



Northwood Hills Elementary Brag Sheet

At NHE, we provide all learners with opportunities for growth through profound curriculum, 21st century learning tools, and real world applications.

Highly Rated and Awarded

- **Exemplary** rating from Texas Education Agency (TEA) under prior accountability system
- Member of the **Texas Business and Education Coalition Honor Roll**
- Received Texas Education Agency **Gold Performance Acknowledgement Indicators** in Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science
- Received the **Federal Title 1 Distinguished Performance Award**

Highly Qualified Staff

- **100%** of our Teachers are **TEA Certified and “Highly Qualified”** under state standards.
- **40%** of our staff hold or are currently earning **post graduate degrees**.
- NHE has exceptional support staff, including an **Instructional Specialist, Math, Science, and Reading Specialists**.
- All NHE teachers are trained on the latest teaching strategies for engaging, expanding, and accelerating students’ learning.
- Our school is currently part of the **RISD Differentiation Initiative** as part of the RISD 2020 Vision.

Actively Involved Parents and Engaged Student Body

- Recipient of the **Platinum Award** from RISD Council of PTAs for 5,000+ volunteer hours.
- 10% of the student body is in **REACH, RISD’s gifted program**.
- **Low student to teacher ratio** due to support from specialists, support staff, and differentiated learning initiatives.
- Students and teachers utilize latest **technology** such as iPads, Air Slates with Smart Board software, and advanced software learning programs.
- **Individualized instruction** through the use of differentiation strategies and daily small group instruction.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Programs

- All students go to the **Think Tank**, a hands-on, discovery-based math and science lab, where they are challenged with advanced experiments and problem solving activities. NHE is one of few elementary campuses with a dedicated math/science lab.
- **Enrichment Clusters** expand the scope of experiences in school and inspire all students by exposing them to various topics, ideas, and careers. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) focus is purposefully built into Enrichment Clusters.
- Students participate in a reading incentive program called **Accelerated Reader**. Online reading tests are used to build students’ comprehension skills.
- Sixth grade students attend **Enterprise City**, an RISD provided program that introduces students to real world concepts and careers.
- **Courtesy Patrol** members greet students every morning
- **Peer Mediators** provide students with problem-solving skills
- **K-FLY Video Announcements** led by students and streamed live into classrooms
- Award winning **Choir** (5th and 6th Grades)
- **Band & Orchestra** (6th Grade)
- **Falcon Pride**
- **Girls on the Run**
- **Science Fair**
- **Invention Convention**
- **Lone Star Challenge Academic Competition**
- **Girl Talk**
- **Junior Beta Club** (5th and 6th Grades) completes annual service projects
- **Pride Rallies and Rewards Programs** every 6 weeks
- **Future Falcons** events support and build relationships with incoming students and families