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San Antonio's Destination School District
I want to personally welcome you to Northside Independent School District, a family-friendly school district and the school district of choice for hundreds of new families each year. We’re proud of the exemplary academic and co-curricular programs that attract families to NISD.

With enrollment at 105,550, Northside remains the fourth-largest school district in Texas and is continuing to grow by about 1,500 students a year. Though enrollment growth is expected to slow down slightly, the District must continue to open new schools and classroom additions every year to ensure that all students are accommodated. In May 2014, NISD voters approved a $648.34 million bond issue to fund six new schools plus renovations and additions throughout the District.

NISD also enjoys the strong support of the many businesses that are located in the District. Since 1995, the Northside Education Foundation (NEF), a nonprofit charity of community volunteers and business partners, has administered more than $8 million in scholarships, teacher grants, and other program accomplishments.

We also are recognized for excellence in sound fiscal responsibility. For the fourteenth year in a row, Northside has received the highest rating from the state’s financial accountability rating system, called School FIRST.

Northside students attend classes in beautiful, modern, and well-equipped classrooms under the guidance of some of the finest educators in the state and nation. We welcome your visit to our campuses and look forward to you becoming a part of the Northside community.
I think that fairness is shown by being generous with the credit that you give to the people that you work with and sharing in successes. To me it also means not prejudging a situation, so it’s the ability to see all sides and resolve between different sides of the truth.

Dr. Todd M. Gureckis, Ph.D.
Health Careers High School Class of 1997
Scientist/Teacher/Outdoorsman
VISION
Our students will be principled, knowledgeable individuals who maximize their potential to make positive contributions to society.

MISSION
The Northside Independent School District and our community will provide innovative, high-quality, diverse learning experiences for all students in an ever-changing world.

BELIEFS
• Public education is a bridge to creating productive members of society.
• Every individual is entitled to an emotionally and physically safe and respectful learning environment.
• Each student deserves equal and equitable access to a quality education.
• A commitment to student success is a shared responsibility among students, parents, educators, and the community.
• Students learn best when they are active participants in their own learning.
• The more connected families are in the educational process, the more successful the student will be.
• Meaningful relationships among parents, educators, and the community foster student success.
• Core academics, the arts, career & technology, electives, and extracurricular activities are crucial to a well-rounded education.
• Schools create conditions that prepare students to be critical thinkers and problem solvers.
THE “DESTINATION DISTRICT”

**Abundant land for development**

The District has abundant land for development and an excellent transportation system.

Major roads and highways traverse NISD. District records indicate that about 22,422 lots are planned for development with another 18,999 lots possible as land likely to be developed.

Because there are neighborhoods available in just about every price range — from multi-million dollar mansions to smaller, more humble homes — there are thousands of new homes being built throughout the District.

Because about 50 percent of all the new single-family houses that are built each year in Bexar County are in Northside ISD, NISD is referred to as the “Destination District.”

Ninety percent of Northside ISD is located in Bexar County, but the District does extend into Bandera and Medina counties as well.

**NISD: A great place to work, raise a family, and send your children to school**

Located in the northwest quadrant of San Antonio, Texas, Northside Independent School District, the state’s fourth largest school district, is in the heart of a rapidly growing area of Bexar County. Many people say Northside ISD is not just in the heart of northwest San Antonio, but that it is the heart. They say this because the quality of the neighborhood schools is reflected in the quality of hundreds of smaller communities that make up Northside ISD. In Northside, schools are the hubs of their neighborhoods.

The District’s appeal to families is because of factors such as excellent teachers, strong academic and extracurricular programs, and attractive and functional facilities. As a family-friendly District, the emphasis is on children and families. Northside also places great emphasis on a high-quality work force and an employee-family culture. There are about 627,000 people living in 210,000 households in NISD.

**NISD: Home to giant economic generators**

Located within the boundaries of Northside ISD are giant economic generators such as the South Texas Medical Center, which is home to dozens of hospitals and other medical facilities. An estimated 9,200 large and small businesses are located within NISD. USAA, one of the largest insurance and

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**NISD Facts**

Northside’s first graduating class in 1951 had nine graduates. Today, more than 6,500 students graduate from Northside high schools each year.
financial companies in the United States, is Northside’s largest taxpayer. Entertainment giants SeaWorld and Six Flags Fiesta Texas help draw people to northwest San Antonio. Valero Energy also calls Northside home.

The huge Westover Hills development includes major corporations like QVC Network, Frost Bank, Capital Group, World Savings, Nationwide Insurance, and JP Morgan Chase. Massive developments like the National Security Agency, Microsoft Corporation, and Lowe’s Data Center continue to make NISD a commercial destination.

The sprawling and upscale Shops at La Cantera, Ingram Park Mall, other major shopping centers, and dozens of small and large hotels are located within NISD. The Rim entertainment and shopping destination brings thousands of visitors to NISD. Major resorts including the Hyatt Hill Country Resort, Hilton San Antonio Hill Country Hotel & Spa, and La Cantera Hill Country Resort are all major NISD taxpayers.

**NISD: A Bexar County Education Center**

In addition to the 119 public schools (including five specialized magnet high schools) that Northside ISD operates, northwest Bexar County is also a higher education and research center magnet.

The University of Texas at San Antonio, home to almost 29,000 students, is also located in Northside. UTSA offers dozens of undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate degrees. The University of Texas Health Science Center with its medical, dental, nursing, and allied health schools is located in Northside ISD. The sprawling Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital is also located within the South Texas Medical Center. In addition, Northwest Vista College, part of the Alamo Colleges, is in Northside ISD. Other large education and research centers that are located within Northside are the Southwest Research Institute and the Texas Research Park.

**NISD Facts**

- **Keeping schools safe**
  Northside’s police officers are highly skilled, licensed Texas peace officers who help keep Northside’s schools safe and orderly. They are specially trained to work with students and the communities they serve.

- **Pride in facilities**
  Northside’s Maintenance and Custodial Department maintains more than 16.1 million square feet of campus and support space in 149 separate facilities. Northside takes pride in its facilities, which are huge investments for Northside taxpayers. Maintenance Department staff are guided by the proven fact that well-maintained facilities enhance the educational opportunities for children.

- **Huge bus fleet**
  A bus fleet of 934 buses safely transports 67,000 students (more than half of the District’s enrollment) to and from school daily.

- **Keeping students in school**
  Various programs are in place to help at-risk students stay in school. Innovative schools like the Irene L. Chavez Excel Academy help students complete their education.
We are so privileged to have teachers and school systems that teach us that we can achieve things and that we can accomplish whatever we want to accomplish. As the Pillar of Caring, I hope I can motivate other students who have a passion, who have a dream, to know that here in this country, we all have the opportunity to do that.

Kara Wilson
Marshall High School Class of 2003
Relational/Passionate/Advocate

“...”
Recognizing Excellence
Countless awards for outstanding contributions and successes have been presented to Northside teachers throughout the years. Northside teachers pride themselves on professional growth and participating in professional associations.

2016-2017

Staff:
Teachers: 7,597
Professional Support: 750
Campus Administration: 338
Central Administration: 98
Educational Aides: 1,156
Auxiliary Staff: 4,030
Total 13,969*

*Does not count substitute teachers or part-time employees

Teachers Salaries:
Bachelor’s beginning $51,750
Bachelor’s maximum $64,795
Master’s beginning $53,250
Master’s maximum $66,295

Bus Fleet:
Total number of buses 934
Total students transported each day 67,000
(More than half of all NISD students)

Northside: Fourth largest in Texas:
NISD growing by about 1,500 students a year
1 Houston ISD 215,000
2 Dallas ISD 158,000
3 Cypress-Fairbanks ISD 114,700
4 NORTHSIDE ISD 105,550
5 Fort Worth ISD 87,610
6 Austin ISD 83,060

2016-2017 Enrollments
Bexar County School Districts
NORTHSIDE ISD 105,550
North East 67,779
San Antonio 52,514
Judson 23,100
Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City 15,492
Harlandale 14,714
Southwest 13,882
Edgewood 10,893
East Central 10,182
South San Antonio 9,611
Southside 5,734
Alamo Heights 4,808
Somerset 4,107

Military School Districts
Fort Sam Houston (Army) 1,596
Randolph Field AFB 1,450
Lackland AFB 1,038

NISD Total Square Footage 16,116,407
2016-17 square footage added: 302,029
2017-18 square footage under construction 786,792
Total # of Facilities 149

Investing in Schools: Community Support
School Bond ’95 $98,000,000
School Bond ’98 $224,000,000
School Bond ’01 $495,000,000
School Bond ’04 $439,000,000
School Bond ’07 $692,670,000
School Bond ’10 $535,142,000
School Bond ’14 $648,340,000
Total investment in new facilities since 1995 $3.1 billion
Respect is recognizing that every single person matters, and once we recognize that, we can start living in that way. My career, my passion, has been devoted to helping foster that mutual respect across all people in this country and across the world. Respect is really the ability to recognize the potential of people around you and honor that potential by helping to shape it and grow it and nurture it and that's really what my education has meant for me.

Dr. Simran Jeet Singh, Ph.D.
Activist/Scholar/Sikh

Pillar of Respect
courteous, intuitive, unbiased

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District Finances (2016-2017)

Cost to Educate Per Student $8,321

Budget (All Funds) $1,298,657,878
  General Fund $883,307,897
  Child Nutrition Fund $54,690,435
  Debt Service Fund $156,584,054
  Special Revenue Fund $56,075,492
  Capital Projects Fund $148,340,000

Revenues (General Fund) $839,887,376
  Tax Revenues (52.5%) $473,462,654
  State Sources (44.1%) $332,707,949
  Other Local Sources (1%) $10,661,527
  Federal Sources $23,055,246

Expenditures (General Fund) $883,307,897
  Instructional & Instruction-Related Services $580,733,621
  Instructional & School Leadership $72,150,588
  Support Services - Student (Pupil) $104,458,987
  Administrative Support Services $13,611,723
  Support Services - Non-Student Based $103,275,366
  Ancillary Services $1,613,930
  Capital Outlay/Debt Services/Other $2,632,502
  Intergovernmental Charges $4,831,210

Projected 2015-2016 Ending Fund Balance $171,018,327

Taxes
  Tax Rate (total) $1.3755
    Maintenance and Operation $1.0400
    Interest & Sinking Fund $0.3355

Tax Exemptions
  Homestead $25,000
  Over 65 Exemption $23,330
  Disabled $23,330

Assessed Value
  District $45,657,389,726
  Per Student (weighted ADA) $357,832

Basic Facts 2016-2017

Student Ethnicity
  American Indian .1%
  Asian 3.3%
  Native Hawaiian .3%
  African American 6.4%
  White 19.1%
  Hispanic 68%
  Two or more races 2.9%

Students
  Enrollment: 105,550
  Special Education Students: 12,255
  Daily Attendance: 95.5%
  Free and Reduced Lunch: 49.6%
  Career & Technology Courses: 143
  Seniors who Apply for College Admission 99%
  Student-Teacher Ratio 15.4 to 1

Community
  NISD Population: 627,000
  NISD Registered Voters: 329,226
  NISD Households: 210,000
  NISD Businesses: 9,200

NISD Facts

Exemplary financial reporting
For 25 years in a row, NISD has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association for exemplary financial reporting. This is a tribute to the financial stewardship of the District.

Exemplary financial accountability
For the fourteenth year in a row, Northside has received the highest rating from the state’s financial accountability rating system, called School FIRST. This is also a tribute to the financial stewardship of the District.
Students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade benefit from a program that is designed to meet the needs of the young child. Seventy-seven NISD elementary campuses offer programs that provide for maximum learning opportunities in reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, fine arts, and computer technology.

Grade reports are issued every nine weeks. Progress reports are sent home halfway through each grading cycle.

Committed to the concept of neighborhood schools, Northside designs attendance areas around student populations. Boundaries set by the Board of Trustees change only as neighborhoods change. Although such changes are held to a minimum, dynamic growth in Northside sometimes makes them necessary.

Students living more than two miles from their neighborhood school qualify for bus transportation. Neighborhood pick-up and drop-off locations and schedules are designed with safety, efficiency, and service as priorities. Buses arrive at the school campus in time for the students to participate in the breakfast program and typically depart immediately after school for the afternoon trip home. Each elementary school campus offers a tuition-based or grant-funded after-school care program managed by the District's Adult & Community Education Department.

A child must be 6 years old on or before September 1 to enroll in the first grade, and 5 years old on or before September 1 for kindergarten. A child must be 4 years old on or before September 1 and meet other state and federal requirements in order to be eligible for pre-kindergarten. A certified birth certificate is required for registration, as well as proof of residency and immunization.

Core Content: Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

Instruction in the core academic content areas is based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Instructional guidelines for each grade level and subject have been established in Northside ISD. Students in grades two through five take District assessments throughout the school year.

Standardized Tests

Northside administers the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) to students in grades three, four, and five. School test results are available on each campus and are posted online.

Bilingual and ESL Education

The Bilingual Transitional Program is an academic bilingual program model that teaches the state-required Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS). This program provides instruction in both English and Spanish.
The Two-Way Dual Language Immersion Program is an academic bilingual program model that integrates students proficient in English and students identified as limited English proficient. This model teaches the state-required Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS). This program provides instruction in both English and Spanish.

English as a Second Language (ESL) is an academic program model that teaches the state-required Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS). This research-based program provides intensive instruction in English using second language acquisition strategies.

The Bilingual and ESL programs are available at designated campuses.

Special Education
Special education services are available to students who qualify. Northside offers a full continuum of services to students with disabilities to help them reach college and career readiness, and acquire independent living skills through active engagement in grade level curriculum.

Gifted Program
The Northside ISD Gifted and Talented Program, Advanced Learning Programs for High Achievers (ALPHA), is designed for identified gifted and talented students in grades K-12. GT students are given opportunities to work together as a group, work with other students, and work independently. For more information about program identification or GT program service options, contact the campus and/or District Director of GT Programs and Advanced Academics.

Fine Arts
Fine Arts instruction is part of the basic elementary curriculum. Art and music specialists teach a TEKS-driven curriculum that includes state and national standards. Students experience multiple hands-on opportunities to develop a joy for singing, dancing, playing music instruments, and creating art pieces in 2-D and 3-D forms. Elementary art and music programs are highly visible and involve all students. Skills developed in fine arts classes serve to develop the whole child for future success in any career path.

Dress Code
Shorts and skorts may be worn at the elementary school level. In grades three through five, they should be no more than 4 inches above the knee cap. Baggy or saggy pants and clothing that is suggestive, indecent, or distracting are not permitted. A complete copy of the Northside student dress code is available on each campus and in the student handbook. The campus administration, after consulting with the School Advisory Team and considering school/community needs, may have additional dress or grooming regulations that are campus-specific. [Note: Some schools require uniforms. Please call the individual schools.]

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Elementary Schools

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Northside students in grades six through eight benefit from a program designed to meet the needs of the adolescent child. The 20 middle school campuses offer strong academic programs within the core subjects of mathematics, social studies, science, and English Language Arts.

Students also take courses in physical education and electives such as computer literacy, fine arts, family and consumer science, foreign language, career and technology education, and Skills for Adolescence. Enrichment and acceleration can be achieved through Pre-AP classes and gifted programs. Advanced Learning Programs for High Achievers (ALPHA) offers an array of services for gifted and talented students in middle school. Nominations are ongoing throughout the year and testing takes place once a year.

Middle school students attend classes in modern, well-equipped facilities located in neighborhoods throughout the District. Bus transportation is available for students who live more than two miles from school, and full-service cafeterias offer hot breakfast and lunch daily.

Special education services are available to students who qualify. Northside offers a full continuum of services to students with disabilities to help them reach college and career readiness, and acquire independent living skills through active engagement in grade level curriculum.

Grading and Testing

The school year is divided into two semesters of three six-week grading periods each. Middle school students are graded on a numerical grading system: 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 75-79=C, 70-74=D, and 69 and below=F. Teachers schedule conferences with parents as needed, and parents are always welcome to initiate conferences. Tutoring sessions are offered to students needing academic assistance.

Students in grades six, seven, and eight take the state-mandated State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) in the spring. Subjects tested by STAAR are reading, writing, math, social studies, and science. Middle school students who take high school-level Algebra 1 will take the STAAR End-of-Course test in the spring.

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Two-Way Dual Language Education

The Two-Way Dual Language Immersion Program is an academic bilingual program model that teaches the state-required Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS). This research-based program provides instruction in both English and Spanish. The program is offered at Ross and Stinson middle schools.

Sample Three-Year Course Plan

This sample plan is flexible, may vary from campus to campus, and allows students to take subjects of particular interest while still completing required courses.

Grade 6

English Language Arts
Math
Science
Social Studies
Physical Education/Skills for Adolescence
Elective

Grade 7

English Language Arts
Math
Science
Texas History
Physical Education/Athletics
Elective(s)

Grade 8

English Language Arts
Math
Science
U.S. History
Physical Education/Athletics
Elective(s)

Special Schools

Irene L. Chavez Excel Academy
6500 Ingram Rd. 78238 (397-8120)

The Holmgreen Center
8580 Ewing Halsell 78229 (397-5460)

Northside Alternative
Middle School-North
11937 IH 10 W. 78230 (397-2070)

Northside Alternative
Middle School-South
5223 Blessing 78228 (397-6900)

Northside Alternative High School
144 Hunt Lane 78245 (397-7080)

The Reddix Center
4711 Sid Katz 78229 (397-2401)

NISD Facts

Students attend neighborhood schools

In Northside, children attend schools assigned to a street address; however, because of the opening of new schools annually, boundaries frequently change.

To determine which schools serve a particular address, click on Boundaries and Buses at nisd.net and follow the prompts.

Parent Connection offers a web portal to view students’ assignments, attendance, grades, disciplinary actions, and accepts payments for cafeteria meals.
Comprehensive High Schools and Magnet Schools

Students in grades nine through 12 benefit from comprehensive high school programs and specialized magnet programs. Regular course offerings emphasize mastery of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Enrichment of these skills can be gained through enrollment in honors and Pre-AP courses, Advanced Placement courses, and dual-credit courses for college credit. Further enrichment and enhancement of academic and life skills may be achieved through participation in academic electives, international languages, fine arts, physical education, technology applications, and career and technology classes.

Students compete in academic and athletic contests in University Interscholastic League (UIL).

Ten comprehensive neighborhood high schools and five magnet high schools offer students a wide variety of education options. Bus transportation is available, and cafeterias are open daily for a hot breakfast and lunch. With parental permission, some students qualify for off-campus lunch. A tuition-based Summer School includes opportunities for enrichment, acceleration, and course retrieval.

Dress Code

Shorts may NOT be worn at the high school level. Skirts, dresses, and culottes must be no shorter than 4 inches above the top of the knee cap. Baggy or saggy pants and clothing that is suggestive or indecent or which causes a distraction are not permitted. A complete copy of the Northside student dress code is available on each campus and in the student handbook available online. The campus administration, after consulting with the School Advisory Team and considering school/community needs, may have additional dress or grooming regulations that are campus-specific.

Grading and Testing

The school year is divided into two semesters of three six-week or two nine-week grading periods each. High school students are graded on a numerical grading system: 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 75-79=C, 70-74=D, and 69 and below=F. Free tutoring sessions are offered before and after school by classroom teachers and/or National Honor Society students.

Various types of tests are administered in Northside high schools including college entrance exams, career inventories, and other assessments vital to providing information about the students to both parents and staff. The PSAT is given to all 10th and 11th grade students and the SAT is given to all juniors in the spring semester.

Students who entered ninth grade in the 2011-12 school year and beyond are the first to take five end-of-course exams to graduate. For more information, visit the District's graduation website at www.nisd.net/schools/graduation.
Being trustworthy is important, not just for my job, but anyone's job. I can't think of a single job I've had in my life where I didn't need to be trusted. Anything worth having in life that's important, the foundation is trust. Without trust, you don't have something amazing to give to the world and you don't have a team to help you create it.

Lori Castro
Taft High School Class of 2004
Sound/Recording Engineer
English as a Second Language Education

English as a Second Language (ESL) is an academic program model that teaches the state-required Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS). This research-based program provides intensive instruction in English using second language acquisition strategies. The ESL program is offered at all high schools.

Fine Arts

The high school Fine Arts program includes a full comprehensive curriculum and performance opportunities in art, band, choir, dance, orchestra, and theatre. In addition, there are enrichment opportunities for students to excel in instrumental and vocal jazz, mariachi, music theatre, music theory and composition, and digital art that allows performance-driven students a plethora of stage experiences and venues. College auditions for scholarship preparations, as well as professional work experiences, are available to serious fine arts students. All fine arts programs provide students of all interest levels and skills a place to enjoy and develop life skills essential for any career path.

Special Education

Special education services are available to students who qualify. Northside offers a full continuum of services to students with disabilities to help them reach college and career readiness, and acquire independent living skills through active engagement in grade level curriculum.

Graduation and Beyond

Students who began their high school freshman year prior to the 2014-2015 school year are working towards graduation on either the Recommended, Distinguished, or Foundation with Endorsement graduation plans. Because there are several options, it is important that students consult with their high school counselor to choose the best plan for them.

All entering freshmen will graduate under the Foundation Graduation Plan with at least one Endorsement. The plan allows campuses to offer courses that enrich the school experience, align with student interest, and fit well with the student’s post high school plans.

Career and Technology Education programs offer an introduction to different career areas, training for specific career fields, and options for further education. The high school-level gifted program includes seminars, an independent study mentorship, a leadership course, honors and Advanced Placement courses, credit by examination, and dual credit opportunities.
Being named the Pillar of Responsibility has made me think a lot about what responsibility means and the different ways that word can be applied. It is kind of a funny word because it’s something that you can take on and it’s also something that maybe can be put upon you.

James “Drake” McLean
Marshall High School Class of 1982
Family Business Owner/Experience Enthusiast
GRADUATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

NISD Facts

Volunteers expand reach
With the help of 18,000 volunteers, Northside schools provide classroom enrichment opportunities beyond the regular budget. Donating time, energy, expertise, and funds, business and community partners as well as parents serve on advisory committees, support fundraisers, and serve as mentors and tutors.

For example, the OASIS Program puts dozens of senior citizens in elementary schools to help tutor students, and The Capital Group Companies Scholars Program awards college savings funds to selected Ross Middle School students beginning in seventh grade.

Northside Education Foundation (NEF), a premier partnership made up entirely of volunteers, supports a competitive grants program for employees to implement in NISD classrooms. Since 1995, NEF has administered more than $8 million in program accomplishments.

NISD libraries are learning centers
As instructional hubs of their campuses, NISD libraries contain extensive print and digital collections to support the K-12 curriculum, as well as pleasure reading. Combined, NISD’s shelves contain and circulate nearly 2.1 million books, and offer a collection of more than 24,600 eBooks as well. Students also have home and school access to several online databases to support scholarly research. Northside library initiatives are well supported by the Friends of Northside ISD Libraries organization.

NISD Foundation Graduation Program with an Endorsement
To be considered for automatic acceptance to a state university, a student must graduate with a distinguished level of achievement by earning an Endorsement and Algebra 2 credit.

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* Algebra II is required to earn a distinguished level of achievement.

Endorsements
Students may select an endorsement in the areas of:

- STEM
- Business and Industry
- Public Services
- Arts and Humanities
- Multi-disciplinary Studies
### Northside Foundation Graduation Program
For students entering ninth grade between 2010-2011 and 2014-2015

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These charts are general information. More specific details are available from the school. Please consult with the designated counselor at the high school about chosen endorsements and course offerings.

### Advanced Academics

Northside recognizes the value of student participation in advanced academic coursework and encourages students to graduate from high school with at least one advanced academic course credit such as Advanced Placement or Dual Credit. Participation in advanced academic courses is a foundation of college readiness. The Class of 2016 earned 41,094 hours of college credit. At an average cost of $635 per semester hour for tuition and books/supplies alone, this saved families approximately $26 million.
Growth means schools

Since 1995, Trustees have secured authorization from District voters for $3.1 billion in bonds to build schools and make improvements at all others.

In May 2014, voters approved a $648.34 million bond issue to build six new schools and fund renovations and additions throughout the District. The first new school from School Bond 2014 opened in 2016.

Hundreds of classrooms planned for future growth

The following is a list of schools in the construction or planning phase and the years they will open. Some do not have names yet. The working names being used are in quotation marks and refer to the geographic proximity.

- Harlan High School 2017
- Kallison Elementary School 2017
- “Grosenbacher Area” Elementary School 2018

NISD Athletic Complexes

The Don Hardin Athletic Complex, a 70-acre site at Loop 410 and Culebra, provides competition-level facilities for sports. These include Gustafson Football Stadium, Paul Taylor Field House, George Block Aquatics Center, Northside Softball Stadium (2 fields), Northside Soccer Fields, Northside Baseball Stadium (Inselmann Field and Field #2), and the Annemarie Tennis Center. In addition, the Northside Activity Center, a multi-purpose center, hosts hundreds of large and small meetings year-round.

The Dub Farris Athletic Complex opened in 2003 on Loop 1604 at Hausman Road. The facility includes a football/soccer stadium, the Northside Natatorium, the Northside Swim Center, and the Northside Sports Gym. Located next to the site are Stinson Middle School and Brandeis High School.

The Northside Tennis Center opened in 2013 and is located near O’Connor High School.
It’s interesting when you look back at when you got involved in student government, whether it was student council in middle school or even being the class president, it was really an opportunity to serve in a leadership role and get students involved in what’s important to our schools and our community.

Laura Silva Nieto
Holmes High School Class of 1990
Community Champion/Diversity Advocate/ Marathoner

Pillar of Citizenship
law-abiding, judicious, responsive