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Northwest ISD's Gene Pike Middle School Named Texas "School to Watch"

Northwest ISD's Gene Pike Middle School is one of six middle schools in Texas named a "School to Watch." Pike Middle School was selected for its academic excellence, being responsive to the needs and interests of students and a commitment to helping all students achieve at high levels.

"I am honored Gene Pike Middle School was selected as a Texas 'School to Watch,'" said Principal Mike Blankenship. "Our campus is focused on the academic growth and achievement of our students, and our teachers work together to continually improve our learning environment."

"Schools to Watch" is part of a recognition program developed by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform. Schools to Watch began as a national program to identify middle schools across the country that were achieving at high levels and meeting criteria developed by the forum. The selection process involved a written application and site visit which included interviews and classroom observations.

As a Texas "School to Watch," Pike Middle School will be featured at the annual Texas Middle School Association (TMSA) conference in March and later recognized at the National Schools to Watch Conference in Washington, D.C. this June.

This is the second consecutive year a Northwest ISD middle school has received this honor. Last year, Chisholm Trail Middle School was named a Texas "School to Watch." For more information about the "School to Watch" program, go to www.texaschoolstowatch.com.

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