

*Northside Police—
providing safe schools
for students and faculty*

**Patrol Officers Respond to Calls,
Support Campuses**

Patrol Officers protect life and property on all Northside ISD campuses and facilities within the boundaries of the District, and enforce school zone speed limits. They randomly check all District facilities on a 24-hour basis and respond to alarms at District facilities. Officers also investigate traffic accidents occurring on District property and assist other law enforcement agencies as necessary in the investigation of crimes within the District boundaries. Patrol Officers are the primary response units to NISD elementary schools during school hours and assist the middle and high school Campus Officers.

Campus Officers Assigned to Schools

There are a minimum of two Northside Officers assigned to each high school campus, one Officer assigned to each middle school campus, and one Officer assigned to each of six special school campuses. Campus Officers have many of the same duties as the Patrol Officers. In addition, Campus Officers protect people and property on the campus and prevent unauthorized individuals from entering the campus. The Campus Officers also work closely with campus administration, assisting with serious discipline issues and taking law enforcement action when necessary. Campus Officers are positive mentors and role models to students.



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**Safe Schools
Northside Police**

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Northside POLICE — dedicated to the safety and welfare of students, faculty, staff, and visitors



The Northside ISD Police Department supports the mission of the District by helping to promote discipline and safety, and to prevent drugs and violence on our campuses.

Northside Police Jurisdiction — All of Northside School District

Northside Independent School District is the fourth largest school district in Texas and the largest in Bexar County. Almost 13,000 employees and 119 school facilities serve 91,578 students in 2009-10. The District covers most of northwest San Antonio and Bexar County and extends into the southern regions of Bandera and Medina counties. The Northside Police Department's jurisdiction includes all the geographical territory within the boundaries of the 355 square-mile District, as well as any property outside the District that is owned, leased, or otherwise under the control of the Board of Trustees.

Northside Police Officers — A Dedicated Force

The NISD Police Department operates 24 hours a day and is dedicated to the safety and welfare of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the District and to the protection of District property. The Department works closely with all local municipal police departments, state and federal agencies, and other school district police departments in the Bexar County area. The NISD Police Department consists of state Licensed Peace Officers and civilian employees who provide office support and 24-hour dispatch.

Northside Police Officers — Involved in the Classroom and the Community

Northside Police Officers are involved in the classroom, as well as the community. Officers travel to middle schools year-round to teach Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) to students. In addition, the Department plays an important role in helping the District maintain its commitment to the community and staff by providing speakers to PTAs, citizen organizations, and faculty groups.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are Northside Police Officers real police?

Yes. All Northside Police Officers are commissioned peace officers licensed by the state of Texas. They have full arrest powers and authority.

Can NISD Officers make arrests off campus?

Northside Police Officers can arrest offenders of the law both on and off campus.

Can a Northside Police Officer issue me a traffic ticket?

Yes. Northside Police are authorized to issue traffic citations. They have a traffic unit that monitors speed in school zones using radar, on or off school property.

What court do I go to if I get a ticket from a Northside Officer?

If you receive a ticket from a Northside Officer, you will be required to appear in the appropriate Justice of the Peace or Municipal Court.

What happens if I don't pay my ticket?

If you do not appear in court or pay your fine, a warrant for your arrest may be issued by the court.

What are the requirements to become a Northside Police Officer?

To become a licensed police officer in Texas, candidates must complete more than 600 hours of extensive training in an approved Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and

Education (TCLEOSE) academy and pass the state licensing exam. Before joining the Northside Police Department, it's preferred that officers have one year of full-time experience as a Texas Licensed Peace Officer. Officers are required to take 40 hours of TCLEOSE-approved continuing education courses every two years to maintain licensure. Many agencies are now requiring some college hours or a degree. Northside ISD encourages its officers to continue their education and provides TCLEOSE continuing education courses to maintain their license.

How do I report an incident to the Northside Police Department?

To report an incident occurring on school property or involving students, call Dispatch at 397-5600, 24 hours a day. Be prepared to give as much of the following information as possible:

- What happened
- Where it happened
- Any injuries occurred
- Any weapons involved
- Description of suspects
- Description of any vehicles involved
- Whether suspects are still on the scene
- Direction suspects fled

Stay on the line until the dispatcher tells you to hang up. An Officer will be dispatched to the location immediately.



**24-hour EMERGENCY
Police Dispatch
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