

NORTH FOREST ISD BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 14, 2006

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The North Forest Independent School District board of trustees makes policies regarding the operation of the school system. Individuals on the seven-member panel serve three-year terms, without compensation. All members of the board are at-large. The policies enacted by the board are implemented by the superintendent, Dr. James Simpson, and his staff.

Board meetings are the third Monday of each month, and they are currently held in the Shadydale Elementary School multipurpose room at 7:00 pm; the community is given an opportunity to address trustees during the open forum segment of the meeting.

Superintendent's Message

North Forest ISD is on a journey towards academic excellence and the ultimate goal of all children learning at high levels. As we move along this journey, we create a legacy of excellence. The journey to create the organization where all children learn at high levels is in itself a learning experience for all of us. Education is impacted by the limits of fiscal resources, time and belief, but learning has no limits. Organizations, such as, North Forest ISD, who understand the concepts of unlimited opportunity are the ones who seize the day. This is what makes North Forest ISD one of the best.

North Forest ISD is glad to offer a broad range of programs and services for students who would benefit from additional support or challenge and/or be taught in an alternative learning model. We take satisfaction in our inclusive programs for children with disabilities, a full day kindergarten that sets the stage for life long learning success and district-wide gifted and talented programs.

Our school system prides itself in our commitment to providing a rigorous academic curriculum and comprehensive arts, music and sports programs.

About Your District

The North Forest Independent School District is situated in the northeast section of Houston, Texas. The school system, which is fully accredited by the Texas Education Agency, covers some 33 square miles and serves about 10,000 students.

There are 14 campuses in the district, seven elementary schools, three middle schools, two high schools and one career and technology school. The district houses students who are unable to function well in the traditional educational setting at the



Dr. Simpson speaking to Shady Timbers Civic Association.

We are proud that our students have the opportunity to enroll in **FREE** college courses offered through Houston Community College, National Society of Black Engineers and the Health Science Technology program. Starting the 2006-2007 school year we will be offering pharmacy technician classes. These programs could not happen without the professionalism and support of our teachers, administrators and support personnel who work tirelessly to meet the diverse needs of our students.

In our pursuit for continuous improvement, we face many challenges, but behind each challenge is an opportunity. We are fortunate in North Forest to have a community that supports public education and staff that are committed to the highest levels of professionalism and excellence for all children. North Forest is an exciting place and the best is yet to come.

-James Simpson, Ph.D.

Learning Academy. Other facilities are the transportation, food services and maintenance center, the district police complex, and administrative offices. The Jones-Cowart Stadium, located on the M.B. Smiley High School campus, is used for district athletic events as well as other activities.

With over 1400 on the payroll, the district is the largest employer in the community. North Forest ISD employs some 700 teachers and around 750 other staff members.

North Forest ISD
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Registering for School

Registration for the 2006–2007 school year begins Tuesday, August 1, 2006 on each campus between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. New Students should bring birth certificates, social security cards, available school records and up-to-date immunization records. Students are required to have necessary vaccinations in order to enroll or start school. If a student has started the series and is on schedule, he or she can enroll provisionally until it is medically feasible to receive the next vaccine dose.

Health Services

Students on all North Forest ISD campuses are served by school nurses; all of them are RNs. In addition to maintaining immunization records on all students, school nurses provide emergency health services. They also conduct vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings.

Parents who need additional information about the district's health services program may call the district nurse coordinator, Machel Brewster at 713-636-7980.

*"Motivation is what gets you started,
habit is what keeps you going."*

-Jim Ryun

School Hours

The following school hours will be observed during the 2006–2007 year:

Elementary Schools
8:00 am until 3:00 pm

Middle Schools
8:30 am until 3:30 pm

High Schools
7:25 am until 2:50 pm



School Lunch Program

All campuses have cafeterias that serve tasty, nutritional meals. NFISD participates in the Texas Education Agency's Provision 2 and provides all students a reimbursable meal, free of charge. During the 2003–2004 school year, the food services department successfully implemented a breakfast in the classroom program, resulting in a dramatic increase in student participation in the breakfast program as well as an increase in academic performance.

The district's food service department implemented state-mandated nutrition guidelines regarding food of minimal nutritional value (FMNV). Parents needing additional information should call the food services department at 713-636-4395.



NFISD Points of Pride



NFISD student at Dual Credit Celebration at Houston Community College



Dr. Simpson with Smiley High School graduate



NFISD End-of-Year Celebration



Thurgood Marshall Egg Hunt



Dr. Simpson assisting students with Texas Scholars assignment.



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CenterPoint Energy representative working with students on project.



NFISD End-of-Year Celebration



Smiley High School Graduation



Forest Brook High School Graduation



BFI representatives with NFISD students at Smiley FFA Auction



Smiley High School students at Hilliard Elementary Career Day

District Campuses

Fonwood Elementary School
10719 Seneca
Edith Mahone, Principal
713-633-0781

Tidwell Elementary School
8000 Tidwell Road
Phyllis Williams, Principal
713-633-0595

Forest Brook High School
7525 Tidwell Rd.
Principal TBA
713-631-7720

Hilliard Elementary School
8115 East Houston Road
Sharon Wycoff, Principal
713-635-3085

Thurgood Marshall Elementary
6220 Winfield Road
Sharon Ratliff, Principal
281-442-8467

M.B. Smiley High School
10725 Mesa Drive
Erroll Garrett, Principal
713-636-4300

Lakewood Elementary School
8800 Grand River Drive
Jerrell Purvis, Principal
713-631-7730

B.C. Elmore Middle School
8200 Tate Street
Gwenette Ferguson, Principal
713-672-7466

Learning Academy
11433 Suburban
Principal TBA
281-986-6465

W.E. Rogers Elementary School
10550 James L. Reaux
Rodney Louis, Principal
713-633-1860

R.E. Kirby Middle School
9709 Mesa Drive
Rubye Gilbert, Principal
713-633-0670

W.G. Smiley
10726 Mesa Drive
Norris Rhines, Assistant Principal
713-636-6753

Shadydale Elementary School
5905 Tidwell
Principal TBA
713-633-5150

Oak Village Middle School
6602 Winfield Road
Principal TBA
281-449-6561

Special Education

The district offers special education services to all students with disabilities three years old to age 21, providing help for individuals who have the following disabilities according to federal and state criteria: learning disability, speech impairment, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, mental retardation, emotional disturbance, autism, multiple disabilities, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment, auditory impairment, deafness or blindness. Parents needing additional information should contact the director of special education at 713-636-4320.



Dr. Ruth Watson, Director of Special Education with special needs student Tyranique Visor and parents.

Counseling Program

Certified counselors serve North Forest ISD students at every grade level. They provide both individual and group counseling and a myriad of other services. **Dual Credit** courses are offered at both M.B. Smiley High School and Forest Brook High School. The courses offered are college credit courses that lead to a certificate or a degree and are transferable. Additional information about the district counseling program can be obtained from the director of guidance and counseling, 713-491-1008 or individual campuses.



2006 Texas Scholars graduates from Forest Brook High School.

School Supplies

Fifth and Sixth Grades

- 14 assorted folders with brads and pockets
- 1 package #2 pencils
- 2 red pencils
- 1 box map colors
- 1 package black or blue pens
- 1 package notebook paper
- 1 package tracing paper
- 1 box 24-count crayons
- 1 protractor
- 1 compass
- 1 pocket dictionary
- 1 thesaurus
- 1 pencil holder
- 1 package graph paper
- 1 pair pointed scissors
- 2 highlighters
- 1 package 8-subject dividers
- 1 glue stick
- 1 package construction paper
- 1 3-ring binder
- 1 box facial tissue
- 1 clear back pack
- 1 ruler with both centimeters and inches

Seventh and Eighth Grades

- 1 package graph paper
- 1 pair pointed scissors
- 2 highlighters
- 2 packages 8-subject dividers
- 1 glue stick
- 1 2-inch or 3-inch binder
- 1 box facial tissue
- 1 clear back pack
- 1 pencil sharpener with cover
- 1 package diskettes (3 ½ inch)
- 3 display boards
- 3 white poster boards
- 2 packages report covers
- 14 assorted folders with brads and pockets
- 1 package #2 pencils
- 1 red pen
- 1 box map colors
- 1 package black/blue pens
- 1 package notebook paper
- 1 protractor
- 1 compass
- 1 pocket dictionary
- 1 dictionary/thesaurus (for 3-hole notebook)
- 1 ruler with both centimeters and inches
- 1 pencil holder



High school students will receive supply lists the first week of school. Required supplies may vary from teacher to teacher.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The district enforces the minimum state vaccine requirements for Texas school entrance and attendance. Those requirements for grades kindergarten through 12 are:

Vaccine	Required Doses
Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoid and Pertussis Vaccine (DTP, DTaP, DT, Td)	Five doses of any combination of DTaP/DTP unless the fourth dose was given on or after the fourth birthday. Students 7 or older: three doses of any combination DTP/DTaP/DT/Td vaccine and 1 dose of Td required ten years after last dose of DTP/DTaP/DT.
Polio (IPV)	Four doses unless the third dose was on or after the fourth birthday.
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	Two doses of a measles-containing vaccine with the first dose on or after the first birthday; second dose by age 5 or entry into kindergarten.
Hepatitis B	Three doses required for the following school years: 2004-05, K-5 and 7-10; 2005-06, K-11; 2006-07, K-12.
Varicella	One dose on or after the first birthday for the following grades: 2004-05, K-4 and 7-10; 2005-06, K-5 and 7-11; 2006-07, K-12.
Hepatitis A	Two doses on or after second birthday for grades K-3 only.

School Uniforms

Fonwood Elementary School

khaki or navy bottoms; white or gold tops

Hilliard Elementary School

navy blue pants or knee-length shorts; red shirt or blouse

Lakewood Elementary School

tops: polo style white or yellow shirt or

Lakewood T-shirt

bottom: khaki or navy blue

Rogers Elementary School

Kindergarten-Grade 2: yellow polo shirts and khaki bottoms (pants or knee-length shorts)

Grades 3-5: navy blue polo shirts; khaki bottoms (pants or knee-length shorts)

Shadydale Elementary School

Boys: red or white polo shirts and khaki pants or knee-length shorts

Girls: red or white blouses or polo shirts and khaki skirts, knee-length shorts or pants

Tidwell Elementary School

Tops: polo style white or green shirt or Tidwell school T-shirt (green or white);

Bottoms: khaki pants or knee-length shorts or skirts

Elmore Middle School

solid white or burgundy (maroon) polo-style shirts and khaki pants, capris, skirts or knee-length shorts; enclosed shoes/belts

Kirby Middle School

Girls: red or white polo style shirts and khaki pants, skirts or knee-length shorts/black, brown, red or clear belts/enclosed shoes/socks

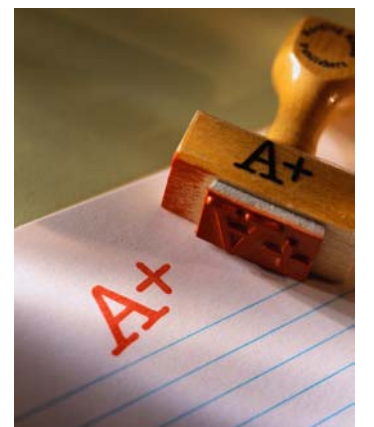
Boys: red or white polo style shirts and khaki pants or knee-length shorts; black or brown belts/enclosed shoes/socks

Oak Village Middle School

polo style navy or white shirts (must have a collar); white long sleeved oxford shirts (button-down collar); navy or khaki pants or knee-length shorts, jumpers or skirts

Learning Academy

all white oxford dress shirt with long sleeves; black pants



School Supplies

Pre-Kindergarten (3)

- 1 box baby wipes
- 2 McDougal-Little composition books (1-inch margin)
- 2 large boxes facial tissue
- 1 pair blue, 5-inch Fiskar scissors
- 2 boxes 8-count, Crayola jumbo crayons
- 2 Elmer's glue sticks
- 2 large pencils
- 1 8-ounce antibacterial hand sanitizer
- 1 package 50-count,assorted construction paper (9"x12")
- 2 packages 50-count,assorted construction paper(12"x18")
- 2 packages 50-count manila paper (12" x 18")
- 1 4-ounce container Elmer's school glue
- 2 manuscript writing tablet (one inch ruled)
- 1 school box

Pre-Kindergarten (4)

- 2 boxes 8-count, Crayola large crayons
- 1 4-ounce container Elmer's school glue
- 2 large boxes facial tissue
- 2 assorted pocket folders
- 2 D'Nealian kindergarten 3/4" composition books
- 2 Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 pair blue, 5-inch Fiskar scissors
- 1 package 50-count, assorted construction paper (9" x 12")
- 1 package 50-count, manila paper (12" x 18")
- 12 #2 pencils
- 2 letter-size, manila folders
- 1 8-ounce container antibacterial hand sanitizer
- 1 box baby wipes (80-100 count)
- 1 school box
- 25 brown paper sacks
- 1 box washable markers
- 5 spiral-bound composition books, 8" x 10" or 8" x 10 1/2"

Kindergarten

- 2 packages playdough (assorted colors)
- 1 package 3 x 5 index cards
- 1 black marker
- 1 pencil box
- 1 ruler

Kindergarten(continued))

- 2 letter-size, manila folders
- 5 assorted pocket only folders
- 2 Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 package 20-count, manila paper (12" x 18")
- 1 package 20-construction paper (9"x12")
- 2 packages assorted construction paper(12" x 18")
- 2 large boxes facial tissue
- 1 plastic school box
- 12 #2 pencils
- 1 D'Nealian kindergarten 3/4"composition book
- 2 boxes 24-count, Crayola crayons
- 1 pair blunt, metal scissors
- 2 4-ounce containers Elmer's school glue
- 2 pink bevel erasers

First Grade

- 1 package manila paper (12" x 18")
- 1 package construction paper (12" x 18")
- 2 boxes 24-count, Crayola crayons
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 red pencils
- 6 #2 pencils
- 1 12-inch ruler with centimeters
- 1 pair semi-pointed scissors
- 1 box facial tissue
- 1 school box
- 1 pencil tablet (8 1/2" x 11," no margin line)
- 1 D'Nealian writing tablet
- 5 spiral-bound composition books, 8" x 10," 1-inch margin
- 8 assorted folders with brads and pockets
- 3 composition books
- 3 packages erasers

Second Grade

- 1 package construction paper (12" x 18")
- 2 boxes 24-count, Crayola crayons
- 1 container Elmer's glue
- 2 red pencils

School Supplies

Second Grade(continued)

- 6 #2 pencils
- 1 12-inch ruler with centimeters
- 1 pair semi-pointed scissors
- 1 box facial tissue
- 1 school box
- 1 package 8-count dividers
- 1 package notebook paper
- 1 1-inch binder
- 8 assorted folders with brads and pockets
- 4 composition books
- 1 box map colors

Third Grade

- 1 package construction paper (12" x 18")
- 1 package manila paper (12" x 18")
- 1 box 24-count, Crayola crayons
- 4 glue sticks
- 4 red pencils
- 6 packages #2 pencils
- 12 assorted folders with brads and pockets
- 1 Webster dictionary
- 1 box map colors
- 4 black pens
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 1 school box
- 1 package 8-count, washable markers
- 4 packages notebook paper
- 1 Webster thesaurus
- 3 D'Nealian kindergarten composition books
- 2 8-ounce containers antibacterial hand sanitizer
- 1 ruler with centimeters
- 1 pair semi-pointed scissors
- 3 boxes facial tissue
- 1 marker

Fourth Grade

- 1 package construction paper (12" x 18")
- 1 package manila paper (12" x 18")
- 1 box 24-count Crayola crayons
- 4 glue sticks
- 4 red pencils
- 6 packages #2 pencils
- 1 ruler with centimeters
- 1 pair semi-pointed scissors
- 3 boxes facial tissue
- 1 marker
- 4 packages notebook paper
- 1 Webster thesaurus
- 12 assorted folders with brads and pockets
- 1 Webster dictionary
- 1 box map colors
- 4 black pens
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 1 school box
- 1 package 8-count, washable markers
- 1 spelling tablet
- 1 pencil sharpener (personal)

