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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 104,539, 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 thirteenth 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’ve always felt that my desire to succeed as a musician and to improve myself as a professional has sort of been a way to say thank you to the people that have inspired me and the mentors throughout my education and my career.

Sgt. First Class Chris Branagan
Jay High School Class of 1990
Musician/Soldier/Arts Advocate
VISON
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 23,769 lots are planned for development with another 18,316 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 almost 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.”

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 608,000 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

NISD Facts
Student enrollment in Northside’s first year back in 1949 was 823 students. In 2013, the District reached a historic milestone – the enrollment of the 100,000th student.
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, Citicorp, Capital Group, World Savings, Nationwide Insurance, and Chase Bank. 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 117 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 more than 28,000 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 14.9 million square feet of campus and support space in 146 separate facilities. Northside takes pride in its facilities, which are huge investments for Northside taxpayers. Maintenance Department staff is guided by the proven fact that well-maintained facilities enhance the educational opportunities for children.

Huge bus fleet
A bus fleet of 910 buses safely transports 65,500 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.
I’m able to do what I’ve done based on the shoulders of others and pillars before me, so it’s really important to me that I do that for folks in the NISD community. It’s a way that I can reach current students and say, ‘Look, I was just like you not that long ago. I’m investing in you in the same way that once you have the resources and the means to help somebody else you’ll do the same.’

Gina Jones
Jay High School Class of 1999
Military Advisor/Bold/Resolute
2015-2016

Staff:
- Teachers: 7,340
- Professional Support: 1,079
- Campus Administration: 318
- Central Administration: 95
- Educational Aides: 1,138
- Auxiliary Staff: 3,191
Total: 13,161*
*Does not count substitute teachers or part-time employees

Teachers Salaries:
- Bachelor’s beginning: $51,085
- Bachelor’s maximum: $64,436
- Master’s beginning: $52,585
- Master’s maximum: $65,936

Bus Fleet:
- Total number of buses: 910
- Total students transported each day: 65,500
(More than half of all NISD students)

NISD Total Square Footage: 14,947,560
- 2015-16 square footage added: 587,848
- 2016-17 square footage under construction: 291,300

Total # of Facilities: 146

Investing in Schools: Community Support

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Total investment in new facilities since 1995: $3.1 billion

Northside: Fourth largest in Texas:
NISD growing by about 1,500 students a year
1. Houston ISD: 215,516
2. Dallas ISD: 158,500
3. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD: 113,689
4. NORTHSIDE ISD: 104,539
5. Fort Worth ISD: 86,570
6. Austin ISD: 83,634

2015-2016 Enrollments
Bexar County School Districts

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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.
I think trustworthiness relates to my life in multiple aspects. One is part of what I do and that's building relationships with people and getting them to trust me and trust that I will take care of them. So to me the Pillar of Trustworthiness means that at any given point in time, someone will be able to know that I'm going to do the right thing for them.
### District Finances (2015-2016)

**Cost to Educate Per Student**  
$8,025

**Budget (All Funds)**  
- General Fund: $840,680,281
- Child Nutrition Fund: $54,426,023
- Debt Service Fund: $151,500,093
- Special Revenue Fund: $42,910,169
- Capital Projects Fund: $150,000,000

**Revenues (General Fund)**  
- Tax Revenues (52.5%): $438,900,921
- State Sources (44.1%): $368,658,716
- Other Local Sources (1%): $8,599,216
- Federal Sources (2.4%): $19,855,846

**Expenditures (General Fund)**  
- Instructional & Instruction-Related Services: $554,486,971
- Instructional & School Leadership: $68,182,729
- Support Services - Student (Pupil): $97,989,783
- Administrative Support Services: $13,106,515
- Support Services - Non-Student Based: $96,915,247
- Ancillary Services: $1,667,482
- Capital Outlay/Debt Services/Other: $4,446,851
- Intergovernmental Charges: $4,065,733

**Projected 2014-2015 Ending Fund Balance**  
$163,671,850

### Basic Facts 2015-2016

#### Student Ethnicity
- American Indian: 0.1%
- Asian: 3.2%
- Native Hawaiian: 0.3%
- African American: 6.4%
- White: 19%
- Hispanic: 68.2%
- Two or more races: 2.8%

#### Students
- Enrollment: 104,539
- Special Education Students: 11,902
- Daily Attendance: 95.5%
- Free and Reduced Lunch: 50.6%
- Career & Technology Courses: 144
- Seniors who Apply for College Admission: 99%

#### Community
- NISD Population: 608,000
- NISD Registered Voters: 309,279
- NISD Households: 210,000
- NISD Businesses: 9,200

#### Ratios:
- Student-Teacher: 15.4 to 1
- Computer-Student: 1 to 2

### Exemplary financial reporting

For 24 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 thirteenth year in a row, Northside has received the highest rating from the state’s financial accountability rating system, called School FIRST. This is 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-five NISD elementary campuses offer programs that provide for maximum learning opportunities with emphasis on reading, writing, and mathematics skills, and instruction in 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 if students are not progressing according to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and NISD promotion requirements.

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 requirements in order to be eligible for pre-kindergarten. Students who enroll in a Northside elementary school in the spring do not need to register again in the fall. 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

Bilingual Education (Transitional and Two-Way Dual Language) and English as a Second Language (ESL) instructional programs address the needs of English Language Learners (ELLs) by building upon and valuing the linguistic, academic, and cultural experiences of students and families. The District believes that all students can become proficient in English and succeed academically.

The goal of the Spanish bilingual program is to develop bilingual, biliterate, and multicultural students. The goal of the ESL program is to enable students to become successful in an all-English curriculum. Both programs are offered at designated campuses.

Special Education

Testing is available for students who have a disability or a suspected disability through Northside's Psychological Services Department. If students are found to have a disability and an educational need, a continuum of special education service options is available. Special education students learn alongside general education students whenever possible to allow them maximum instruction in the general curriculum and interaction with their classmates. Special education teachers and speech and language pathologists offer quality services for eligible students. If students need related services such as occupational or physical therapy, these services are provided to support educational needs. Special transportation may be provided as a related service.

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 the state and national standards. Northside elementary fine arts promote a highly visible program that involves students in multiple music and art performances, opportunities, and exhibits. Not only does the program develop students’ interests and skills in music and art, but it allows the student to develop as a total child.

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.]
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 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.

A variety of Special Education services are available for students with disabilities on all Northside middle school campuses.

**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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English as a Second Language Education
The English as a Second Language (ESL) instructional program builds upon and values the linguistic, academic, and cultural experiences of students and families through ESL programs that develop mastery of the English language, promote academic excellence, develop multiculturalism, and cultivate self-actualization. The goal of the ESL program is to enable students to become successful in an all-English curriculum. The ESL program is offered at all middle schools.

Two-Way Dual Language Education
The goal of the Spanish Two-Way dual language program is to develop bilingual, biliterate, and multicultural students. 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
Elective(s)

Grade 8
English Language Arts
Math
Science
U.S. History
Physical Education
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.
Five magnet schools provide focused instruction

NISD offers students a choice of five magnet programs that provide specialized/focused instruction. Four programs share campuses with their larger comprehensive high schools. Business Careers HS is located at Holmes HS; Communications Arts HS is located at Taft HS; Jay Science & Engineering Academy is located at Jay HS; and Construction Careers Academy is located at Warren HS. The fifth, Health Careers HS, is located on its own campus in the South Texas Medical Center. All schools accept students via an application process.

67 languages spoken

Over the years, thousands of students speaking 67 different languages from all over the world have been assessed for English language proficiency by staff at the Northside Student Placement Center.

NISD offers state-mandated Bilingual and ESL Education Programs that focus on the development of English language proficiency. Northside is serving more than 8,900 English Language Learners.

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.

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 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.

The state continues to transition from the TAKS to the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) standardized testing system. 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. Students who entered ninth grade prior to the 2011-12 school year will graduate under the TAKS testing system. For more information, visit the District’s graduation website at www.nisd.net/schools/graduation.

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"I think being bestowed with this honor is a little ironic because I think I was surrounded by pillars all along the way. I would just encourage everyone that when you are either tested or given an opportunity, go all in and give it your best."

J. Patrick Burk
Clark High School Class of 1992
Business Leader/Philanthropist

Pillar of Caring
compassionate, empathetic, unselfish
**High Schools**

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Testing is available for students who have a disability or a suspected disability through Northside’s Psychological Services Department. If students are found to have a disability and an educational need, a continuum of special education service options is available. Special education students learn alongside general education students whenever possible to allow them maximum instruction in the general curriculum and interaction with their enrolled grade level peers. Special education teachers and speech and language pathologists offer quality services for eligible students. If students need related services such as occupational or physical therapy, these services are provided to support educational needs. Special transportation may be provided as a related service.

**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 the designated counselor at the high school to choose the best plan.

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.
“From my perspective, and what really drives me, is helping causes and helping people. I consider myself a catalyst and that is when something needs to get done and it’s the right thing that needs to be done, well by gosh let’s make it happen.”
### 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, 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 11,300 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.

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### 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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**TOTAL** 26 credits

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

These charts are general in information. More specific details are available from the school.

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### Endorsements
Students may select an endorsement in the areas of: STEM, Business and Industry, Public Services, Arts and Humanities, and/or Multi-disciplinary Studies. Please consult with the designated counselor at the high school about chosen endorsements and course offerings.
# NORTHSIDE RECOMMENDED HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

For students entering ninth grade between 2010-2011 and 2013-2014

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# NORTHSIDE MINIMUM GRADUATION PROGRAM

(Counselor Approval Required)

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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 will open in 2016.

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

Cole ES 2016
Fields ES 2016
Harlan High School 2017
“Kallison Ranch #2 area” ES 2017

NISD Facts
Northside’s first graduating class in 1951 had nine graduates. Today, more than 6,000 students graduate from Northside high schools each year.

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 (opens 2016). 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.
“Respect is a pretty powerful word. It’s something that can’t be bought and has to be earned over time, so to be associated with that trait is a great honor for me.”

Pillar of Respect

courteous, intuitive, unbiased

Dr. Mandie Alice Tibball Svatek
Marshall High School Class of 1993
Pediatrician/Professor/Athlete