

IRVING ISD

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## Texas Way - District of Distinction

During the 2024-25 school year, our athletics department committed to the Texas wide sportsmanship initiative created by UIL, THSADA, THSCA, and 2Words to improve coach, student-athlete, and parent conduct at sporting events. In June, only 18 athletic programs in Texas were recognized as a district of distinction for going above and above initiative requirements to stand out above the rest. Our department was one of them!!



## Summer work out sessions and camps

This summer coaches and student-athletes made personal sacrifices and devoted time to improving their strength, conditioning, and skill set specific to the sport(s) they play. Coaches poured into a total of 288 campers at summer campus and over 733 student-athletes participated in the summer work out program.

## Elementary Youth Basketball League

In June first steps were made to establish an elementary basketball league. On Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>, Irving ISD 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders competed in a weekend tournament at Nimitz. Plans are in place to conduct an elementary winter league for five Saturdays in November.



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## High School Girls' Flag Football League

We are proud of our partnership with the Dallas Cowboys to launch 3 teams from each of the comprehensive high schools to participate in the North Texas high school girls' flag football league. Each team will consist of 15-20 girls. The season will begin in late March and run for six weeks. Currently 106 prospects have signed up. Tryouts will be conducted to select the final 45-60 girls who will comprise the teams.



## Baltimore Ravens Practice at Ellis

On Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> we had the privilege of hosting the Baltimore Ravens' practice prior to their preseason game against the Cowboys. The organization requested privacy and confidentiality for the occurrence. Teamwork was demonstrated by several departments of the Administrative Services team to pull off the assignment.

## Student-Athlete Collegiate Opportunities

Several Irving ISD graduates are entering a new phase of their life journey. A total of 35 student-athletes garnered the opportunity to continue participating in sports while pursuing a college degree. We are cheering for them BIG as many of them recently started or are about to begin their post secondary path.

