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NORTHWEST ISD VISION

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You're never too young to learn in Northwest ISD

Children learn as soon as they're born, and it's never too early to get started on education! At Northwest ISD, we believe early childhood education sets a strong foundation for school.

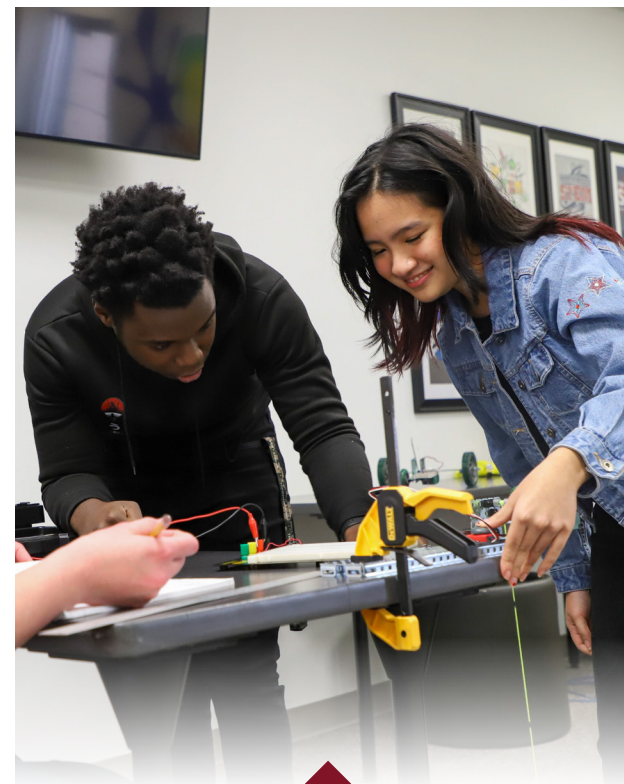
For families of children not yet old enough for school, we offer the free Parents as Teachers program to support parents and guardians with children prenatally through 5

years of age. The program offers home visits, group connections, developmental screenings and more!

Families with children at least 4 years of age can consider pre-kindergarten options to begin the classroom environment early. Students get a head start on building relationships, vocabulary, problem solving and more!



Learn more about early childhood opportunities at www.nisdtx.org/ec.



Students prepare for careers with academy system

At Northwest ISD, students not only strive for academic success, they learn tools they can use as they begin their careers after high school or college.

Through the district's academy system, students have the opportunity to learn specific trade skills – such as aviation, creative media or culinary arts – in one of seven academies. These skills provide our students with a competitive advantage over their peers when taking college courses or applying for jobs.

For students not in academies, academic pathways provide unique courses of study, such as healthcare diagnostics, financial services, programming and teaching. Through both academies and courses of study, students have the opportunity to earn industry certifications that showcase their skills. Our students have earned more than 4,500 certifications per year, proving they have immersed themselves in their fields of interest.

Learn more about academies and other programs of study at www.nisdtx.org/cte.



Students thrive in athletics, fine arts and beyond



Well-rounded students don’t just thrive in the classroom – they also mold their abilities on the field, court, stage and beyond. Northwest ISD students are encouraged to make the most of their educational experiences by participating in extracurricular activities including athletics, fine arts and more.

In Northwest ISD, 88% of eligible secondary students participate in at least one extracurricular activity. Student-athletes are among the extracurricular participants who have seen tremendous success, with nearly 30 high school varsity teams qualifying for the postseason across the district during the 2021-2022 school year. At the elementary level, students begin

their fitness journey with P.E. programs that encourage health consciousness.

Fine arts has seen similar strong interest, with the district once again earning a national Best Community for Music Education distinction. Students are engaged in fine arts at every level, from elementary visual arts competitions to a districtwide middle school musical to the annual Northwest ISD Band Showcase featuring high school marching bands. Fine arts programs regularly earn accolades as well, such as the Byron Nelson High School cheerleading squad earning back-to-back UIL state championships.

Northwest ISD now fastest-growing school district in North Texas

While Northwest ISD has ranked among the fastest-growing school districts in the region for about two decades, it has now taken the top spot in North Texas.

Previously, the district grew at an increase of about 1,000 to 1,200 students to its total enrollment each year. With an attractive housing market and opportunities in the area, that rate has now doubled to 2,000 to 2,500 students added to the district’s total enrollment per year. Zonda, the district’s demographer, projects this growth rate of about 2,000 students will continue through at least the 2031-2032 year. Similar growth is likely for the next 20 to 25 years but harder to predict, according to Zonda.

“We’ve heard time and time again from people moving to the area that Northwest ISD schools are a big reason

why,” explained Tim McClure, assistant superintendent for facilities. “Families appreciate the work we’ve done to instill a community atmosphere in all our schools. The strong academic standards and offerings, such as our academy system, as well as all the extracurricular opportunities available also draw families’ attention.”

As the district continues to see increasing growth, it works with a community-led committee to determine how to best meet the needs of students. This group, the Long-Range Planning Committee, is currently meeting to address what projects are needed. Follow their progress at www.nisdtxlrpc.org. Community feedback remains vital to Northwest ISD, and families can expect consistent communication about growth-related projects.



Five new schools to open in 2023

Families in five communities can expect new schools to open in 2023, when Northwest ISD will complete its first major projects from the 2021 bond package.

Of the five schools, three are brand new campuses: Johnie Daniel and Molly Livengood Carter elementary schools as well as C.W. Worthington Middle School. Two replacement campuses will expand the sizes of existing schools, with new Seven Hills and Hatfield elementary schools also set to open at the same time.

All four of the new elementary schools will use the district’s newest design featured in Berkshire, Haslet and Lance Thompson elementary schools. This design makes extensive use of collaboration areas and open learning opportunities to encourage teamwork and leadership. It also features an easy-to-navigate layout for students and families. Worthington Middle School expands on the recent Adams Middle School design with its own unique layout, but borrowing from that school’s collaboration and extracurricular features.

The projects all come from the 2021 bond package, approved by voters to make room for the thousands of new students joining Northwest ISD each year. Two additional major projects from that package are also in development, the replacement of Pike Middle School and the expansion and renovation of Northwest High School. The new Pike campus will open in 2024, while the expanded Northwest will open in phases until 2025.



More information about all active projects can be seen at www.nisdtxconstruction.org.

Partnering with our community to support students



Our school district values the support of our community and welcomes parents and guardians to get involved in school activities. To see how you can become involved, visit www.nisdtx.org/volunteer.

Thanks to the support of our staff and community, Northwest ISD students in need have a helping hand to keep them moving in a positive direction in life.

At the start of the school year, the Back-to-School Fair provides nearly 1,500 students with school supplies, backpacks and vital services. Each student had the opportunity to receive a haircut, dental screening, vision screening, hearing screening, sports physical, vaccines, and a community fair that featured more than 30 vendors with local resources and information.

In the winter, Northwest ISD partners with our community to provide gifts for the holiday season to students in need through the Angel Tree program. This program annually supports about 1,300 students, giving gifts to students whose families otherwise would not have them.

Volunteers can also showcase a standard of academic commitment by reading to elementary students as part of the annual Northwest Reads program. During this event, hundreds of volunteers visit every elementary school in the district to read to children and promote childhood literacy.