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How Do You Measure Success? NISD Launches Community Dashboard

In August Northwest ISD launched the Community Dashboard, an interactive website that gives the NISD community a look at identified and valued measures of success for NISD students, staff and district operations. NISD believes establishing a premier education for students requires a partnership with its community. During the 2012-2013 school year, a committee of students, parents, community members, staff and administrators identified community values and proposed measures of success in NISD. In June 2013, the Board of Trustees unanimously passed the Community-Based Accountability Measures of Success.

After listening to what mattered most to NISD families and community members, the NISD Community Dashboard's highly visual format provides easy access to a variety of information including student achievement in areas including SAT/ACT scores, internships, college scholarships, dual credit courses, volunteer and community outreach, community partnerships and standardized state assessments (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness).

"Throughout the year, our students achieve high levels set by the region, state and nation," said Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. "That data is reflected and celebrated on the district's online dashboard."

This new feature can be found by going to the district's website: www.nisdtx.org, and clicking on Northwest ISD Community Dashboard under the Quick Links on the left-hand side of the website.

NISD is one of the original 23 school districts selected by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium. This elite group was formed from Senate Bill 1557 in the 82nd Legislative Session and is tasked with informing elected officials of ways to improve student learning through the development of innovative, next-generation learning standards and accountability systems.

"Together, in partnership with our community, we are transforming a new public education," Rue said. "Our district's community dashboard not only measures student success in NISD, it serves as the voice of what our community believes is important, valued and measurable."

With just over 20,000 students, Northwest ISD is the second fastest growing district in North Texas. The NISD vision is to be the best and most sought-after school district where every student is future ready: ready for college, ready for the global workplace and ready for personal success. The district operates 17 elementary schools, five middle schools, two comprehensive high schools and one accelerated high school. In August 2015, the district will open V.R. Eaton High School, a third comprehensive high school.

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