

Volunteer to be a Surrogate Parent



In Northside ISD, Surrogate Parents work hand in hand

Who are Surrogate Parents?

- Surrogate Parents are volunteers who are willing to advocate for Northside ISD special education students who live in residential facilities.
- Surrogate Parents work hand in hand with the case managers and house parents of the residential facilities to make educational decisions for special education students.
- Surrogate Parents can not be an employee of the state education agency (Texas Education Agency), the local education agency (NISD), or any other agency involved in the education or care of the student represented.
- The Surrogate Parent's personal and/or professional interests may not conflict with the interests of the student they represent.

What are the responsibilities of the Surrogate Parent?

- Represent the student from identification to educational placement in an interested and appropriate manner.
- Attend ARD meetings and parent conferences.
- Serve the student's educational interests.
- Become more familiar with the mandated topics regarding disability conditions, evaluation, Individualized Education Program, legislation, placement options, procedural safeguards, and your role and responsibilities as a Surrogate Parent by attending these meetings/sessions.

How do I become a Surrogate Parent?

- Contact the NISD Special Education Office at 397-8742 or 397-8732.
- Complete an online background check for volunteers at NISD.net.
- Attend a two-hour Surrogate Parent Training, provided by NISD within 90 days of appointment.

**For more information, contact
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