



District Update and New COVID Protocols

Facebook Live

September 7, 2021

About Northwest ISD

- Encompasses **234 square miles**
- Fastest growing district in the region, top 10 fastest growing district in Texas
- **31 campuses** (20 elementary schools, 6 middle schools, 3 comprehensive high schools, 1 early college high school, and special programs center)
- **14+ towns and cities** across **three counties** (Denton, Tarrant, Wise)
- About **30% built out**, with 115 active developments



NISD Municipalities

Aurora

Flower Mound

Fort Worth

Haslet

Justin

Keller

Newark

New Fairview

Northlake

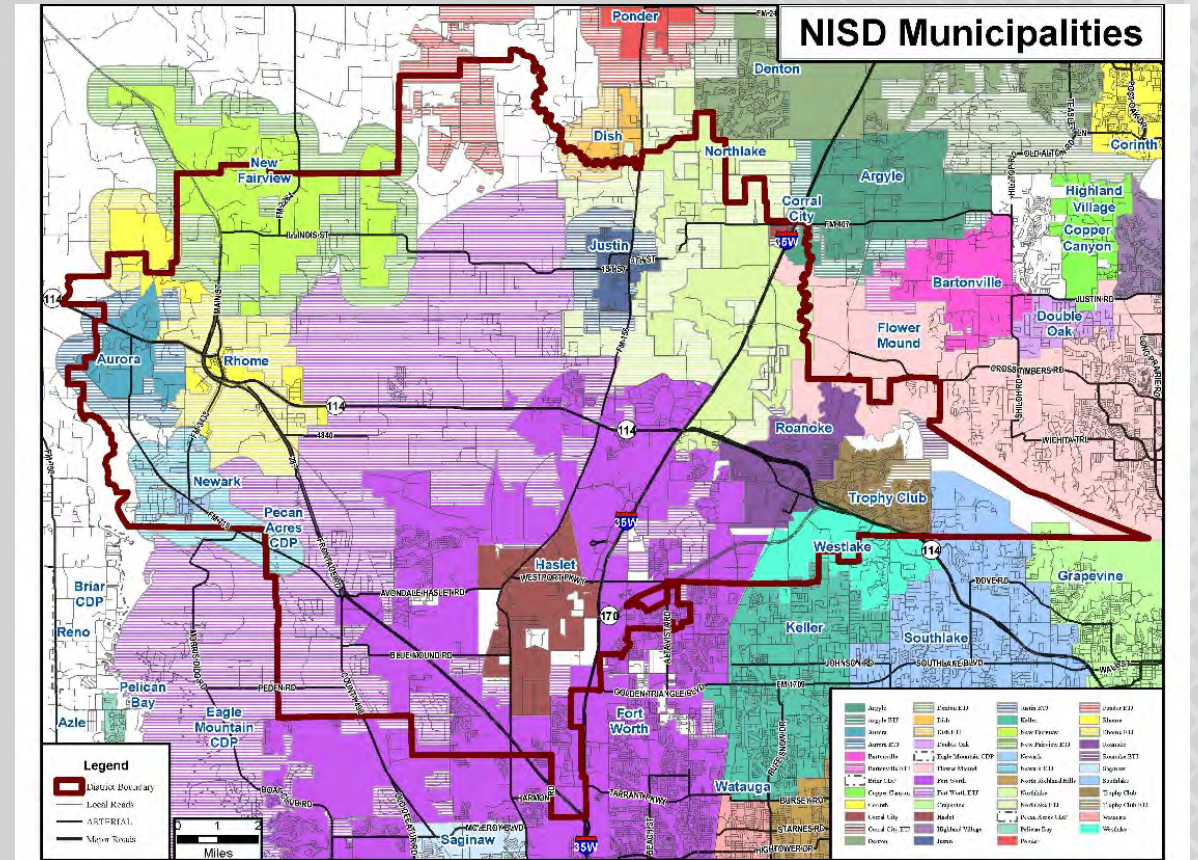
Rhome

Roanoke

Southlake

Trophy Club

Westlake



CORE BELIEFS

- Kids come first.
- Continuous learning is essential to prepare for college and career opportunities.
- Each student's success is the shared responsibility of students, families, schools, and communities.
- Learning is influenced by environment.

VISION

Northwest ISD empowers
learners and leaders to
positively impact the world.

MISSION

Northwest ISD, in collaboration with students, families, communities, and global partners, will engage in a culture of learning that prepares all students to confidently navigate their future.

STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Students will achieve success through meaningful learning experiences, innovative pathways, and personalized opportunities.
2. Northwest ISD will recruit, value, and retain an exceptional staff to create a rewarding learning environment.
3. Northwest ISD will create and foster an environment where all stakeholders are engaged in the transformational work of the NISD family.

NISD Imperatives

- Literacy
- Academic Progress
- College, Career, Military, and Life Readiness
- Equity and Diversity
- Faculty and Staff Support
- Financial Reform
- Safety and Security



EVERY CHILD

THRIVES

EVERY DAY!



Our Challenges & Our Accomplishments

- COVID
- The Freeze
- Redistricting
- The Bond
- The Budget



Student Enrollment

Back to School 2021

26,000+



Exceeding Projections

September 3, 2021

27,531



Current and Future NISD Schools

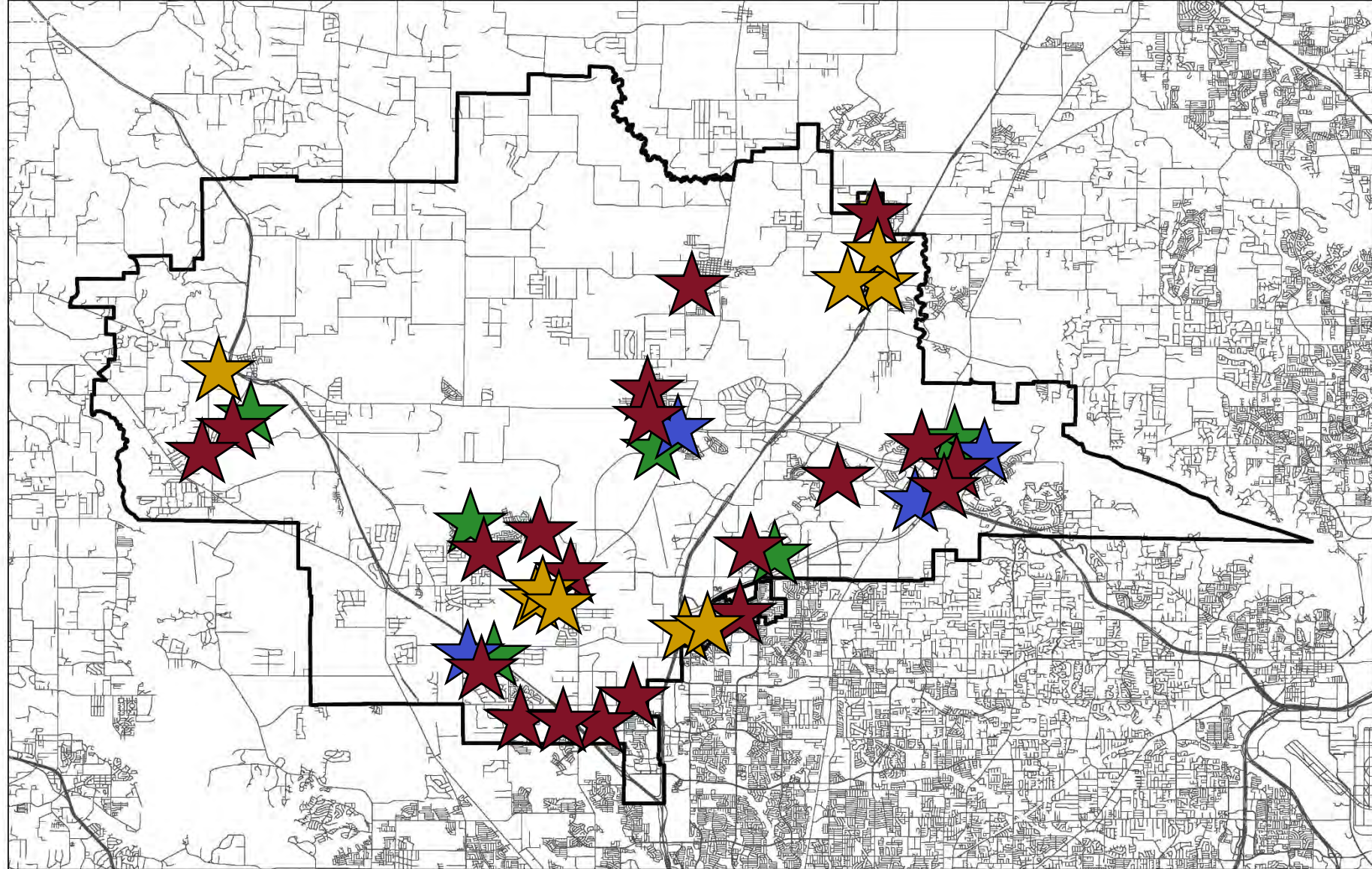
Current Schools

- ★ 20 Elementary Schools
- ★ 6 Middle Schools
- ★ 4 High Schools

Future Schools

- ★ 2 Elementary Sites
- ★ 3 Middle School Sites
- ★ 4 High School Sites

39 Total School Sites



HB 4545

Accelerated Learning Requirements
for students not showing success on STAAR



HB 4545:

Required Accelerated Learning

- House Bill 4545 passed during the 87th Legislature passed and took effect immediately.
- Included several new requirements, including a mandate for 30 hours of supplemental accelerated instruction for each area a student did not pass on STAAR.
- Parents have been notified and some secondary students' schedules were changed to place students in required intervention courses.
- HB 233 (a possible legislative "fix") was not passed during the special session.



NEW Health and Safety Protocols



COVID Monitoring

- www.nisdtx.org/coviddashboard
- 452 Active COVID Cases
- 6 Currently Closed Classrooms (8 in all)
- Additional classrooms and bus routes under investigation

Campus	Most Recent Active Case	Active Cases
TRUETT WILSON MS	09/06/2021	30
TIDWELL MS	09/05/2021	17
THOMPSON ELEMENTARY	09/03/2021	17
SUPPORT SVC-MAINT		0
STEELE ACC HS	09/02/2021	1
SEVEN HILLS ELEM	09/01/2021	4
SENDERA RANCH ELEM	09/01/2021	7
SCHLUTER ELEMENTARY	09/02/2021	3
ROANOKE ELEMENTARY	09/03/2021	6
PRAIRIE VIEW ELEM	09/04/2021	3
PETERSON ELEMENTARY	09/03/2021	6
OTHER	09/01/2021	3
NORTHWEST HS	09/04/2021	63
NANCE ELEMENTARY	09/02/2021	7
MEDLIN MS	09/03/2021	8
LIZZIE CURTIS ELEM	09/05/2021	5
LANCE THOMPSON ELEM	09/03/2021	1
LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY	09/05/2021	3
JUSTIN ELEMENTARY	09/04/2021	15
HUGHES ELEMENTARY	09/05/2021	12
HATFIELD ELEMENTARY	09/03/2021	13
HASLET ELEMENTARY	09/05/2021	14
GRANGER ELEMENTARY	09/05/2021	23
GENE PIKE MS	09/04/2021	7
EATON HS	09/05/2021	84
COX ELEMENTARY	09/04/2021	17
Total	Last Refresh: 9/7/2021 5:46:39 AM	452

COVID Monitoring

- September 1: 440 1.41%
- September 2: 484 (+44) 1.55% (+0.14%)
- September 3: 504 (+20) 1.62% (+0.06%)
- September 4: 477 (-27) 1.53% (-0.09%)
- September 5: 461 (-16) 1.48% (-0.05%)
- September 6: 452 (-9) 1.45% (-0.03%)



Wear a Mask



Get
Vaccinated



Stay Home
if Sick



New Changes to Health and Safety Protocols



- Monitoring COVID cases
- Investigating COVID clusters
- Consulting with local health departments
- Recognize elementary students are not eligible to receive the vaccine
- New protocols posted online at www.nisdtx.org/covid



New Health and Safety Protocols:

Elementary Closures

Elementary School Closures

- Considered when active cases are at or above **3%**

Elementary Cohort (Class, Program, Club, etc.) Closures

- Considered when active cases are at or above **3%** or
 - **Three** or more linked cases
 - Increasing number of cases in a 14-day period
 - Staff/guest educator shortage due to COVID cases
 - Increasing number of teachers out due to COVID, without a sufficient number of guest educators or staff available



New Health and Safety Protocols:

Secondary Closures

Secondary School Closures

- Considered when active cases are at or above **10%**

Secondary Cohort (Class, Program, Club, etc.) Closures

- Considered when active cases are at or above **10%** or
 - **Five** or more linked cases
 - Increasing number of cases in a 14-day period
 - Staff/guest educator shortage due to COVID cases
 - Increasing number of teachers out due to COVID, without a sufficient number of guest educators or staff available



New Health and Safety Protocols: Bus Route Closures

Bus route closures will be considered when:

- **10%** positive cases.
- **Five** or more linked cases on a bus route.
- Increasing number of cases identified within a 14-day period.
- Increasing number of bus drivers out due to COVID, without a sufficient number of substitute bus drivers.

If a bus route is closed, parents will need to find alternative transportation to school.



New Health and Safety Protocols: Visitors and Events

All Elementary and Secondary Schools

- No visitors for first **nine** weeks (extended from first four weeks)
- Volunteers limited to essential needs and approved prior to arriving at school
- **No large gatherings** inside during the school day:
 - Student assemblies
 - Pep rallies
 - Awards ceremonies



New Health and Safety Protocols: Elementary Events

Elementary School Events

- No visitors permitted on campus before, during, or after the school day.
- No events that allow visitors inside the school will be allowed (including PTA meetings, special recognition lunches, carnivals, curriculum night).
- Voluntary events held outside of the school day can be held outdoors on school grounds.



New Health and Safety Protocols: Secondary Events

Middle and High School Events

(Recognizing that students ages 12+ can be vaccinated.)

- Events taking place outside of the school day will be allowed.
 - Athletic events
 - Fine Arts events
 - CTE events
- Large events held outdoors may occur during the school day (such as an outdoor pep rally).
- All dances (indoor or outdoors) will be cancelled.
- Homecoming dances are cancelled, but other Homecoming activities can continue.
- Indoor Open Houses are currently postponed.



Remote Learning



Quarantining and Student Absences



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- NISD cannot mandate that students (other than household cases) quarantine for close contact – it is a parent's decision.
- New TEA Public Health Guidance – school systems may choose to require household-based close contacts to stay at home during the quarantine of the active case.
- Students who notify us that they are absent for quarantining due to close contact will receive an excused absence.
 - Required attendance rules still apply, but an attendance review committee will consider COVID quarantine.
- Receiving a notification email does not necessarily mean that your child has been in “close contact” with someone who has COVID.



Transportation Challenges



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Please **use alternative transportation** (drive/carpool) if you are able.

- Driver shortage
- COVID impact
- Increase social distancing

Transportation Challenges and Reminders

- Student enrollment and bus ridership has increased and continues to vary.
- Some bus routes have been reaching capacity.
- If a bus is too full, students will be asked to remain at their stop/school until another bus can get them.
- Remind your child to remain seated on the bus at all times.
 - If students commit to riding three to a seat, they may not later move to the aisle once the bus starts moving.
 - Standing or sitting in the bus aisles is a safety issue and can result in removal from the bus.



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Questions?