

- With about 5,000 wireless access points throughout the District, NISD has the largest school district wireless deployment in the United States.
- The NISD Child Nutrition Department provides about 80,000 meals a day and a total of 14 million meals a year.
- NISD high schools are classified as 5A schools, the designation for Texas' largest schools.

Community

- Northside voters have approved almost \$2 billion in bond issues since 1995 to build new schools and renovate and expand existing schools.
- Northside's extensive energy management program saves the District more than \$1 million a year in utility bills.
- Northside ISD was the 1st school district in the country to purchase a new line of buses fueled exclusively by propane, an alternative fuel that is cheaper and cleaner than gasoline.
- Since 1995, the Northside Education Foundation has awarded \$4 million in scholarships and teacher and program grants.
- Last year, 20,334 community members volunteered in Northside schools.
- Two major universities and one community college are in NISD: The University of Texas at San Antonio, the University of Texas Health Science Center, and Northwest Vista College.
- Two major Texas theme parks are in NISD: SeaWorld and Six Flags Fiesta Texas.
- During the 2007-2008 school year, almost 21,000 community members and children enrolled in adult, community education, career advancement, and Learning Tree after school care programs.

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Northside ISD: San Antonio's Premier School District

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

History

- Northside was established in 1949 when 9 rural school districts joined to form the 355-square-mile school district we know today.
- The very first graduating class in 1951 had seven graduates. Today, more than 4,300 seniors cross the graduation stage each year.
- Northside ISD is only 50 percent developed; Helotes, Texas is the center of the District.
- In 2008, almost 50 percent of all single-family homes built in Bexar County were in NISD, thus the nickname 'the destination district.'
- In 2009, 33,000 lots are planned for development with another 30,000 lots possible as land likely to be developed.
- Almost 90 percent of NISD is in Bexar County. The rest is in Bandera and Medina counties.

People

- NISD has an enrollment of 88,400 students and is the 4th largest district in Texas and the 38th largest district in the nation.
- More than 13,000 full-time and part-time people are employed by Northside, making it one of the largest employers in San Antonio.
- About 461,000 people and 6,800 businesses call Northside home.

Instruction & Academics

- Northside, a Recognized District, has 15 Exemplary schools, 46 Recognized schools, and 23 Academically Acceptable schools.
- Northside ISD was the 1st school district in the state to be honored by the HEB Excellence in Education Awards.
- As a finalist for the prestigious Broad Prize for Urban Education, Northside was awarded \$125,000 in college scholarships for the Class of 2008.
- NISD offers 5 high school magnet programs: Business Careers, Communications Arts, Construction Careers, Health Careers, and Science and Engineering.
- The number of credits required to graduate from a Northside high school is 26 (on the Recommended program).

- In 2008, NISD libraries circulated more than 2.2 million items, served more than 83,000 classes, and served an estimated 1.2 million walk-ins.

Facilities & Construction

- The District opens 3 to 5 schools each year to accommodate an enrollment that is growing by about 3,000 students per year.
- Altogether, NISD has 115 campus and support facilities that comprise 12 million square feet of space.
- In 2008, Associated General Contractors ranked NISD No. 1 in construction performance among eight public agencies in San Antonio.

Demographics

- Minorities make up more than 75 percent of NISD's enrollment.
- Northside students speak more than 80 different languages and dialects from all over the world.
- About 46 percent of NISD's enrollment is classified as economically disadvantaged.

Finances

- Northside has a \$1 billion budget for the 2008-09 school year.
- For the 6th year in a row, Northside has achieved the highest rating of "Superior Achievement" from the state's financial accountability rating system, called Schools FIRST.
- For 17 years in a row, NISD has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association for exemplary reporting.
- The assessed value of property in NISD in 2008 is \$30.8 billion.
- The cost to educate each child in NISD annually is \$8,248.

Operations

- NISD has 694 bus drivers and 228 bus assistants who drive 735 buses more than 8.3 million miles a year.
- About 44,000 students ride the bus to and from school each day. NISD transports children who live 2 or more miles from school.