

DISTRICT EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL AGENDA

October 25, 2022

WelcomeAmberley Tanner

School Calendar for 2023-2024Stephanie Espinosa

ESL and Testing WaiverStephanie Espinosa

LRPC Update Tim McClure

Safety and Security Update Tim McClure

Parent Square UpdateAnthony Tosie

Legislative Priorities Dr. Griffin

Questions & Answers

Next Meeting January 10, 2023



Northwest ISD Instructional Calendar

2023-2024 School Year

*Calendar is subject to change

July 2023						
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July 3-7, 14, 21, 28 District Offices Closed July 25, 26, 27 ENGAGE						

August 2023						
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August 1, 2, 3 New to NISD Teachers Report August 7-11, 14-15 All NISD Report for PL August 16 1 st Day of School						

September 2023						
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September 4 Student-Staff Holiday September 22 6-week UIL Grade Check						

October 2023						
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October 13 End of 1 st Quarter & Early Release October 16 Student Holiday/Teacher Flex October 17 Beginning of 2 nd Quarter						

November 2023						
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November 6 Student Holiday/Teacher PL November 20-21 Student Holiday/Teacher Flex November 22-24 Student-Staff Holiday						

December 2023						
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December 5-8 STAAR Testing Dates December 21 End of 2 nd Quarter & Early Release December 22-29 Student-Staff Holiday						

January 2024						
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January 1-5 Student-Staff Holiday January 8-9 Teacher Professional Learning January 10 Beginning of 3 rd Quarter January 15 Student-Staff Holiday						

February 2024						
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February 19 Student-Staff Holiday						

March 2024						
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March 8 End of 3 rd Quarter & Early Release March 11-15 Student-Staff Holiday/Spring Break March 18-19 Teacher Professional Learning March 20 Beginning of 4 th Quarter March 29 Student Holiday/Teacher Flex/Good Fri						

April 2024						
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April 2-5 and 30 th STAAR Testing Dates						

May 2024						
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May 1-17 STAAR Testing Dates May 23 End of 4 th Quarter/Early Release May 23 Last Day of School May 27 & 31 District Offices Closed						

June 2024						
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June 7, 14, 21, 28 District Offices Closed June 19 Employee Flex Day/District Offices Closed						

IMPORTANT STUDENT DATES	
Student and Staff Holidays September 4, November 22-24, December 18-29, January 15, February 19, March 12-16	
Student Holidays October 16, November 20 & 21, April 13	
Student Holidays – Teacher Professional Learning Days November 6, January 1-2, March 19-20	
STAAR Testing Dates	
Early Release Days for Students October 13, December 15, March 9, May 24	

IMPORTANT STAFF DATES	
Student and Staff Holidays September 4, November 22-24, December 18-29, January 15, February 19, March 12-16	
Student Holiday – Teacher Flex Days October 16 (Parent-Teacher Conf. Flex Days) November 20 & 21, April 13 (Summer Professional Learning Flex Days – 18 hours)	
All NISD Staff report – Professional Learning August 7-11 and 14-15 Professional Learning Flex Days November 6, January 1 & 2 March 19-20 <i>These days count toward the total instructional minutes required by TEA.</i>	
STAAR Testing Dates	
Engage Professional Learning Conference July 25, 26, 27	
New to NISD Teachers report August 1, 2, 3	

First Day of School – August 16, 2023

Last Day of School – May 23, 2024

Student Holidays – Students do not report to school.

SCHOOL HOURS				
	Elementary	Middle School	High School	Steele/Special Programs
Regular School Days	7:40 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	8:50 a.m. to 4:10 p.m.	8:40 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.
Early Release Days	7:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.	8:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.	8:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.	8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Bilingual and ESL Waiver

Program Content & Design

- Each school district with an enrollment of 20 emergent bilingual (EBs) students in a grade level shall offer bilingual education in PK - 5th grade.
 - A one-way dual language model is being used at Roanoke and Prairie View Elementary.
 - Transportation is provided for these students to their bilingual campus.
- At all grade levels, an English as a Second Language (ESL) program is required for all emergent bilingual students not in a bilingual program.
 - ESL support is provided through a content-based and a pull-out model by ESL certified teachers.

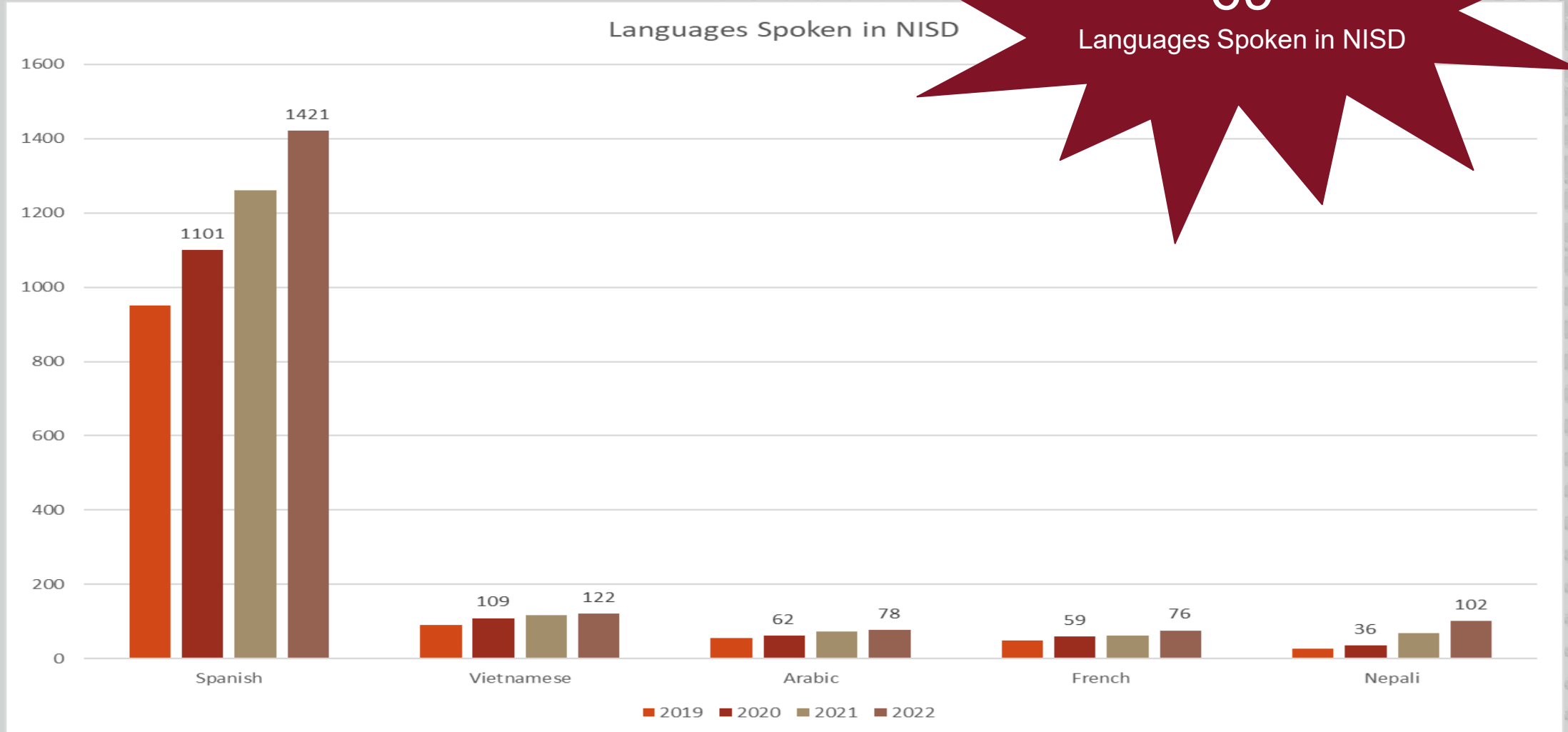


Program Numbers

Program Model	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Current
ESL	985	1067	1137	1329	1499	1830	2298
Bilingual	139	134	149	182	201	204	307
Total	1124	1201	1286	1511	1700	2034	2605*

*This is a preliminary number, official numbers will be available after the Snapshot date in October.

Languages



Languages by Elementary Grades

	PK	Kinder	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Arabic	9	6	6	5	5	10	4
French	10	7	3	1	2	9	8
Nepali	29	20	20	9	15	9	9
Spanish	79	96	79	87	92	101	106
Vietnamese	5	5	1	9	9	9	7

- As our Nepali population grows, we will continue to look at bilingual opportunities for these students.
- We will file a waiver with TEA for Nepali bilingual education.

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Languages Spoken in NISD

HR
Every

Bilingual Exception & ESL Waiver

2021-2022 Exception & ESL Waiver

- 2 teachers needing bilingual exception
- 5 teachers needing ESL waiver

2022-2023 Exception & ESL Waiver

- We will file a bilingual exception for Nepali
- We will file a bilingual exception for Spanish for 2 teachers (1 Kindergarten and 1 5th grade)
- We will file an ESL waiver for teachers that have EB students in their classroom, but do not have their ESL certification yet.

Challenges

- Rapid growth in enrollment
- Rapid growth in our emergent bilingual population
 - Increased identification testing
 - Increased classroom support
- Difficulty finding bilingual and ESL certified teachers
- Teachers without ESL certification must also meet other training requirements like Reading Academy

Celebrations

- Rapid growth in our emergent population
- Growth in our bilingual programs
- Our emergent bilinguals outperform the state and region average in all areas
- Digitalization of EB folders to enhance data access for all teachers
- Community Fair
- Adult ESL Classes
- Summer Enrichment program





ParentSquare DEIC Update

October 25, 2022

ParentSquare Usage So Far...

74,716 messages

8,962 posts

492 alerts

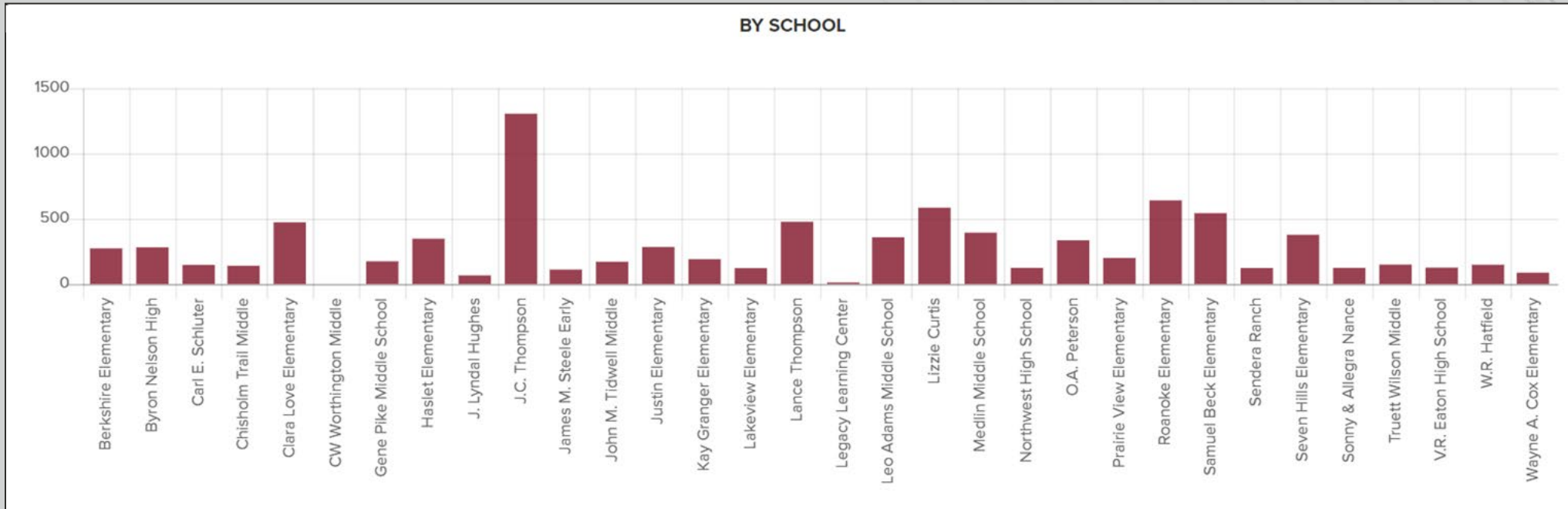


Family Reachability

- **99.9%** of Northwest ISD students' families are contactable via ParentSquare
- **0%** of emails and text messages have failed to send via ParentSquare
- More than **37% (12,234)** of Northwest ISD parents or guardians have downloaded the ParentSquare app
- **9,634 parents** or guardians have interacted within ParentSquare



Usage by School



Every Northwest ISD campus has implemented ParentSquare. **J.C. Thompson Elementary School** has the most usage by far (**1,304 posts**), with rapid adoption by both campus administration and teachers.



Advanced Features in Use

- **Auto notices** for truancy alerts
- **Alerts** for bus routes (transportation has received training), campuses emergencies
- **Forms** and **permissions** being used by some campuses and teachers
- **Appointments** used at several campuses for parent/teacher conferences



What's Coming

- Coordinating with ParentSquare for a **Zoom webinar training** that will be recorded as well
- ParentSquare **tips and tricks** sent to staff by the communications department
- An **alert notice template library** for campus administrations in case of emergency
- Data services working to find ways to **create more group options** by specific student-related codes, such as types of classes (CTE, for example) and other topics





Demonstration

Advanced Features

 ParentSquare



Thank you!
Questions?



Vote



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October 25, 2022

Legislative Priorities

Dr. Griffin



88th Legislative Session

- **November 14, 2022**
First Day to File Bills
- **January 10, 2023**
88th Legislative Session Convenes
- **May 29, 2023**
Last Day of Regular Session



Northwest ISD Legislative Priorities



**School
Finance and
Recapture**



Vouchers



**Assessment &
Accountability**



**Election
Requirements**



**Local
Decision-
Making**




Early Voting: Now through November 4
Election Day: Tuesday, November 8

www.VoteTexas.gov



November 8 Election

- Governor
- Lt. Governor
- Attorney General
- State Board of Education
- State Senator
- State Representative
- www.nisdtx/legislative.org

 **Northwest ISD Delegates on the Move**

Current NISD Delegation

Texas Senate

- District 9
Kelly Hancock
- District 12
Jane Nelson
- District 30
Drew Springer

Texas House of Representatives

- District 61
Phil King
- District 63
Tan Parker
- District 93
Matt Krause
- District 98
Giovanni Capriglione
- District 99
Charlie Geren

**Anticipated Candidates November 2022
& Delegation Changes January 2023**

Texas Senate

District 9
Gwenn Burud (D) and Kelly Hancock (R)

District 12
Francine Ly (D) and Tan Parker (R)

Other Notable Changes

- Following redistricting, District 30 (Senator Drew Springer) will no longer be in Northwest ISD boundaries.

Texas House of Representatives

District 57
Following redistricting, this will be a new House of Representatives district in NISD.
Richard Hayes (R) and Darren Hamilton (D)

District 63
Ben Bumgarner (R) and H. Denise Wooten (D)

District 64 - Lynn Stucky (R)
Following redistricting, this will be a new House of Representatives district in NISD.
Rep. Stucky won re-election to District 64 outright after the November 8, 2022 general election was canceled.

District 65
Following redistricting, this will be a new House of Representatives district in NISD.
Kronida Thimesch (R) and Brittney Verdell (D)

Updated September 2022

State Office Candidates

Governor

- Greg Abbott (R)
- Jacqueline Abernathy (Ind - Write-in)
- William Barrios (G)
- Shirley (Ind - Write-in)
- Tim O'Rourke (D)
- Tippe (L)

Lt Governor

- Willie (D)
- Jack (R)
- He (L)

Attorney General

- Ken Paxton (R)
- Glenn Hegar (R)
- David Echeverria-Garza (L)

Texas House of Representatives Continued

District 93
KC Chowdhury (D) and Nate Schatzline (R)

District 98
Giovanni Capriglione (R) and Shannon Elkins (D)

District 99
Mimi Coffey (D) and Charlie Geren (R)

Other Notable Changes

- Representative Tan Parker (currently District 63) is running for Senate District 12 (currently Jane Nelson), which remains in NISD.
- Representative Phil King (currently District 61) won the election for Senate District 10 after the November 8, 2022 general election was canceled. District 10 is not in NISD.
- Representative Matt Krause (currently District 93) lost his race for Tarrant County District Attorney.

U.S. House of Representatives

District 12
Kay Granger (R) and Trey Hunt (D)

District 24
Beth Van Duyne (R) and Jan McDowell (D)

District 26
Michael C. Burgess (R) and Mike Kolts (L)

State Board of Education

District 11
Kathy Arocha (Ind - Write-in), Patricia Hardy (R), and Luis Silfuentes (D)

District 14
Evelyn Brooks (R) and Tracy Fisher (D)





We appreciate you!
Questions?