

# Community Dashboard

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## NISD's Community Dashboard – Remaining Accountable to Our Community

In 2013, community and staff developed NISD's Community-Based Accountability Measures of Success, taking measurements and assessments beyond the test score and showcasing student achievement in the areas of internships, college scholarships, service hours, SAT/ACT scores, and more. The Community Dashboard is an interactive, mobile-friendly website providing desired accountability information to the NISD community and easy access to a variety of information including fiscal data, construction updates, state assessments, and more.



## A Digital Path to Success



Students, kindergarten through twelfth grade, are using devices to create electronic portfolios of their work that can be viewed and shared online. Students use the eportfolios to present projects at venues like Techno Expo, the district's technology showcase, and Night of No Limits, the district's project based learning and science exhibit. As Northwest ISD prepares students with digital skills, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration, the eportfolios are examples of their work from elementary to high school and can be used upon graduation as they transition to a higher education.

**Academies** – Northwest ISD operates seven 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 Academy of Business Management and Entrepreneurship
- 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 2016, The Academy of Aeronautics and Aviation Sciences

For more information about the NISD academies or to schedule a visit, go to [www.nisdtx.org/academies](http://www.nisdtx.org/academies).

### Did You Know?

In 2014, NISD introduced Naviance, a web-based service designed for secondary students and parents to assist with making decisions about colleges, scholarships, and careers.

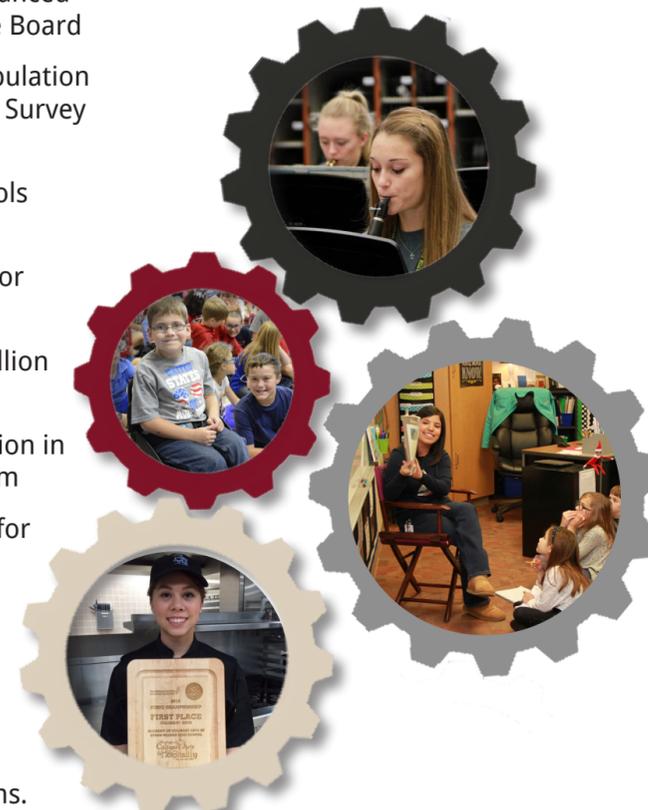
### Did You Know?

For the second consecutive year, NISD is one of 23 in Texas to be named to College Board's AP Honor Roll for increased participation and performance in advanced placement courses. Tomorrow's workplace will require some form of preparation or certification in the form of education beyond high school. To prepare students and parents for this journey, NISD has created [www.nisdtx.org/collegeready](http://www.nisdtx.org/collegeready), a site providing information on college and career readiness, advanced placement information, and more.

# Points of Pride

[www.nisdtx.org/pointsofpride](http://www.nisdtx.org/pointsofpride)

- 1 of 23 school districts in Texas named to Advanced Placement Honor Roll by the National College Board
- Ranked fifth in the nation in large student population district category for the Digital School District Survey Award
- Member of the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium
- 2015 Best Communities for Music Education for seventh consecutive year
- The Class of 2015 earned more than \$22.3 million in scholarships
- NISD ranks third in Texas and ninth in the nation in the Best Administration category by Niche.com
- State, national, and international recognition for Excellence in Financial Reporting
- 39 students received an athletic scholarship in 2014-2015
- 95% of NISD parents indicate their child feels safe at school. NISD has been nationally recognized for security efforts and serves as a model across the nation in security programs.



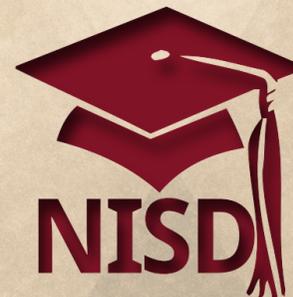
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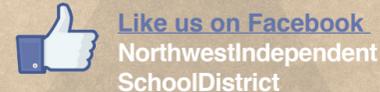
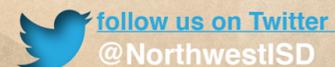


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# NISD Annual Report 2016

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FOR DETAILED DISTRICT INFORMATION, VISIT

[WWW.NISDTX.ORG/COMMUNITYDASHBOARD](http://WWW.NISDTX.ORG/COMMUNITYDASHBOARD)

# 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 three comprehensive high schools, an accelerated high school, five middle schools, 17 elementary schools, a special programs center, and a youth residential program.

## 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.

### 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

## Guiding Our Future



From left to right: Lillian Rauch, Josh Wright (President), Judy Copp, Mark Schluter (Vice President), Devonna Holland (Secretary), Mel Fuller, Dr. Anne Davis-Simpson

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](http://www.nisdtx.org/elections).

In 2015, the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees received the Dr. John R. Hoyle Memorial Administrative Leadership Institute's Texas School Board Excellence Award. The John Hoyle R. Memorial Administrative Leadership Institute is a prestigious organization recognizing excellence in education annually. Under the board's guidance, NISD has served as a model in Texas for vision-driven leadership through the use of a community-based accountability system.

## On the Grow

V.R. Eaton High School is Northwest ISD's newest comprehensive high school and opened its doors in Fort Worth on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, welcoming approximately 1,000 freshman and sophomore students. Located in the Willow Springs housing development and serving students from Fort Worth, Newark, and Haslet, Eaton High School is situated in one of the fastest growing areas in Northwest ISD. Eaton High School will add a grade level each year until it serves ninth through twelfth grade students in the 2017-2018 school year.



On November 2, Northwest ISD dedicated V.R. Eaton High School with a ceremony including student performances, memories of V.R. Eaton shared by family members, and tours of the facility.

Eaton High School is home to the district's seventh career academy, The Academy of Business Management and Entrepreneurship. This comprehensive four-year business high school program takes students out of the standard high school classroom and into an environment modeled after the corporate world. Prior to graduation, students will have operated their own business as well as a virtual business.

Thanks to a supportive community, NISD has been able to continue to build and prepare for the future. In 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 2019), and technology and building additions. See how NISD remains committed to the promises made to its community by going to [www.nisdtx.org/bond](http://www.nisdtx.org/bond).

**NISD has seen growth of more than 13,500 students in the past 13 years.**

**Did You Know?**

NISD hosts weekly Twitter Chats for professional development for educational staff. Follow at #nisdchat each Sunday at 8:30 p.m.



## Profile of an Educator

In an effort to recruit, develop, and retain the best staff in the state to ensure students graduate college and career ready, NISD continues to be a leading model across the nation for its innovative staff development and training. This year, the district welcomed 215 new teachers. A committee of parents, students, teachers, and administrators designed the Northwest ISD Profile of an Educator which defines the knowledge, skills, and attributes required of staff members in order to graduate future-ready students. The profile serves as a guide for hiring practices and professional development.



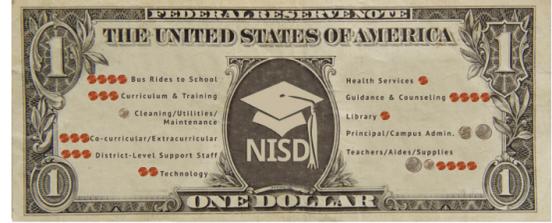
NISD teachers attended a professional development workshop with nationally recognized scientist Jason Osborne, studying weathering, erosion, and fossils at the district's Outdoor Learning Center.

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.

## Dollars and Sense

It is important to Northwest ISD to invest resources that provide students, parents, and community members optimal educational services. NISD promises to remain transparent with dollars and financial forecasting, while keeping a focus on continuous improvement.

Your Education Dollar:



Be sure to check out more on the Dollars and Sense page of the Community Dashboard.

**Did you know?**  
NISD has been recognized across the state and nation for excellence in financial reporting and purchasing operations.

13th Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA)

12th Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO)

## Get Connected!

NISD offers countless of ways for parents, business leaders, senior citizens, and elected officials to become involved. In a fast-growth school district united by 14 communities and three counties, the district is passionate about providing a variety of ways to stay connected by providing reliable communications where community members are involved and aware. Research shows an informed community leads to increased support and improvement in student learning.

**the NET**  
Northwest Educational Television provides the latest news and features in the school community. From superintendent reports to spotlights on students and educators, subscribe today at [www.youtube.com/northwestisd](http://www.youtube.com/northwestisd).

**Parent Survey Results:**

- 95%** agree their child feels safe at school
- 92%** feel their child receives instruction preparing them for the next level of education
- 93%** feel welcome at their child's school



Thank you senior citizens for years of support in NISD. If you are 65 years of age or older, become a Gold Card member today. This program provides free opportunities for senior citizens living in the district. Go to [www.nisdtx.org/goldcard](http://www.nisdtx.org/goldcard) to join.

**Did You Know?**

Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D has a blog, Thinking Together, dedicated to topics addressing future-ready learners. Provide feedback at [www.nisdtx.org/thinkingtogether](http://www.nisdtx.org/thinkingtogether).

## Partners in Education

If you're interested in being an NISD Partner in Education or volunteering with us, go to [www.nisdtx.org/PIE](http://www.nisdtx.org/PIE).



NISD partnered with Bell Helicopter and Hillwood providing real-world opportunities for students at the Bell Helicopter Alliance Air Show in September.



Thanks to our generous community, Northwest ISD provided support through the Partners in Education Virtual Angel Tree to more than 1,200 students in need.