



North East Independent School District

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MEDIA ADVISORY

- What:** Members of the National Dropout Prevention Network will visit the Academy of Creative Education (ACE) to learn about the Academy's dropout prevention program and best practices for use with their students. The members are visiting from around the globe, including Nova Scotia, the Virgin Islands and across the U.S.
- Who:** More than 50 guests representing educational and dropout prevention organizations in Nova Scotia, the Virgin Islands, Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Washington. ACE staff and students will also help answer questions and explain the ACE program.
- When:** October 27, 2009, 10-11 a.m.
- Where:** The Academy of Creative Education, 3736 Perrin Central, Bldg. 2. **Media will need to check-in at the front office for visitor badges.**
- Why:** ACE will welcome their guests for a site visit/tour and share how the award-winning ACE program works. They will be given first-hand experience of the ACE teaching model and strategies, non-traditional setting, student success stories, graduation plans, and how the ACE staff brings dropout recovery, prevention and intervention to at-risk students.
- Visuals:** The guests will tour each area of the ACE campus and gather at the end of the visit for an information session. ACE operates without a bell or class schedule and students will be seen studying various subjects on their own in the same classroom.
- More:** Established in 1991, ACE is a non-traditional nationally recognized model high school program that provides at-risk youth with opportunities to successfully graduate. ACE has assisted more than 3,800 formerly at-risk youth in graduating. Each student is on an academic plan designed to meet his/her individual learning style. Flexible hours, an extended academic year calendar, two annual graduations and class days without bell schedules allow students to meet their academic requirements while providing the necessary time for employment and/or personal family needs. Students and staff are committed to learning and teaching in a creative environment honoring individual differences, individual learning styles, multiple intelligences, and higher-order thinking skills.

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About NEISD:

North East ISD has close to 70 schools and magnet programs with a fall 2009 enrollment of more than 65,000 students. NEISD employs more than 9,000 people. It is the second largest public school district in the San Antonio area and the ninth largest in the state. NEISD has 28 Exemplary schools, and is a Recognized district. More information about NEISD can be found at www.neisd.net.