

Grapevine Community Outreach Center

Mission

The Community Outreach Center exists to facilitate communication and cooperation between law enforcement and local residents.

The Center offers certificate English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes to residents through a partnership with Tarrant County College. Additionally, the outreach center hosts a weekly English Conversation Club which partners native English speakers with speakers of other languages in order to facilitate learning and community building.

It also currently offers the only GED program in the City of Grapevine through a partnership with Tarrant County College. Courses are taught by TCC instructors in conjunction with community tutors, and help prepare students for the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) test. The GED courses are comprised of 60 hours of instruction, and are offered in the mornings, evenings and weekends.

In addition, the Center operates a VAST, or Valuable After-School Time program, which is an after-school program that works with at-risk elementary and middle school students from Grapevine. VAST offers students a safe and structured environment during the most dangerous time of the day for kids- the after-school hours. VAST currently has two site locations, and serves 90 students daily from 6 different GCISD schools.

VAST Core Values include structure, tutoring, cultural exposure, long-term mentors, healthy snacks & dinner, access to technology and emotional support

History

The Community Outreach Center was founded in 2006 in an apartment front along Mustang Drive as a way for Grapevine Police Officers to build relationships with residents from the surrounding apartments and trailers.

In 2009 the Community Outreach Center moved to its current location at 3010 Mustang Drive. The new Community Outreach Center is a partnership between the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD and the City of Grapevine. The center lies on school property and uses school district portable buildings. The Police Department provides staff and programming for the center.

Location

The Community Outreach Center is located at 3010 Mustang Drive next to the Mustang / Panther Stadium.