



## Press Release

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### **Enrollment at Your Fingertips NISD Offers Enrollment Online as a Convenience to Families**

Northwest ISD is pleased to introduce paperless enrollment beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Enrollment Online, an online registration and information verification process, will launch Thursday, April 18.

“With the new online enrollment system, NISD is making the back-to-school registration process easier for families,” said Data Services Coordinator Sharla Stockard. “This means all of the forms required to update and verify information for students will all be available online, and the paper forms will no longer be sent home with students on the first day of school.”

#### **Registration Begins April 18 for Students New to NISD**

Beginning April 18, Enrollment Online will be available for students new to the district, including children who will attend kindergarten this August. Incoming kindergarten students must be five by September 1, 2013 and complete registration online. Even though kindergarten registration begins online, parents and students are encouraged to attend Kindergarten Round-Up (April 29 - May 2) at their child’s school to meet staff, tour the facility and provide the necessary documents needed to complete the registration process. For a listing of campus websites, go to [www.nisdtx.org](http://www.nisdtx.org). Round-Up events are unique to each campus. For attendance boundary information, go to [www.nisdtx.org/attendanceboundaries](http://www.nisdtx.org/attendanceboundaries). Parents should prepare and bring the following items to complete their child’s enrollment:

- Birth certificate
- Immunization records (immunizations must be up-to-date to attend school)
- Proof of residency (housing contract, rental agreement, etc.)
- Student’s social security card
- License or government-issued photo ID of the parent/guardian

Computers will be available at the campus during Kindergarten Round-Up for parents unable to register online from home.

#### **Returning Student Registration Begins August 1**

Returning student registration will begin August 1. This will replace the back-to-school packets issued on the first day of school. In order to access the online verification feature, parents of students currently enrolled in the district must have a Home Access Center (HAC) account. In addition to this new feature, a HAC account provides NISD parents access to their child’s grades, schedule, progress report, attendance, report cards, classwork and test scores.

Access to the HAC requires an internet connection and a confidential username and password issued to the parent by the school. Parents should contact their child's campus if they need assistance with their HAC account. Parents with students currently enrolled in NISD can expect an email confirming login and password information by the end of the school year. The back-to-school online registration process deadline is August 26.

**Parent Resources for Enrollment Online**

Parents can access Enrollment Online by going to [www.nisdtx.org](http://www.nisdtx.org) and selecting Parents in the menu bar. Click Parent Resources, and then select Enrollment Online on the left-hand side of the page. The Enrollment Online page provides answers to frequently asked questions, a video to assist parents in the registration process and attendance boundary information. For more information and to get started with the Enrollment Online feature, go to [www.nisdtx.org/enrollment](http://www.nisdtx.org/enrollment).

“We are excited to partner with our parents during the launch of online enrollment,” Stockard says. “We are committed to establishing trust and transparency in our communication methods and believe this new technology tool will provide flexibility for our families.”

The first day of school for the 2013-2014 school year is Tuesday, August 27. Go to [www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool](http://www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool) for a listing of start times, school supplies, netbook information and more.

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