

# Why Graduate?



**High School  
Graduation  
=  
more money for  
YOU...  
and your family...  
for the  
REST of YOUR  
LIFE!**



The mission of Communities In Schools is to champion the connection of needed community resources to help young people learn, stay in school and prepare for life. By bringing caring adults into the schools to address children's unmet needs, CIS provides the link between educators and the community. The result: teachers are free to teach, and students—many in jeopardy of dropping out—have the opportunity to focus on learning.

Some of our many projects include tutoring, mentoring, case workers, after school programs, and alternative education sites.

CIS Affiliates throughout Florida currently serve more than 28,000 students in the following counties\*:

\*Alachua • Bradford • Broward  
\*Citrus • Duval • Escambia  
Gadsden • Hillsborough • Leon  
Miami/Dade • Nassau  
Okeechobee • Palm Beach  
Putnam • Santa Rosa  
St. Johns • \*St. Lucie

(\*indicates READS! only sites)



With your  
High school diploma...  
Your future's so bright  
you're gonna' need shades!



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# Got Diploma?



The Top 10  
Reasons  
to  
Stay In School!





## Want a Cool Car?



## A nice house?



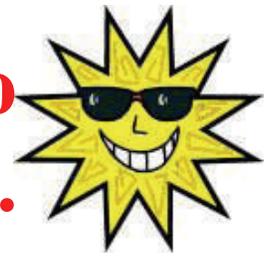
## Fun vacations?



## A Great Career?



# The Top Ten Reasons to Stay in School....



- #1 **Want a good job?** High school dropouts are four times as likely to be unemployed as those who completed four or more years of college. In 2005, 42% of adult high school dropouts were unemployed!
- #2 **Want more money? You will earn less if you dropout!** High school dropouts earn between \$7,436 and \$14,000 less per year than high school graduates.
- #3 **Do you really want to live your life as one of the working poor?** You will earn substandard poverty-level wages for the rest of your life as a dropout. High school graduates earn \$143 more per week than high school dropouts. College graduates earn at least \$336 more per week than high school graduates. What could you do with that much money?
- #4 **Want to feel good about yourself?** If you drop out of school, it will be an incomplete cycle that will affect how you feel about yourself for the rest of your life. Each time you apply for a job, it will affect you in a negative way. It will always make you feel bad about yourself. You will always feel like a quitter. You will not feel smart and competent. It will be harder to take good care of yourself and your family.
- #5 **Want to achieve your dreams?** Dropping out will limit your ability to do that. You cannot go to college until you complete high school and you are unlikely to fulfill your potential—your destiny—because your career choices will be very limited.
- #6 **Want an easier life?** Every day of your working life will be harder without an education to prepare you!
- #7 **Want to feel like a winner?** Dropping out is for LOSERS—and THAT'S NOT YOU!
- #8 **Want to Show the world you have what it takes?** A high school diploma will show you have the ability to “stay on task” and complete a job!
- #9 **Staying in school is cool!**
- #10 **If someone offered you \$300,000 to stay in school and graduate, would you do it? That's how much money you will lose over the course of your working life if you dropout before you earn your high school diploma!**

**To live the life you were born to live...EDUCATION is the KEY!  
Dare to Dream a Bigger Dream for Yourself...Stay in School!**