



## News Release

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### **Northwest ISD to Issue 5,000 High School Students a Dell Tablet 4,200 Middle School Students to Receive Netbooks**

This August, every Northwest ISD high school student (approximately 5,000) will receive a Dell Latitude 10 Tablet. All middle school students (approximately 4,200) will receive a netbook computer. This Long-Range Technology plan was unanimously approved by the NISD Board of Trustees in June.

“We appreciate the support of the board and the community for allowing us to provide students with a device to enhance their education,” said NISD Director of Technology Carl Shawn.

For the past four years, NISD has issued more than 8,000 netbook computers to secondary students as part of the district’s vision to prepare every student for their futures. The Long-Range Technology plan is a three-year plan that is created to ensure students and teachers are receiving relevant technology tools to assist in today’s digital classroom.

Students will have an opportunity to pick up their new device prior to the start of school on Tuesday, August 27 and during the first two weeks of school. Also included in the plan is a class standard of Latitude 10 Tablets for secondary teacher use and an Apple iPad for elementary teachers. Teachers will receive their tablets this August and have received trainings on integrating the technology into the classroom.

“We’re excited to be able to provide the same student devices to teachers so they can plan student activities and be able to see their work as a student would see it,” Shawn says.

The devices are equipped with wireless networking and software, including the district’s filtering system which restricts questionable websites regardless of the student’s location. Northwest ISD will provide students with the opportunity to use personal electronic devices for educational purposes. Students must follow district policy and guidelines if a student chooses to use their own device.

For more information about the devices, insurance, and policies to bring your own device, go to [www.nisdtx.org/computingdevices](http://www.nisdtx.org/computingdevices).

The student technology 1:1 initiative is a key ingredient in the district’s vision where every student will graduate future-ready: ready for college, ready for the global workplace and ready for personal success. The district has plans to issue all middle school students Dell Latitude 10 Tablets next year.

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