicable.
 - Requires authorized affiliate staff II. signature.
 - III.Requires new employee signature.

- Sample job descriptions for staff.
- Hiring/offer letter template for staff.
- If an employee is paid by an outside entity (e.g., school district), a written agreement between that entity and CIS that specifies:
 - o That the staff member is responsible to CIS leadership insofar as his or her CIS activities are concerned.
 - The conditions under which a change in employment status may be made.



member) at an in-person national

accreditation or reaccreditation

event at least once per

cycle.

Standard	Indicators
VI.3: Staff, AmeriCorps/VISTA member, and	Intern Orientation & Training
Each CIS affiliate executive director and all staff, as well as AmeriCorps/VISTA members and interns, are oriented to CIS and participate in training related to their specific roles and responsibilities. At minimum, this includes: a. Orientation: I. Completion of the CIS University Orientation course within 90 days of hire/onboarding for all staff, AmeriCorps/VISTA members, and interns. II. Completion of a position-specific CIS University Pathway, if available: within 12 months for all staff.	 Affiliate documentation of staff, AmeriCorps/VISTA member, and intern start dates and roles. National office records of: CIS University training participants. Staff participation in national trainings and offerings, including annual update. Attendance at in-person national events. Affiliate documentation of training specific to each staff member's, AmeriCorps/VISTA member's, and intern's role.
 b. Training & Development: I. Training specific to the execution of each staff member's, AmeriCorps/VISTA member's, and intern's role, including all relevant policies and procedures (e.g., record retention policies). II. Data management system, confidentiality and data security trainings for all staff, AmeriCorps/VISTA members, and interns entering or handling student-specific data and their supervisors. III. Staff receipt of the annual update from the CIS national office. IV. Staff participation in relevant virtual national offerings (e.g., virtual Summer Institute, webinars). 	



Standard	Indicators
VI.4: Board Orientation & Training	
CIS affiliate board members are oriented to CIS and receive training related to their role and responsibilities. At minimum, this includes: a. Orientation of incoming board chair which includes completion of the CIS University Board Member Pathway within 12 months of becoming board chair.	 Affiliate documentation of board member start dates and date(s) of key document review. National office records of: CIS University training participants. Board member attendance at inperson national events.
b. Orientation of all new board members: I. Completion of CIS University Orientation within 12 months of joining the board. II. Review of key documents, including at minimum: i. Trademark License Agreement (Business Standard I.1). ii. Bylaws (II.2). iii. Board Policies (III.1). iv. Budget (IV.1). v. Strategic Plan (V.1). vi. Annual Operations Plan (V.2). vii. Agreement with State and National Offices (VII.2). c. Attendance by one board member (or staff member) at an in-person national event at least once per accreditation or reaccreditation cycle.	
VI.5: Volunteer Orientation & Training	A CCIII - L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L
CIS affiliate volunteers are oriented to CIS and receive training and supervision related to their role and responsibilities. At minimum, this includes a local affiliate orientation.	 Affiliate documentation of: All volunteers, including start dates, roles and date of review of volunteer policies.
Regular volunteers and/or volunteers providing direct services to students must also: a. Review affiliate's volunteer policies prior to start date. b. Participate in training specific to their role,	 Volunteer participation in a local orientation for volunteers. Volunteer participation in any additional role-specific training.
 b. Participate in training specific to their role, including confidentiality training. 	



Standard Indicators

VI.6: Executive Director Performance Review

CIS affiliate boards complete an annual written performance review of the executive director. At minimum, performance reviews include:

- a. An assessment of:
 - I. Progress toward goals in the current strategic plan.
 - II. Completion of activities within designated timelines in the current annual operations plan.
 - III. The executive director's demonstration of core competencies as determined by the board.
- b. Documentation of professional development goals and related actions to be taken in the next 12 months to meet these goals, including any corrective actions based on the previous year's performance.

- Blank copy of the board's executive director evaluation form incorporating all elements listed in the standard.
- Board minutes indicating the executive director was evaluated in the previous year.

VI.7: Staff Performance Reviews

CIS affiliate supervisory staff conduct annual, individual written performance reviews of all staff. At minimum, performance reviews include:

- a. An assessment of:
 - Progress toward goals, timelines and activities in the current annual operations plans pertaining to the individual staff member's role and responsibilities.
 - II. Demonstration of required skills/competencies as determined by supervisors/leadership.
 - III. Any necessary corrective actions based on the previous year's performance.
- b. Documentation of professional development goals and related actions to be taken in the next 12 months to meet these goals.

- Organizational chart including names, titles and supervisory relationships of all staff.
- Blank copy of the affiliate's staff evaluation form containing all required elements.
- Documentation indicating all staff members were evaluated in the past 12 months.



VII. Constituent Engagement Standards

Standard	Indicators
VII.1: Communications	
 CIS affiliates use: a. A dedicated business phone line exclusive to CIS. b. Email addresses for all staff that clearly identify CIS in the domain. c. National resource platforms (i.e., Yammer and the National Resource Center), with access for all staff. d. Designated staff to: Respond to public inquiries. Receive and disseminate national communications. 	 Verification phone calls to the dedicated business line. List of all staff and their associated email addresses. National records of national resource platform access. List of designated staff, including name, title, designation, email address and phone number.
VII.2: Agreement with State Offices	
 CIS affiliates sign an agreement with their state office (where one exists) that articulates: a. The roles and responsibilities of each entity in accordance with network protocols. b. Agreed upon data sharing permissions and protocols for data review, verification and reporting. c. The affiliate's commitment to: Work with the state office on state-based initiatives. Participate in affiliate-related activities required by state office standards and/or national office. 	 Agreement: Incorporating all elements listed in the standard. Signed by leadership of all parties.
VII.3: School District Support	
CIS affiliates have written authorization from the leadership of all school districts in which they operate to: a. Work in schools in the district. b. Access the data needed to conduct and evaluate CIS work. c. Share data with other entities, if required.	Written authorization from school district leadership incorporating all elements listed in the standard.



Standard	Indicators
VII.4: Constituent Engagement & Advocacy	y
CIS affiliates engage constituents by:	Documentation of advocacy and school district engagement efforts in past 12
a. Engaging in policy or legislative	months.
advocacy at the local, state and/or	Database.
federal levels, partnering with other	List of designated staff, including name,
affiliates in the state and their state office	title, designation, email address and
(or with the national office where no state	phone number.
office exists).	
b. Engaging school districts in support of	
implementing the CIS Model.	
c. Maintaining a database of donors,	
volunteers and other constituents.	
d. Designating staff to enact these functions.	



VIII. Data Management Standards

Standard	Indicators
VIII.1: External Reports	
CIS affiliates complete and submit timely and accurate End of Year Reports to the national CIS office.	 National records indicate all required reports are accurate and submitted on time. State office records (where one exists) indicate all required reports are accurate and submitted on time.



Comprehensive School Standards

I. Site Coordination Standards

required by the affiliate.

Standard **Indicators I.1: School Support Agreement** There is a signed written agreement between Signed written agreement between the the CIS affiliate and school leadership. At a affiliate and current leadership at the minimum, agreements clearly articulate: school (if a school support agreement with all required components is a. The duration of the agreement; articulated at the district level, then b. The setting in which supports are school leadership must submit a letter of provided/brokered, including workspace, support). At a minimum the agreement equipment and Internet access provided addresses all items required by the to the site coordinator; standard. c. A brief explanation of the CIS model and each of the three tiers of supports to be provided; d. The roles and responsibilities of CIS and school staff; e. School leadership commitment to create or designate School Support Team members to support the delivery of the CIS Model: f. The affiliate's referral process for case managed students; g. The school's commitment to provide CIS with the following data at agreed-upon intervals in aggregate and for individual students with consent forms: All standard CIS metrics -Attendance, Behavior, Course Performance (ABC) П. School demographic data Free and reduced lunch III. qualification data (aggregate only) IV. Any additional data points



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Standard	Indicators
I.2: Site Coordinator	
CIS has a paid, designated person on site (at least 20 hours per week) responsible for ensuring all aspects of the Annual School Support Plan are implemented as designed. AmeriCorps members cannot serve as the designated site coordinator at a school. Site coordinators engage in ongoing professional development opportunities.	 Letter of employment or reassignment showing at least .5 FTE assignment to the school. Job description outlining responsibilities for implementing all aspects of the Annual School Support Plan. Each site coordinator maintains and updates a professional development plan that includes: Completion of the CIS University Site Coordinator Learning Pathway within one year of hire date Data management system training Participation in an annual updates webinar from the CIS national office
I.3: Annual School Needs Assessment	
CIS completes an annual school needs assessment that, at minimum, is based on: a. The school improvement plan; b. Published and verified community data; c. Input from: I. School administration II. School staff (i.e., counselors, social workers, custodians, etc.) III. Teachers IV. Parents/guardians V. Students d. The most recent data for all standard schoolwide metrics and any affiliate-specific metrics; e. Identification of existing resources/services/partners currently operating at the school. This information is summarized, analyzed, and used to identify risk factors and prioritize the overall student needs.	School Needs Assessment incorporating all elements listed in the standard. CISDM data show overall student needs are documented in the "Schoolwide Risk Factors" section of the School Support Plan.



Sta	andard	Indicators
	Annual School Support Plan	
ba Ass co to the	collaboration with school leadership, and sed on findings of the CIS Annual Needs dessment, CIS staff develop a amprehensive Annual School Support Plan amplement the CIS Model. At a minimum, a plan includes: School demographic data; Schoolwide goal(s) that address attendance, behavior, course performance, and/or school climate needs as identified in the Annual Needs Assessment;	 Current Annual School Support Plan including all items required by the standard and clearly addressing needs identified in the Annual School Needs Assessment. School Support Plan is signed by current school and affiliate leadership. CISDM data show: Complete "Planned Goals & Planned Tier I Supports" section of the School Support Plan Complete Site Demographics
C.	How progress toward identified goal(s)	
С.	and success will be measured:	
	Data to be collected, including relevant standard metrics and data source(s)	
	II. Intervals at which data will be collected and reviewed	
	III. How progress/improvement will be defined, including plans for monitoring and adjusting	
d. e.	A brief description of supports to address schoolwide goal(s), including: I. Focus of support: Tier I, Tier II or Tier III II. Type of support (Program Category) III. How often each support will be available/provided IV. Projected number of students, family member participants, and/or other participants. V. Support providers: the partners, CIS staff, etc. to be involved in delivery. A description of the overall case	
	I. How students are identified II. How students' needs are assessed III. How Student Support Plans are developed and implemented IV. The process for monitoring and reporting on student progress and adjusting plans.	
f.	A description of how progress against the School Support Plan will be reported to school and affiliate leadership.	



Business and Student Support Standards

Standard	Indicators
I.5: School Identity Elements	
CIS school staff regularly display and incorporate the official affiliate version of the CIS logo into all CIS materials. Logo usage must be in alignment with the current CIS Graphic Standards Manual.	 Samples of various documents, clothing and materials such as event flyers, nametags and CIS school forms showing correct identity element usage. Signage at school showing correct identity element usage. All CIS school-based staff wear CIS name tag daily.



II. Case Management Standards

Standard **Indicators** II.1: Consent Form Prior to providing supports to individual Student files show CIS has been granted students and entering their information into written consent from parents or legal CISDM, CIS secures appropriate written quardians that includes all elements consent from parents or legal guardians that required by the standard. includes permission to broker/provide The 'Parent Consent' check box in the supports to students and to access, track and Student Profile has been checked 'Yes' report all required data, including free and for each student entered into CISDM. reduced lunch qualification. Consent forms are securely maintained and retained for a minimum of 3 years. II.2: Individual Needs Assessment CIS completes an initial needs assessment Student files for each student show a with each student identified for case completed initial needs assessment management that at minimum: containing all elements required by the standard. a. Collects basic demographic information; b. Assesses student risk factors and assets: c. Establishes a baseline for all standard metrics - attendance, behavior, course performance (ABC) **II.3: Student Support Plan** CIS develops Student Support Plans for case Current Student Support Plan including all managed students based on each student's items required by the standard and individual needs assessment. At a minimum, clearly addressing needs identified in all Student Support Plans include: each individual needs assessment. CISDM data show all case managed a. Basic demographic information students have: b. Assessed risk factors Complete Student Profiles and c. At least one attendance, behavior or Student Support Plans course performance (ABC) goal o Complete Intake Fields on the Student d. Plans to track at least one related Monitoring Page standard metric for each established ABC goal and any additional affiliate-specific metrics e. Supports and resources to be provided Timeline for providing the supports or resources Plans to assess student progress



Standard	Indicators			
II.4: School Saturation				
CIS case manages 10% of the student population in schools with fewer than 1,000 students or 5% of the student population in schools with 1,000 or more students. At minimum, all case managed students participate in at least one of the following to help them achieve their established attendance, behavior or course performance goal(s):	 At minimum, CISDM data show: 10% of the student population in schools with fewer than 1,000 students participate in case management, or 5% of the student population in schools with 1,000 or more students participate in case management. All case managed students participate in at least one Tier II or Tier III program or intervention. 			
a. Tier II support: targeted services for students with a common needb. Tier III support: intensive, individualized services				
*Note: saturation rates may change after the 2015-16 school year based on additional results from research being conducted by the national office.				
II.5: Check-Ins				
CIS checks in with case managed students at least monthly to ensure ongoing engagement, participation, and progress toward established goals.	At minimum, CISDM data show:Monthly check-ins with each case managed student.			
II.6: Monitoring Student Progress & Outcome	es			
CIS monitors case managed student progress toward established goals in accordance with the Annual School Support Plan and each student's Student Support Plan. At a minimum, this includes:	 CISDM data for each case managed student show: Student data for at least one standard metric related to each ABC goal is documented at the end of each grading 			
 a. Assessing student progress toward reaching established attendance, behavior and course performance (ABC) goal(s) b. Adjusting Student Support Plans on a periodic basis to maximize the likelihood of students successfully achieving their goals 	 period on the Student Monitoring Page. Student progress toward established goal(s) is documented each grading period in the Student Progress area. Results of student progress toward each goal are documented in the Student Goal Achievement area annually. The Student EOY/Closeout Status area is 			
c. Assessing student achievement of established goals	completed annually.			



III. Tiered Support Standards

Standard	Indicators
III.1: Tier I Saturation	1 11011000000
Per the Annual School Support plan, CIS provides and/or brokers widely accessible supports throughout the school year as part of an integrated plan to mitigate at least one schoolwide need and reach a related schoolwide attendance, behavior, course performance and/or school climate goal. Tier I Supports: a. Reach a minimum of 75% of the students at the school. b. Are offered 4-6 times per year, or more frequently as needed, to achieve the established schoolwide goal.	 CISDM data show: At minimum, one schoolwide risk factor and schoolwide goal are selected in the School Support Plan area. A combination of supports reach at least 75% of the total school population. A minimum of 4-6 Tier I supports aligned with the schoolwide goal(s) were provided/brokered during the year.
Widely accessible prevention and intervention supports are tracked in accordance with the Annual School Support Plan and as part of an integrated plan to mitigate at least one schoolwide need and reach the established schoolwide goal(s). At a minimum, this includes: a. Delivery dates b. Providers c. Estimated number of students/family members who benefited d. Duration	CISDM data show: Supports entered in CISDM align with the supports proposed in the Annual School Support Plan. Data are current and include all items required by the standard.
III.3: Tier I Monitoring and Adjusting CIS monitors and adjusts Tier I supports as described in the Annual School Support Plan based on emerging needs of students, available resources, and progress toward the schoolwide goal(s). Monitoring occurs at least once per grading period, and adjustments are made at least once per year.	CISDM data show: • Progress related to Tier I supports and attendance, behavior, course performance and/or school climate goal(s) is documented each grading period in the School Progress area. • Needed adjustments are made to the School Support Plan at least once per year.
III.4: Tier I Metrics & End of Year Results CIS assesses the achievement of schoolwide goal(s) as established in the Annual School Support Plan.	CISDM data show: Data for all standard schoolwide metrics is entered annually. School Goal Achievement is entered annually.



Standard	Indicators	
III.5: Tier II and Tier III Support Delivery		
CIS tracks Tier II and Tier III supports provided to case managed students in accordance with the affiliate's uniform electronic data management system. At a minimum, this includes: Documentation of all Tier II and Tier III supports or resources provided to each case managed student, including: a. Dates b. Providers c. Duration.	 CISDM data show supports entered in CISDM: Align with the supports proposed in the Annual School Support Plan Are up-to-date Include all information required by the standard 	



IV. Reporting Standards

iv. Reporting Standards				
Standard	Indicators			
IV.1: Periodic Updates, School Leadership				
CIS staff update school leadership at least once per grading period regarding the Annual School Support Plan. At minimum, progress reports include:	Documented updates: Occur at least once per grading period Include all required elements of the standard Occur at least once per grading period			
a. Up-to-date detail on supports provided since the last reportb. Progress or outcome measures for all				
standard schoolwide and individual student metrics c. Progress or outcome measures for any				
school- or affiliate-specific metrics				
IV.2: Periodic Updates, School Support Tear	n			
The CIS site coordinator provides updates at least once per grading period against the Annual School Support Plan to School Support Team members.	Documented updates: Occur at least once per grading period Include all required elements of the standard			
IV.3: Periodic Updates, Affiliate Leadership				
CIS staff update affiliate leadership at least once per grading period regarding the Annual School Support Plan. At minimum, progress reports include:	Documented updates: Occur at least once per grading period Include all required elements of the standard			
 a. Up-to-date detail on supports provided since the last report b. Progress or outcome measures for all standard schoolwide and aggregated individual student metrics 				
c. Progress or outcome measures for any school- or affiliate-specific metricsd. Update regarding activities and meetings				
with school leadership and the School Support Team e. Update regarding any site-specific challenges				
IV.4: End of Year Reporting				
CIS staff provide timely, accurate and electronic reports of all required data.	CISDM data for each school shows completion of: • The Annual EOY Report			



General Youth Services Standards

Indicators Standard **I.1: Written Site Agreement** There is a signed written agreement between Signed written agreement between the the CIS affiliate and leadership at each site affiliate and current leadership at each where general youth services occur. At a site. At a minimum the agreement minimum, agreements clearly articulate: addresses items required by the standard. a. The duration of the agreement b. The initiative or program to be provided/brokered by CIS, including its target participants, goals and expected outputs or outcomes, associated partners, and timeline c. The roles and responsibilities of CIS and school staff d. The school's commitment to provide CIS with appropriate information to identify and enroll student/family participants and assess the program I.2: Consent Form Prior to providing any services to students that Student files show CIS has been granted require parental consent or entering their written consent from parents or legal information into CISDM, CIS secures quardians that includes all elements appropriate written consent from parents or required by the standard. legal guardians that includes permission to The 'Parent Consent' check box in the Student Profile has been checked 'Yes' broker/provide support to students and to access, track and report all required data, for each student entered into CISDM. including free and reduced lunch qualification. Consent forms are securely maintained and retained for a minimum of 3 years. I.3: Data Entry CIS affiliates record the following data in Complete School Profile in CISDM for all CISDM at least annually for all locations sites where general youth services occur where general youth services occur: Annual completion of Site Demographics a. School/site name in CISDM for each site b. School/site demographics No less than annual entry of number of c. Number of services brokered/delivered services provided/brokered and total



d. Number of program participants

number of program participants Annual completion of a modified EOY

Report for each site in CISDM