

Adult Classes Offered at Comfort ISD  
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Many times it is perceived that school districts serve our youth and nothing more. Comfort ISD is thankfully not among that perception. Our belief and philosophy is to involve parents in the education of their children. In order to do that effectively, sometimes parents have to learn also in order to help their children. Comfort ISD has two special individuals that strive to organize, schedule and teach classes for our community. Mrs. Isabell Lemond and Mrs. Michelle Rose work above and beyond the call of duty to assist in educating those in our community. Mrs. Lemond and Mrs. Rose work at Comfort Elementary by day and teach adult classes by night...I thought my schedule was full?! Thank you ladies for your devotion to excellence.

Last fall and this spring, Comfort ISD listened to the needs of the community and is offering several classes that have been met with success.

- GED program: This allows the participants to obtain a GED (high school equivalent diploma).
- Parenting class: This program is designed to teach parents how to be more aware of the demands of school and how to better prepare their child for school each day.
- DAD's Playbook: A great program to get dads more involved in their children's lives (examples: reading a book, exercising, involving their children in daily activities).
- English as a Second Language (ESL): Currently we are offering two ESL classes with a total of 42 participants. This program teaches Spanish speaking parents to speak English.
- CNA (Health Services): *Coming soon!* CNA will give participants the opportunity to earn a certificate in the field of health services. The district will be better equipped to offer these classes once the CAD lab is complete at the high school campus.
- CPR: The district offers CPR training. Majority of our participants are teachers and coaches.
- NovaNet: Allows current and past CISD students the opportunity to come back to the district to complete the required 24 secondary credits and receive a high school diploma.
- Citizenship Classes: These classes will allow participants the opportunity to obtain a U.S Citizenship.

Another exciting new program that will benefit students as well as parents is the new after school program which is a combination effort by Comfort ISD and the Boy's and Girl's Club for students in grades 1 through 5. The program will run from 3:00pm to 6:00pm Monday through Friday. This will be a great opportunity for your child to get his or her homework completed and participate in organized games and activities. The program will be set up in the elementary cafeteria and gym. The cost for this service is \$10 per student for the entire spring semester. Contact Comfort Elementary office for more information.

I think there is some truth to the saying...”It takes a village to raise a child”.  
Consequently, we want our village, Comfort, Texas, to be one of the strongest, most well-informed villages around. With our new programs, we are beginning to see a more educated, unified village take shape. Again, thank you to all that make it possible.