

Community Dashboard

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A New Equation for Student Achievement

In July 2014, NISD unveiled the district's new Community Dashboard, an interactive, mobile-friendly website providing student, staff and district operational information in one location. Keeping with the district's mission of establishing a premier education for all students, NISD believes the success of students is attributed to a partnership with the community. That's why NISD asked for the assistance of community members, parents, staff, students and administrators to identify community values and proposed measures of success in NISD. Together, the community developed the Community-Based Accountability Measures of Success. This assessment goes beyond the test score and measures student achievement in areas including internships, SAT/ACT scores, college scholarships, dual credit courses and more. The dashboard also provides easy access to a variety of information including human resources, fiscal data, community relations and state assessments. Scan the QR code to visit the district's newly improved Community Dashboard.



Academies – Northwest ISD operates six four-year academies that provide students with the knowledge, training and confidence to prepare for college and a career:

- The Academy of Media Arts and Technology
- The Academy of Biomedical Sciences
- The Collegiate Academy
- The Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Services
- The Academy of Cosmetology
- The Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- And beginning August 2015, the Academy of Business Management and Entrepreneurship

Did You Know

Shears of Steele Salon, at The Academy of Cosmetology, opened its doors to the public this year.



E-Portfolio



For the past seven years, NISD has provided a digital learning device to secondary students. As part of the district's long-range technology plan, all secondary students received a Dell Latitude 10 Tablet, equipped with wireless networking and software including the district's filtering system.

Students are using these devices in many ways such as creating e-portfolios as a way to showcase and present their work in a thematic design. This year, students are encouraged to present multiple products in their e-portfolios at TechnoExpo, the district's K-12 technology showcase. This promotes meaningful organization as well as prioritizing the best of their work to showcase to an authentic audience.

Did You Know

NISD provided the ACT test to all senior students this year. NISD is one of the only school districts in the area to provide this test to all seniors at no cost.

The People Make the Difference

NISD strives to recruit, develop and retain the best staff in the state to ensure students graduate college and career ready. This year, the district welcomed more than 240 teachers. From competitive pay to teacher prep programs, NISD is a leading model across the nation for its innovative staff development and teacher training opportunities.

As a Fit-Friendly Workplace, Northwest ISD provides an on-site Employee Health and Wellness Center staffed with a physician and certified clinical medical assistants.



NISD joined with Friends of Texas Public Schools to offer an Ambassador Academy for new teachers and staff to share the good news about public education and NISD.

Points of Pride

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- Member of the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium
- 1 of 547 school districts in the nation to be named to the AP Honor Roll
- Ranked seventh in the nation in large student population district category for the Digital School District Survey Award
- 2014 Best Communities for Music Education for the sixth consecutive year
- ERCM Consultants gives NISD high marks on national security audit with significant investments into school security
- 17,000+ students participated in a community service project



- BNHS won first place two consecutive years in the National Solar Car Challenge
- 52 NISD students received an athletic scholarship during the 2013-2014 school year
- The Class of 2014 earned a total of more than \$17.8 million in scholarships
- 1,170 students presented at TechnoExpo
- Three NISD Destination Imagination teams competed in the Global Finals Tournament
- Five NISD teams qualified for UIL state playoffs and one state championship. 33 qualified for state meets. Out of the 33, there was one gold medalist, two silver medalists and four bronze medalists



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NISD At-A-Glance

Northwest ISD serves families in 14 different communities, spanning 234 square miles and parts of three counties (Denton, Tarrant and Wise). NISD operates two comprehensive high schools, an accelerated high school, five middle schools, 17 elementary schools, a special programs center and a youth residential program.

Vision

The best and most sought-after school district where every student is future ready:

- Ready for college
- Ready for the global workplace
- Ready for personal success

Mission

Northwest ISD, in partnership with parents and community, will engage all students in a premier education, preparing them to be successful, productive citizens.

Core Beliefs

1. Kids come first
2. Continuous improvement is essential for future success
3. The success of each student is the shared responsibility of students, families, schools, and communities
4. Environment influences learning

Strategic Goals

Goal 1

Northwest ISD will design dynamic learning experiences to ensure that all students are future-ready learners.

Goal 2

Northwest ISD will recruit, develop, retain, and recognize an exceptional, highly motivated staff to optimize student engagement and learning.

Goal 3

Northwest ISD will communicate in a timely, open manner and engage parents and community members in positive partnership opportunities in our schools.

Goal 4

Northwest ISD will provide premier facilities and support systems that enhance a positive learning environment and foster student and community pride.

Goal 5

Northwest ISD will invest resources to ensure that students, parents, and the community receive optimal educational services.

Guiding Our Future

The support and guidance from the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees has provided for and set the future-ready path for NISD students. Board members set clear expectations and promote excellence for students by setting goals, reviewing policies and procedures and serving the best interests of NISD students and staff. School board members are elected to a three-year term of office, on a 2-2-3 rotating basis. Seats are filled during the May election, and members are elected at-large. For more information, go to www.nisdtx.org/elections.



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Check out the new bond website updated with the latest photos, news, videos and more at www.nisdtx.org/bond.



Got Growth? We do! Watch this year's construction highlight video by going to www.youtube.com/NorthwestISD.

Got Growth?

Demographic projections show student enrollment in Northwest ISD will increase to 30,000 students within the next eight to ten years. As one of the fastest growing school districts in the state, NISD operates strategically and embraces the challenge of planning for new facilities that provide support to enhance the student learning environment.

In November 2012, voters approved a \$255 million bond referendum to provide for 4,000 additional new student seats, V.R. Eaton High School, a future middle school (opening in August 2017), technology and building additions. See how NISD remains committed to the promises made to its community by going to www.nisdtx.org/bond.



In 2010, the Board reestablished the optimal capacity for buildings with 450 students to 650 and 650 students to 850, saving the district more than \$3 million in operating costs. With more than 8,000 square feet of additions added to Beck Elementary School, students were welcomed at the start of the 2014-2015 school year with an extended cafeteria, additional art and music rooms, a new kitchen and two new resource rooms. Peterson Elementary School received approximately 14,000 square feet of additions which included six new classrooms to the kindergarten and fifth grade wing, an extended cafeteria and gym and new music and art rooms. Both projects are part of the 2008 bond referendum.

The district will soon enter the planning and design phase for the sixth middle school located next to Eaton High School.

Eaton High School



In October 2014, NISD administration, school board members, community and architecture and construction crews celebrated as the final beam was added to the top of the district's third comprehensive high school, V.R. Eaton High School. Eaton High School, home of the green and blue Eagles, will open in far north Fort Worth/Haslet in August 2015. Features include a full-sized library with a coffee shop, a cafeteria with outdoor seating, flex learning space that provides a project-based learning environment and a courtyard with WiFi Internet access.

Did You Know

This project finished with 4,943 truck-loads of concrete.



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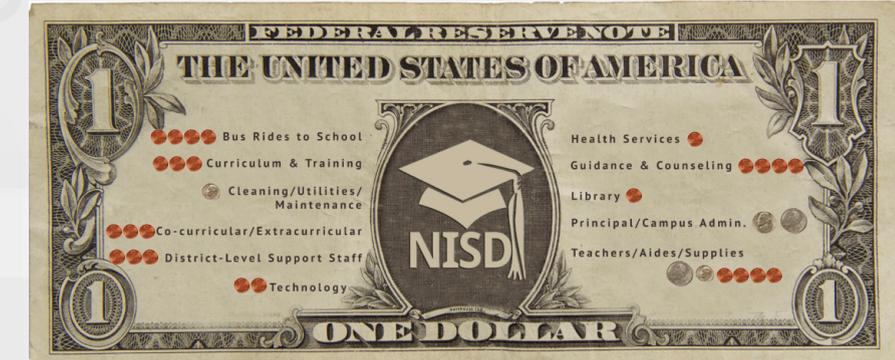
There are 1.8 million bricks at Eaton High School.

Dollars and Sense

Northwest ISD promises to invest resources that provide students, parents and community members optimal educational services. The board, administrators and finance department diligently work to balance the budget while accommodating a rapidly-growing student population.

NISD desires to remain transparent with resources and financial planning, with a focus on efficiency and preserving the quality of the education students receive.

Your Education Dollar:



For more information, go to the Dollars and Sense page of the Community Dashboard.

Connect and Engage with Us

Northwest ISD provides a variety of ways to stay connected and in-the-know about the latest and greatest happenings in the school district. The district is committed to be a leading model in innovative and reliable communications where community members are engaged in the NISD culture, feel united among the district's 14 municipalities and can learn more about the fast-growing school district. Research shows an informed community leads to increased support and improvement in student learning. NISD provides a number of ways for parents, business leaders, senior citizens and elected officials to become involved.

To show appreciation for years of support, Northwest ISD provides senior citizens living in the district the opportunity to be part of the district's Gold Card program. If you are 65 years of age or older, become a Gold Card member today. Go to www.nisdtx.org/goldcard for more information.

Did You Know

Northwest Educational Television is celebrating five years of programming. Go to www.nisdtx.org/thenet to view a library of videos.



Back-to-School Health Fair provided assistance to 800+ students.



324 parents and community members have received a behind the scenes look at NISD through the Leadership NISD program.

NISD Volunteers

Volunteers from General Electric constructed educational activities for fifth-grade students to use for a science lesson at the district's Outdoor Learning Center. If you are interested in being a Partner in Education, go to www.nisdtx.org/pie.



NISD has been recognized across the state and nation for excellence in financial reporting and purchasing operations. This is the 12th year for NISD to receive A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) and the 10th year to receive a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO).