

Clubs, Organizations, and Athletics at Nimitz High School



Academic Decathlon

Academic Decathlon is a ten-event scholastic competition. Teams compete in math, science, economics, social science, literature, music, art, speech, interview, essay and Super Quiz. AD is designed to include students from all academic backgrounds.



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AVID Club

AVID is a college-readiness system designed to increase the number of students enrolling in colleges. AVID Club is for ALL students at Nimitz who want to participate in college activities.



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Band

Band is open to all students. Band focuses on teaching advanced musical awareness and instrumental technique. Band competes under UIL which includes Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Percussion, and Color Guard. Contact: Nathaniel Ewing newing@irvingisd.net



Bowling

Students who participate have a variety of skills and experience in bowling. Practices are held two nights a week: one night at a local center and one night on campus. Competitions are held on Saturdays from November to March. We compete against other high schools from across the metroplex, and have district, regional, and state competition brackets. Our goal is to create interest for the sport of bowling in youth programs and to create opportunities for students to receive money for their college education through bowling scholarships.



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Business Professionals of America (BPA)

Business Professionals of America (BPA) is for students pursuing careers in business and other related career fields. As a co-curricular activity, a major program of BPA is the Workplace Skills Assessment Program (WSAP). The WSAP prepares students to succeed and assesses real-world business skills and problem solving abilities in finance, management, IT, and computer applications. Students demonstrate their career skills at regional, state and national conferences in more than 90 competitive events. BPA enhances student participation in professional, civic, service, and social endeavors and prepares business professionals for a global world through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills.



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Cheerleading

The UCA/NCA Award Winning Cheer team supports all athletics, and also supports the community through pep rallies, parades, and district events. Try-outs are every February for the following year.



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Choir

The award winning NHS Choir is made up of Nimitz students enrolled in Choir. Regularly invited to sing off campus, the NHS Choir enjoys success at UIL, Solo & Ensemble, and in the All-State Choir process. Individual students represent the choir at the State and National levels every year.

All Nimitz students are eligible to take choir as an elective, and anyone with a year in the organization can run for office.

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Class Officers

Class Officers are elected in May for 10th, 11th and 12th grades. Ninth grade class officers elections will take in September.

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11th Grade Sponsor: Alyali Marcano
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10th Grade Sponsor: Reginald Carter
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9th grade Sponsors: William Long
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Creative Writing Club

An afterschool program that works with students to help them develop short stories and novels over the course of the year.



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DECA

DECA is a co-curricular club existing of a group of marketing students that meet to explore marketing opportunities, study for DECA competitions, do community service projects, and travel on field trips. If you would like to join, you must take a Marketing, Entrepreneurship, or PrinBMF class. As an integral part of the classroom curriculum, DECA's industry-validated competitive events are aligned with the National Curriculum Standards in the career clusters of marketing, business management and administration, finance, and hospitality and tourism. DECA's competitive events directly contribute to every student being college and career ready when they graduate from high school, with the opportunity available for academic scholarships.



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Disc Golf

Disc golf club is for any skill level and all grades. We work on the basics of throwing, putting, and sportsmanship. The club will meet once a week on Mondays starting in September and we will have tournaments in the Spring. If you have any questions, stop by Coach Long's room (202).



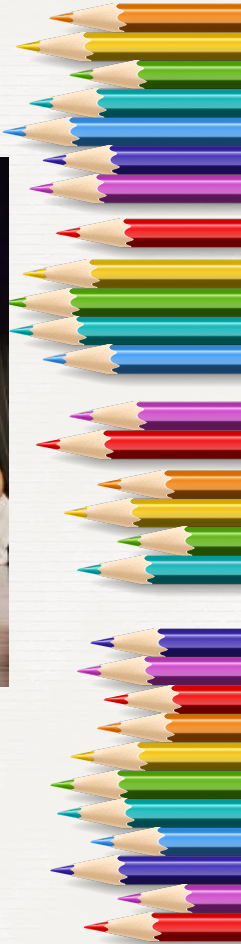
Contact: William Long wlong@irvingisd.net

Drama Club

Drama Club strives to entertain, amaze, and awe our peers all the while learning the ancient rules of the stage and performance. Our goal is to open minds and create experiences for others.



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Dungeons and Dragons

Do you enjoy fantastical worlds filled with dragons and wizards and monsters galore? Have you ever dreamt of playing the part of an elven wizard or an axe-wielding dwarf or a sneak-thief halfling? Then come join us in the D&D Club!



Contact: Chris Lambert clambert@irvingisd.net

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

FCCLA is a national Career and Technical Student Organization that provides personal growth, leadership development, and career preparation opportunities for students in Family and Consumer Sciences courses. Members develop leadership skills, participate in community service projects, compete in STAR events, and travel to exciting destinations!



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Fellowship of Christian Athletes

To present to coaches and athletes, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church. Activities: Bimonthly meetings in a coaches classroom during the school year. See You at the Pole-annually in September. Fields of Faith @ Southlake's Dragon Stadium-annually in October. Nimitz Spring event annually in April. Contact Mr. Swisher at cswisher@irvingisd.net



Contact: David Cuthbertson dcuthbertson@irvingisd.net



Future Farmers of America (FFA)

As a co-curricular club, we incorporate agriculture education into our contests consisting of Leadership Development Events, Career Development Events, and Speaking Development Events. Through these contests, students learn the necessary skills to be successful in their future goals and career paths. Students can expect to travel across the state of Texas competing, complete community service projects, and attend conventions with other FFA members from our area as well as the state. Once an active senior, students can apply to win a \$20,000 scholarship to help with their post-high school education.



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Green Team Recycling Program

The Nimitz Green Team is the longest-running recycling program in Irving ISD. Join us Wednesdays after school in room 232 to help Keep Nimitz GREEN! and earn volunteer hours. You do not have to come every week to join our team. We will collect items for recycling from classrooms. We ALWAYS end with SNACKS! Do you care about our school? Do you care about our city? Do you care about our environment? Let's Go GREEN TEAM!!!!



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Guitar/Songwriters Club

Tuesdays 4:30-5:30

Room 220

We meet once a week to talk about music, practice, and jam. Guitar players, drummers, singers, songwriters, producers, or listeners are all welcome.

Acoustic guitars are preferred. Bring a small amp if you want to play electric. *(If you want, you may leave your gear with Mr. Skupien in room 220 at the start of school on club days)*

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Junior Historians

The purpose of the Junior Historians is to help develop informed, active citizens aware of the past and ready to make their own history. To that end we offer members a wide variety of volunteer service opportunities, social studies contests, and experiences at local museums and historic sites.



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Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps

JROTC offers students a unique opportunity for personal growth, with an emphasis on American citizenship and history. Courses also help students develop personal values and skills to succeed in school and beyond. Students who participate in NJROTC competition teams travel all over Texas and when qualified, to Florida to compete at National competitions. All expenses of travel are covered by the JROTC program to include lodging and food.



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Kings Dance Crew

The Kings Dance Crew is the one and only co-ed competitive hip hop dance team in Irving ISD. The organization aims to improve dance and performance abilities, strengthen student confidence, promote school spirit, and develop leadership abilities. The Kings Dance Crew performs at pep rallies, special events, competitions, and dance showcases.



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Latinos Stand Up

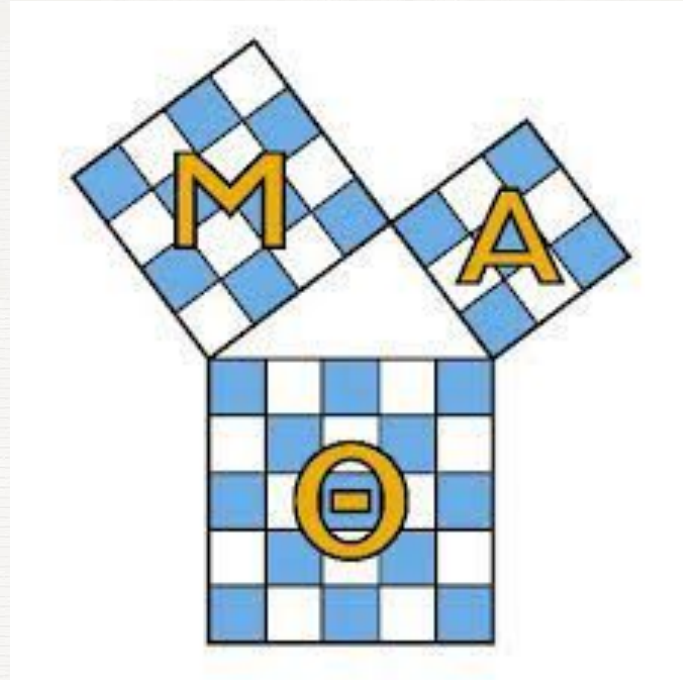
Latinos Stand Up is a student-led organization that has been at Nimitz High School for over 10 years. All students are invited to join and attend meetings that are held throughout the year to encourage positive participation of Latinos in the community. The group also takes field trips to college fairs, universities, and events and places that pertain to the Latino community, such as the Latino Film and Univision studios.



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Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta (MA Θ) is the United States mathematics honor society for high school and two-year college students. Its main goals are to inspire keen interest in mathematics, develop strong scholarship in the subject, and promote the enjoyment of mathematics in high school and two year college students.

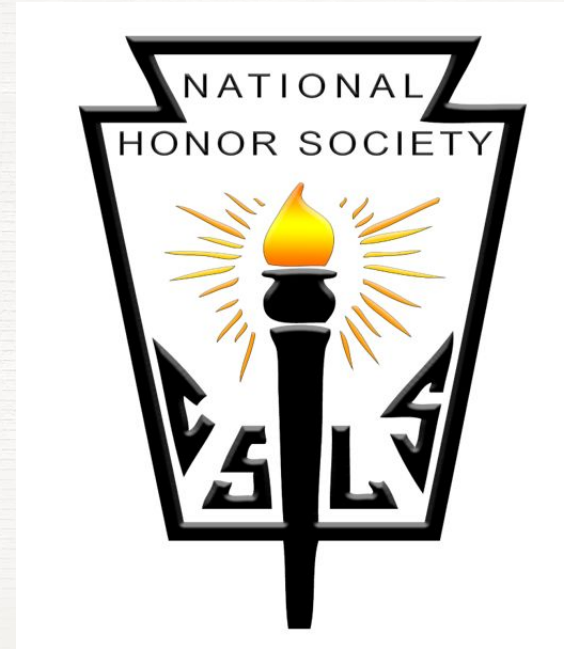


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National Honor Society

National Honor Society members have distinguished themselves by committing to the pursuit of academic excellence, community improvement, and personal development. This organization focuses on service, leadership, and character to help students build the skills and relationships to ensure success throughout their academic years and beyond. Juniors and seniors must have a cumulative GPA of 90 or higher and the recommendation of faculty and staff to be nominated for membership.



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National Speech & Debate Association

The National Speech & Debate Association's Honor Society recognizes middle school and high school students for participation in speech and debate activities. Students earn distinction through speech and debate competition, as well as community service, public speaking, and leadership activities. Members are eligible to join the Honor Society once they have earned the required number of points. Members of the Honor Society are held to the Code of Honor, the highest standards of integrity, humility, respect, leadership, and service.



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National Technical Honor Society

NTHS honors the academic excellence of top CTE students, provides scholarships to encourage the pursuit of higher education, and cultivates excellence in today's highly competitive, skilled workforce.



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Nimitz Speech and Debate Team

The Nimitz Speech & Debate Team serves a vital role in the cultivation of students by facilitating healthy social, emotional and intellectual growth. Our mission is to produce effective communicators and productive citizens who represent their high school and community in a distinguished manner through dedication, self-motivation, and discipline while fostering respectable sportsmanship, global awareness, and positive teamwork. While the most obvious benefits of participation include the development of public speaking, comprehensive research, writing and critical thinking skills, students also observe a surge of self-confidence, and receive a strong foundation in ethical citizenship. Nimitz Speech & Debate Team competes in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Extemporaneous Speaking (Informative and Persuasive) and Oral Interpretation (Poetry and Prose). The Speech and Debate Team includes students from all academic backgrounds.



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Orchestra

The NHS Orchestras are made up of string musicians who play the violin, viola, cello or bass. Nimitz orchestra students participate in contests such as UIL Concert & Sightreading, UIL Solo & Ensemble, All City and All Region, as well as perform regularly at seasonal concerts, cluster concerts and some combined events across the district. Nimitz orchestra students also receive extension opportunities to audition and perform with the LSYO (Lone Star Youth Orchestra) and the NPOI Side-by-Side Orchestras at the Irving Arts Center. Orchestra students enjoy various social activities together such as movie night, game night, Main Event trip and banquet.



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Quill & Scroll

Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists supports and advocates for scholastic journalists and their teachers. They aim to provide means by which students and educators can best perform and fully realize the educational benefits of journalism.



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Science Club

The purpose of the Nimitz High School Science Club is to allow students to explore concepts in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics in an informal and fun setting while reinforcing important skills, such as leadership and peer collaboration. We go on field trips in and out of the DFW area, such as the Dallas Zoo, Perot museum, Wetland center, Texas Freshwater Fisheries and Caddo Lake. We will also explore careers in science, biotechnology, engineering disciplines, architecture and research and the arts, etc.

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The Shakespeare Garden

The Shakespeare Garden is a real garden in the Nimitz courtyard. The purpose of the project is to engage students, parents, and staff in exploring William Shakespeare's life through fun activities that connect learning in class with real life. If you like flowers, art, poetry, costume parties, the history of food, fashion, graphic design, and web development, this is the place for you. Since this is a new initiative, you can experience what leadership is like by shaping the agenda for the Shakespeare Garden.

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Special Olympics

The Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools program is aimed at promoting social inclusion through intentionally planned and implemented activities affecting systems-wide change. With sports as the foundation, the three component model offers a unique combination of effective activities that equip young people with tools and training to create sports, classroom and school climates of acceptance.



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Student Council

Student Government gives students a voice in determining school activities and fosters a positive climate throughout the school. Members plan and organize school activities and participate in community service projects. Student council needs hard working, creative, fun loving, responsible students.



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Technical Student Association

Open to students enrolled in or who have completed technology education courses, TSA's membership includes more than 250,000 middle and high school students across the United States. TSA is supported by educators, parents, and business leaders who believe in the need for a technologically literate society. Members learn through exciting competitive events, leadership opportunities, and much more. A wide range of activities makes TSA a positive experience for every student.

TSA chapters take the study of STEM beyond the classroom and give students the chance to pursue academic challenges among friends with similar goals and interests. Together, TSA chapter members work on competitive events, learn and apply leadership skills, and may attend conferences at the state, regional, and national levels. TSA chapters also are committed to a national service project and are among the most service-oriented groups in the community. TSA members may become officers within their state and then run for national office.



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Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE)

T.A.F.E. is a statewide organization that offers students the opportunity to explore the teaching profession. Activities include tutoring, teacher appreciation, conferences and workshops.



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Travel Club

The Travel Club takes day and weekend trips, along with international tours. Their first meeting will be on August 22, 2023, at 4:20 PM in room 168.



JOIN NIMITZ TRAVEL CLUB



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Day Trips

Join us for one day field trips on school breaks, weekends, etc...
Ex: Athens, Texas for fishing
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Weekend Trips

Join us for multiple day field trips on weekends or school breaks.
Ex: Caddo Lake
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International Tours

Join us for 7-10 days of travel to another country.
Ex: Costa Rica, Belize, Columbia
Passport Required

**JOIN TODAY
CLUB MEMBERSHIP
\$10 PER SEMESTER**



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University Interscholastic League Academics (UIL)

Accounting –

Computer Applications –

Current Events – Mr. Diehl at jadiehl01@irvingisd.net

Extemporaneous Speaking - Ms. Blue at eblue@irvingisd.net

Debate - Ms. Blue at eblue@irvingisd.net

Journalism – Ms. Blue at eblue@irvingisd.net

Literary Criticism – Mr. Langsather at blangsather@irvingisd.net

Spelling/Vocabulary Mr. Langsather at blangsather@irvingisd.net

Ready Writing – Mr. Langsather at blangsather@irvingisd.net

Math, Calculator and Number Sense –

Oral Interpretation–Ms. Schuessler at aschuessler@irvingisd.net

Science –

Social Studies – Mr. Diehl at jadiehl01@irvingisd.net



Vikas

The Vikas Dance & Drill Team was established in 1970 at Chester W. Nimitz High School in Irving, Texas. Throughout the decades, this team has been well-known for precision-style movement, exciting showcases, thrilling football routines, community service, and an exceptional repertoire of crowd pleasing & competitive routines. Our calendar is full of exciting events and performances this year including football games, pep rallies, in-district/out-of-district competitions, showcases, and more! We are thrilled to continue the legacy of this amazing team into the future with pride and honor.



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Viking Crew

Senior only spirit group.

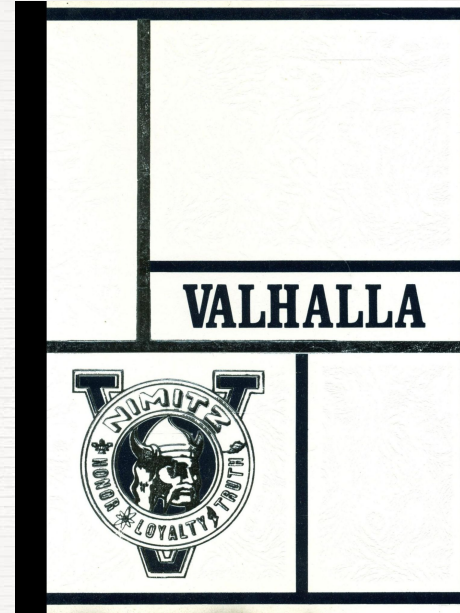


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Yearbook and Newspaper

Newspaper students create an online and print school newspaper. Yearbook students create the yearbook. Students work as reporters, photographers, page designers, and ad salespeople to create the publication. All publications require hard work, dedication, and the ability to meet deadlines. Teacher approval is required or must take Journalism as a prerequisite.



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2. Athletics



Athletic Training

To promote the profession of athletic training and to ensure the health and safety of all Nimitz student athletes. To provide an opportunity for the study and application of the components of sports medicine including but not limited to: sports medicine related careers, organizational and administrative considerations, prevention of athletic injuries, recognition, evaluation, and immediate care of athletic injuries, rehabilitation and management skills, taping and wrapping techniques, first aid/CPR/AED, emergency procedures, nutrition, sports psychology, human anatomy and physiology, therapeutic modalities, and therapeutic exercise. Activities outside of class time include practice and game coverage, holiday parties and educational field trips.



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Baseball

Baseball is the ultimate team sport and requires an emphasis on working together to a common goal. Our program works to build on these skills everyday through fundamentals, commitment, and hard work. We will have two teams in the spring and will also have fall baseball teams.



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Basketball - Girls'

Basketball is a team sport that requires consistent discipline, practice and hard work. Our program's **purpose** is to **change/impact** student **lives** through **basketball**, to be the best versions of themselves everyday and empower them to do the same for others. **Teach** them how to **WIN**, not just in school or sports, but in **LIFE**. With a new leadership at the helm, the goal is to build new winning traditions and usher in a new era of excellence. **OUR** journey will be defined by our 4 pillars of **Grace, Responsibility, Integrity, and Tenacity (GRIT)**. We will foster a sense of family within our program, while embracing unique challenges and celebrations of our journey. We will be sure to find **JOY** in the process and build strong bonds that will endure for years to come. Through building relationships with our student athletes and coaching staff, we will remain united through program challenges! We want to be the best representation of Irving Nimitz High School, while striving for **GREATNESS!** We also just want to have fun playing the game we love!

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Basketball - Boys'

The program is very competitive and emphasizes team work, hard work ethic and developing basketball skills. The program focuses on developing the complete student athlete and individual.



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Cross County

This team sport is for everybody who enjoys running. Girls run in a 2 mile race and boys run a 3 mile race. If interested, come out to practice Monday - Friday, at 6:30 a.m. to tryout. All paperwork must be completed before training with the team.



Contact: Emilia Sierra emsierra@irvingisd.net



Football

Football is a team sport that requires hard work and toughness. Our program's core values are commitment, discipline, and respect. The football program hopes to build on its recent successes of 2021 PLAYOFFS and CITY CHAMPIONS. We will have four teams in the fall.



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Golf



Contact: Mark Jenkins mjenkins@irvingisd.net



Soccer - Boys'

Boys' soccer is a program meant for highly skilled players with a desire to achieve on and off the field. The expectation is that a player needs to have the mindset to make the right choice, play hard in respect for the game and be prepared to become better as a person and player on the field and in the classroom.



Contact: Gustavo Camacho gcamacho01@irvingisd.net



Soccer - Girls'

School wide tryouts will be held on Monday, Nov. 30th and Tues, Dec. 1st after school. All paperwork must be completed before training with the team, such as a physical, insurance form and emergency contact form.



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Softball

Nimitz Softball embodies excellence both on and off the field. By joining our tight-knit community, you'll become a part of a storied tradition of success. We have clinched 9 district championships and made 24 playoff appearances since 1994. By becoming a member of our team, you'll not only have the opportunity to refine your athletic abilities, but also to forge lasting friendships and valuable life skills. You'll learn the importance of discipline, commitment, and resilience as you strive to uphold our legacy of achievement. Whether you're an experienced player or just starting your softball journey, our team is a place where your talents will be nurtured and celebrated. Join us in our pursuit of greatness as we continue to build upon our legacy of success.



Contact: Carrie Caldwell cacaldwell@irvingisd.net



Tennis



Contact: James Diehl jadiehl01@irvingisd.net



Track - Boys'

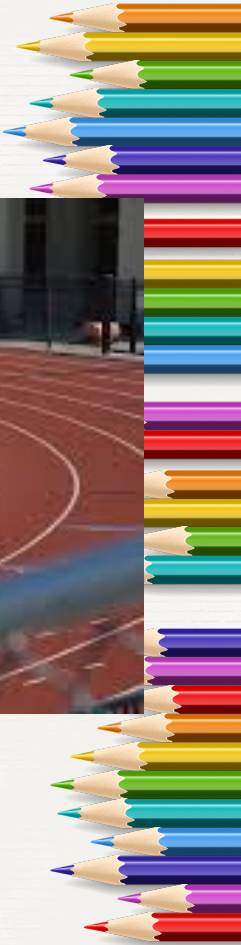
10 Reasons Why You Should Join Track And Field

1. It gets you in shape.
2. You learn self-discipline and can see the benefits of hard work.
3. Soon running doesn't seem like a big deal.
4. The meets are very exciting, and you get to know neat people from other schools.
5. The coaches are some of the nicest people you'll ever meet.
6. You get out of it what you put into it.
7. You get to compete against yourself and others.
8. You work your way up; setting and achieving goals.
9. You get to see yourself improve as the season progresses.
10. You make friendships that will last a lifetime.

What I love about Track and Field is that it is not just a team sport, it is not just an individual sport... It is both... It offers multiple events which can appeal to all different types of student-athletes... If you don't have a lot of athletes out, you will most likely not compete for team victories; however, if you are good at your event/s you may still have an opportunity to go all the way to state... Sprints, middle distance, long distance, relays, throwing implements, jumping, vaulting..... Track and Field has something for everyone!



Contact: Roy Sessions
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Track - Girls'



Contact: Gabriel Goodman ggoodman@irvingisd.net



Volleyball

The participants in the volleyball program are expected to consider the team's needs and goals ahead of the individual. Like all worthwhile extra-curricular activities, high school sports require a substantial commitment. Volleyball demands that individuals work as one, in a fast-paced test of coordination, concentration and cooperation.



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Wrestling

The Nimitz Viking wrestling program is rooted in tradition and looking to add to the rich history of Nimitz HS. We are a growing program that is always willing to help you learn and excel at this amazing sport. Both Girls and Boys are needed to take the Vikings to the next level. If interested please contact Coach Ulferts.



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