

Advanced Academics in Northwest ISD

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What is Advanced Academics?

**Gifted
Services**

Honors/AP

PSAT/SAT

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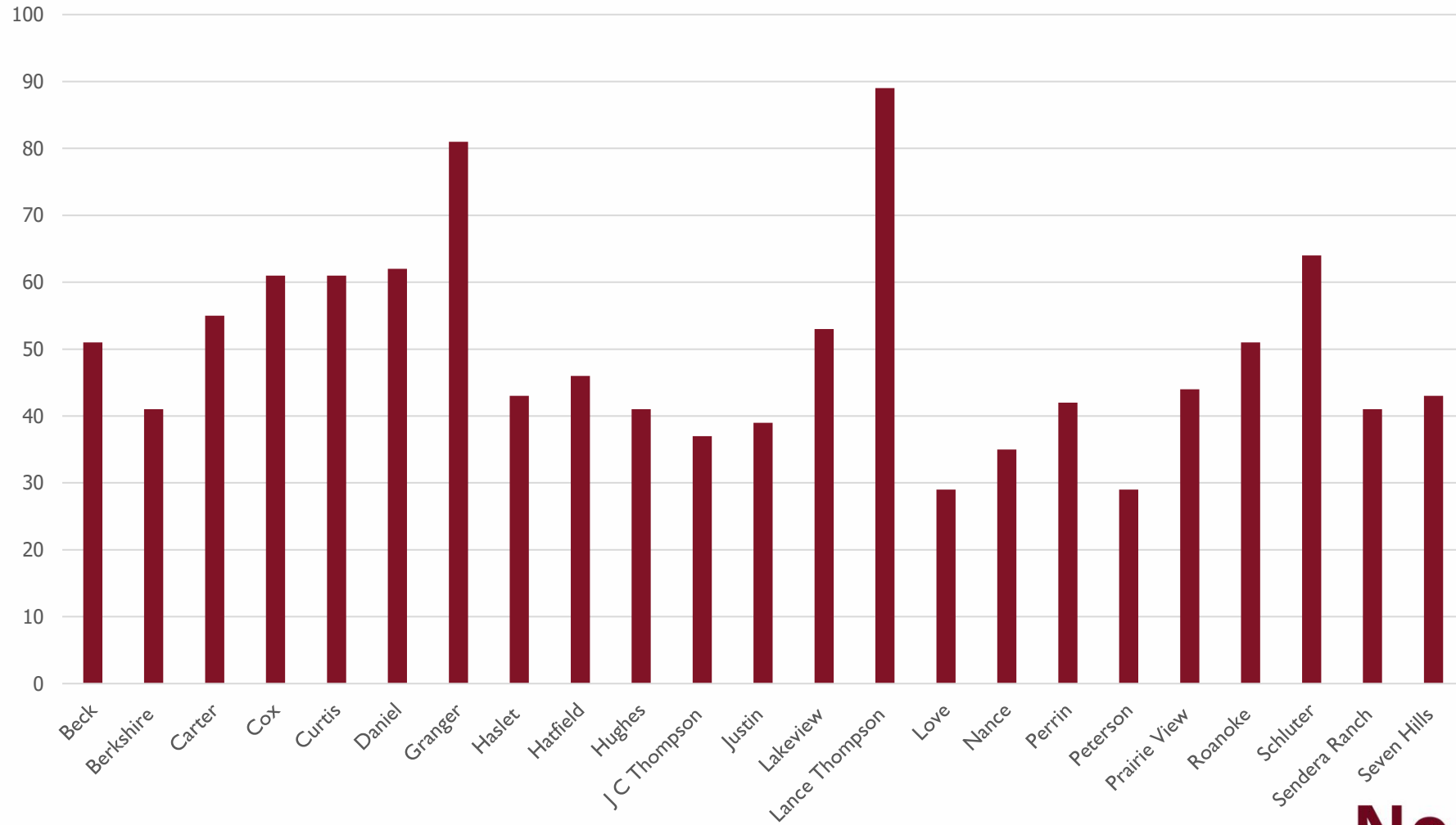
Elementary Services

| | Kinder | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Push In | Pull Out | Pull Out | Pull Out | Pull Out | Pull Out |
| District Expectations | 30 min/class | 60 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 120 |

GATES teachers also provide enrichment opportunities for students, run Maker Spaces, and collaborate with classroom teachers when it comes to planning for gifted learners. They also test students who are referred and meet with parents to discuss the results.

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Elementary GT Numbers



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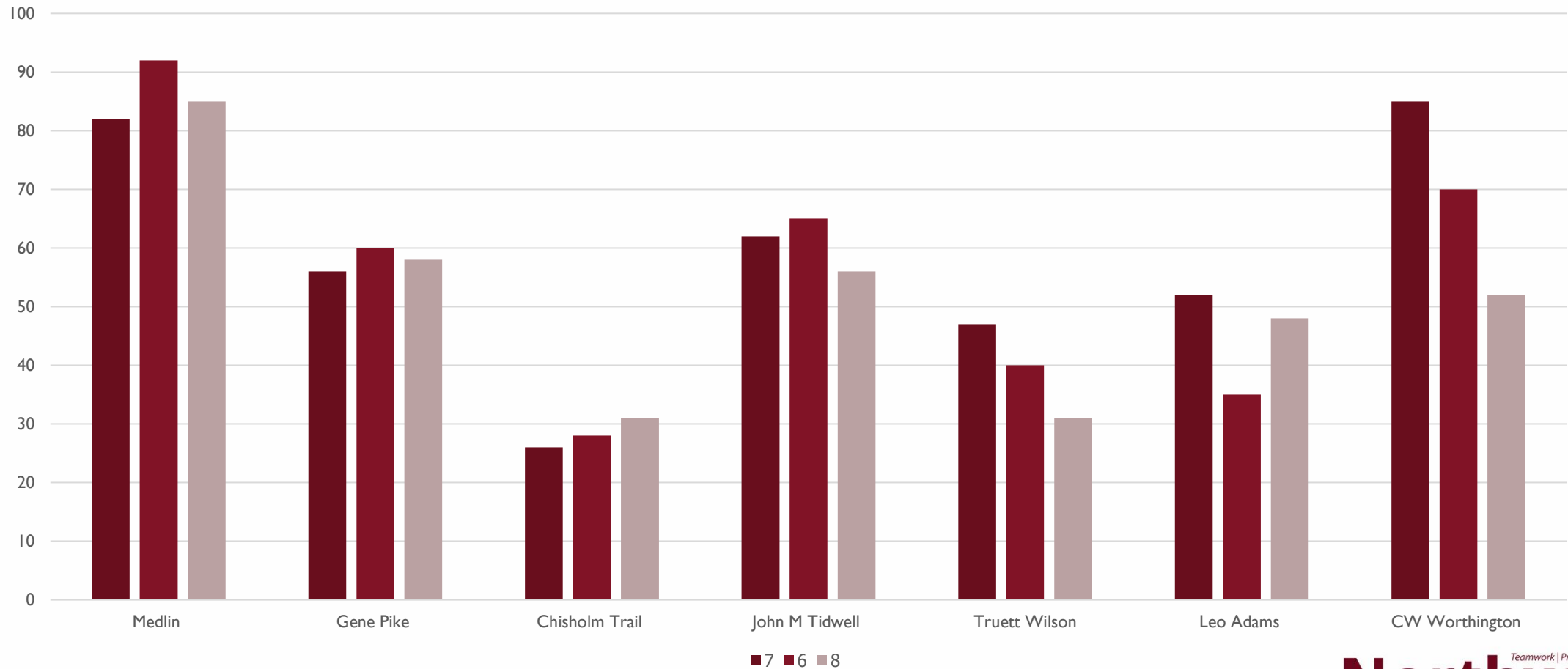
Middle School Services

| | ELA | Math* | Science | Social Studies | Elective |
|-----------------------|-----|----------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 6 th Grade | GT | GT Compacted Advanced Math | Honors | Honors | GT Explorations (on hiatus) |
| 7 th Grade | GT | GT PreAlgebra | Honors | Honors | |
| 8 th Grade | GT | GT Algebra I | Honors | Honors | |

*Accelerated students will be in GT Geometry as 8th graders.

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GT Numbers in Middle School



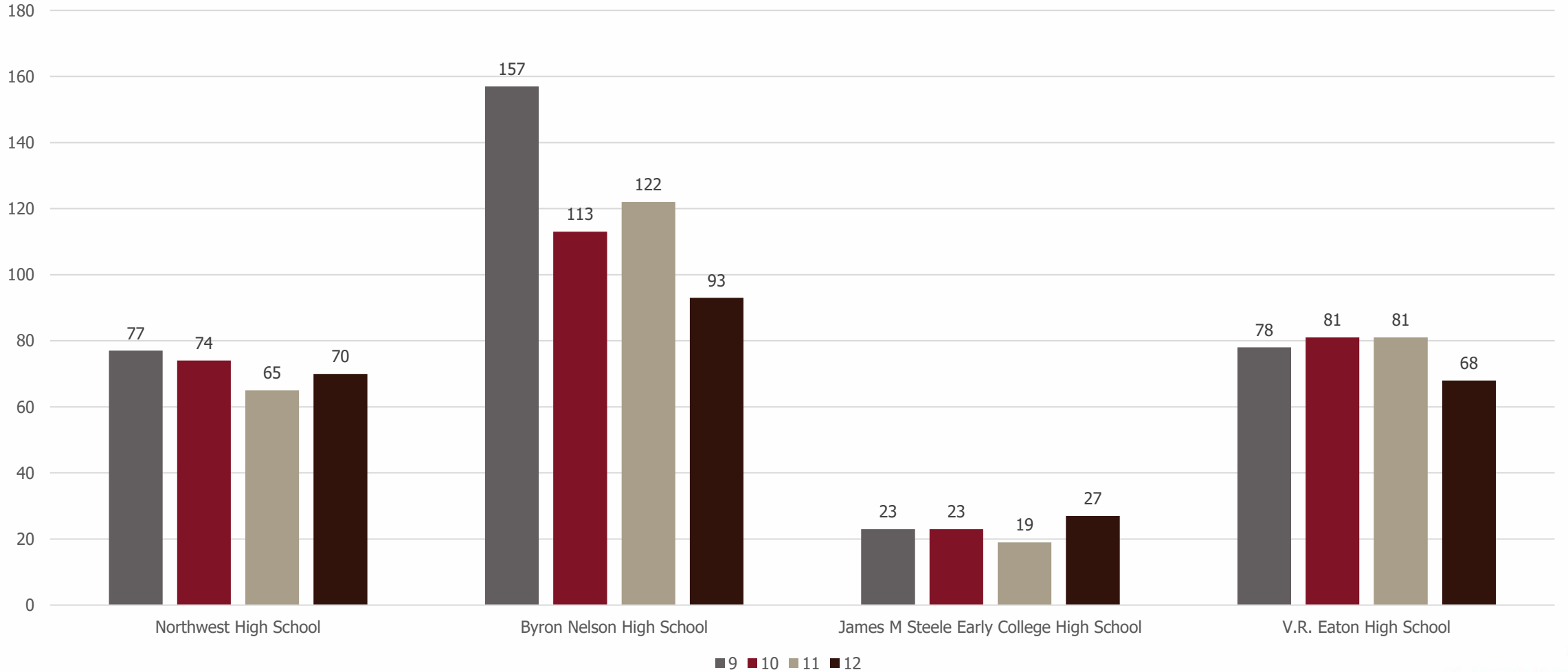
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High School Services

| | ELA | Math | Science | Social Studies |
|------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|--------------------------|
| 9 th Grade | GT English 1 | GT Honors Geometry or Alg 2 | Honors | GT AP Human Geo |
| 10 th Grade | GT English 2 | GT Honors Alg 2 or AP PreCal | Honors or AP | GT AP World History |
| 11 th Grade | GT AP Lang | AP PreCal or AP Cal | AP | GT AP US History |
| 12 th Grade | GT AP Lit | AP Cal or AP Stats Multi-variable Calculus | AP | GT AP Gov't GT AP Eco |

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Gifted Learners in High School



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Identification

Referral Window

Testing Window

Secondary

September 5, 2025 - October 30, 2025
December 1, 2025 - April 6, 2026

November 10 - 14, 2025
April 20 - 24, 2026

Elementary

December 1, 2025 - April 6, 2026

April 20 – May 1, 2026

- All Kindergarteners are considered referrals and are screened for services in late Spring.
- NISD does universal screening for all 2nd graders after Spring Break.

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Accelerated Math

Students take a CBE during the summer to determine if they have mastered the math TEKS for the upcoming school year. If they have, then acceleration to the next grade level of math can be provided.

Learn more about math acceleration in elementary [here](#).

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| | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | Grand Total |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Beck | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 10 |
| Berkshire | | 1 | 3 | | 4 |
| Carter | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 5 |
| Cox | 1 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 14 |
| Curtis | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Daniel | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Granger | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 5 |
| Haslet | | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| Hatfield | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Hughes | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 3 |
| JCT | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Justin | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Lakeview | 1 | 2 | 2 | | 5 |
| Lance | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Love | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Nance | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Perrin | | | | 3 | 3 |
| Peterson | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Prairie View | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Roanoke | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Schluter | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| Sendera Ranch | | | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Seven Hills | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Grand Total | 14 | 24 | 34 | 39 | 111 |



Honors/AP

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AP Exams

| | Spring 2024 | Spring 2025 | Spring 2026 |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| Byron Nelson | 986 students taking 2070 exams | 1128 students taking 2306 exams | Deadline to register for AP exams is November 7, 2025 |
| Eaton | 825 students taking 1474 exams | 908 students taking 1627 exams | |
| Northwest | 400 students taking 579 exams | 441 students taking 643 exams | |
| Steele | AP replaced with dual credit for early college | AP replaced with dual credit for early college | |
| NISD Total | 2211 students taking 4072 exams | 2477 students taking 4576 exams | |

In total, Northwest ISD currently offers 28 different AP courses. Last year, 1816 students earned scores of 3 or higher on at least one exam.

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Teacher Support

- 10 AP teachers attended an APSI in Summer 2025.
- 38 AP & Honors teachers attended NMSI and LTF training through the Department of Defense grant we received.
- Digital platform from College Board for all teachers with progress checks, a question bank, and other resources.

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Student Support

| AP Super Saturdays 2025 | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Course | Student Total |
| Chemistry | 37 |
| PreCalculus | 31 |
| Calculus | 54 |
| Environmental Science | 60 |
| Biology | 24 |
| World History | 75 |
| Human Geography | 99 |
| U.S. History | 18 |

398 students attended an AP Super Saturday.

Overall, students who attend a Super Saturday tend to score a 3 or higher over students who do not attend.

AP Super Saturday is a 3-hour review session for AP exams led by an AP Reader.

Campuses also offer mock exams so students can experience an AP exam before the actual test in May.

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National Merit & National Recognitions

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College Board National Recognition Awards

| Awarded Fall 2025 | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| NHS | Rural/Small Town Recognition | 1 | 97 awards |
| | First Generation | 22 | 81 individual students |
| | School Recognition Award | 76 | |
| BNHS | Rural/Small Town Recognition | 100 | 227 awards |
| | First Generation | 17 | 139 individual students |
| | School Recognition Award | 111 | |
| EHS | Rural/Small Town Recognition | 58 | 173 awards |
| | First Generation | 32 | 92 individual students |
| | School Recognition Award | 85 | |
| Steele | Rural/Small Town Recognition | 0 | 19 awards |
| | First Generation | 6 | 17 individual students |
| | School Recognition Award | 13 | |
| District | Rural/Small Town Recognition | 159 | 521 awards |
| | First Generation | 77 | 329 individual students |
| | School Recognition Award | 285 | |

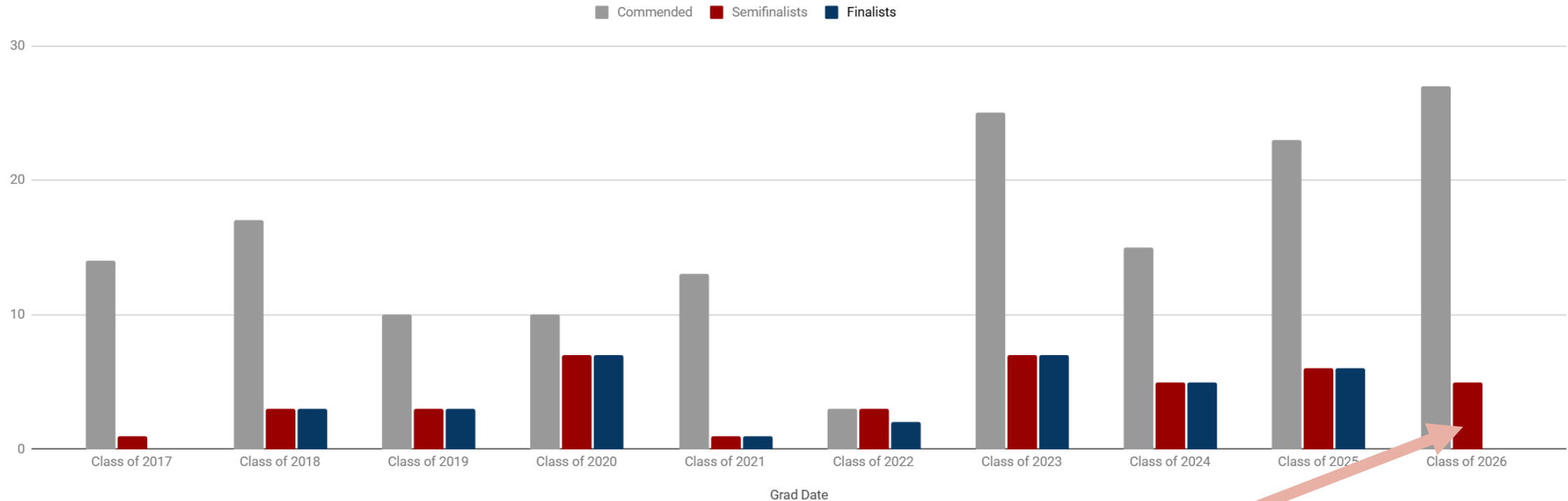
Sophomores and juniors are score eligible if they score in the top 10% on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 within program by state in the eligible exam periods. Sophomores and juniors are also score eligible if they score a 3 or higher on two or more distinct AP Exams in the eligible exam periods.

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National Merit

Commended, Semifinalists, Finalists



- Learn more about the National Merit Scholarship Program [here](#).
- Students qualify for National Merit when they take the PSAT/NMSQT in October of their Junior year.
- Finalists for the class of 2026 will be announced in January of 2026.

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Extracurriculars

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Destination Imagination 2024-25

| GFW DI Regional Tournament | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Early Learning (K-2) | 20 |
| Elementary (3-5) | 52 |
| Middle (6-8) | 15 |
| Secondary (9-12) | 9 |
| Grand Total | 96 |

As of November 1, 2025, NISD has 89 teams signed up.

To learn more about Destination Imagination, visit <https://www.destinationimagination.org/>.

| Team Name | School | Challenge | GFW Regional Results | Lone Star Finals Results |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| Fire Breathing Rubber Ducks | Byron Nelson HS | Are We There Yet? | 2nd | 6 th Advancing to Globals |
| Bakin' Bacon | Medlin MS | Less is More | 1st High IC | 5 th Advancing to Globals |
| Wait ...What? | Medlin MS | Worlds Beyond | 1st High IC | 1 st Advancing to Globals |

14 teams advanced to Lone Star Finals

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Destination Imagination

2024-25



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UIL Academics

NISD has UIL at all levels.

UIL Tournaments will be in the spring. Teachers sign up to coach a specific event and then work with students before or after school to prepare them for the tournament.

Each high school has multiple teams and events. Teams will compete within their UIL district with the opportunity to advance to Regionals and then State.

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Summer Opportunities

| | # of Students |
|----------------|---------------|
| Camp Invention | 657 |
| Camp Pursuit | 71 |
| DI Camp | 64 |
| Young Scholars | 71 |
| TOTAL | 863 |

- Camp Invention (K-5th Grade)
 - Lakeview
 - Schluter
 - Haslet
 - Lance
 - Carter – NEW FOR 2026!
- Creative Problem-Solving Camp (2nd – 8th)
- Camp Pursuit
- Young Scholars & Innovators Academy (invited 7th & 8th Grade)

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