

The Birdville ISD Council of PTAs Clothes Connection and Supply Depot

The Birdville ISD Council of PTAs' Clothes Connection and Supply Depot was the vision of some amazing volunteers over 10 years ago. It began with the desire to provide clothes and grew from there to include shoe vouchers, new socks and underwear and school supplies. Beginning in a small room in the Shannon Learning Center, the Clothes Connection and Supply Depot is now housed in a portion of the BISD warehouse in Haltom City. The facilities include the ability to wash clothes and have an office to keep up with the demand.

The Clothes Connection and Supply Depot are supported by donations through the local PTA units, schools, community business partners, and the generosity of people who just want to help. Our biggest supporters are the employees of BISD. Through a payroll deduction program, they give close to \$4,000 per month in support of these programs.

Families who qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program are automatically eligible for Clothes Connection and Supply Depot services. The confirmation letter received from the Child Nutrition office should be brought to the Clothes Connection facility to receive assistance. Copies of this letter can be obtained from the Child Nutrition office.

School supplies and backpacks will be delivered directly to each local campus on August 20.

Beginning the week before school, each student can receive two clothing orders-once each semester. They can choose a full week's worth of clothes, socks and underwear. Shoe vouchers to Payless ShoeSource are issued on their first visit. Each student also receives a jacket and coat.

The Clothes Connection facility will be open Tuesday, August 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Wednesday, August 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; and Saturday, August 21 from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We serve over 1,000 students each year. If a family experiences a disaster such as a house fire, flood or even hurricanes, as with Rita and Katrina, the entire immediate family can receive clothing orders.

The need continues to rise each year. Donations of new and gently worn clothes of all sizes are needed. Financial donations are always welcomed, too. The next time you're ready to clean out the closets or have leftovers from a garage sale, consider donating your clothing items to the Clothes Connection. Clothing drives through your organization or school project are also a great way to help these students.

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