



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Goose Creek CISD reaches out to at-risk students

Goose Creek CISD held its fourth "Reach Out To Dropouts Walk" on Saturday, Sept. 10 with volunteers walking the district's neighborhoods in an effort to persuade recent dropouts to return to school.

More than 390 district and community volunteers went door to door to find students who have not returned to school or who have dropped out.

District personnel provided volunteers with names and addresses of recent dropouts.

Where students or families with school-age students were found, volunteers left flyers with a school district phone number on doorknobs where no one answered and brochures with families who knew how to get in touch with missing students.

In the end, several students expressed an interest in returning and earning high school diplomas.

"This initiative is a way to reach out and help young people overcome the obstacles that prevent them from completing their high school education," said Goose Creek CISD Superintendent Dr. Toby York. "If we can get through to one student how important it is to finish high school, then we're doing our job."

Most re-enrolled students will require tutoring. Some will need flexible schedules for work and school. More than a few will need day care for their children. And others will require all of the above.

Whatever the need, Goose Creek will provide as much help as possible.



Goose Creek CISD's annual Reach Out to Dropouts Walk on Saturday, Sept. 10 aimed to convince students who have left school to return and graduate. [Photo gallery](#)

In three years, the Reach Out Walk has been responsible for 41 former dropouts returning to school and earning high school diplomas.

About 25 percent of students nationally who begin ninth grade do not finish high school with their peers.

"We appreciate the many district and community volunteers who donate their Saturday mornings each year to support this endeavor. Their time and commitment is invaluable," said Goose Creek CISD director of guidance and counseling Janci Alexander-Alfaro.

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