

# 7 Thoughts for & from School Districts

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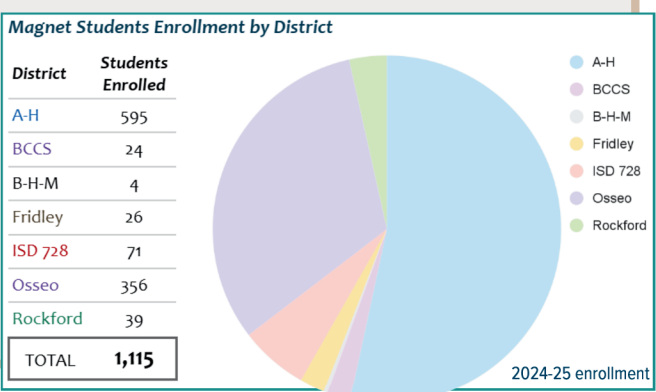
Summer 2025



## Just the facts.

This report aims to provide simple snapshots (such as this one below) of the 7-district impact NWSISD has had this year

At the end of each academic year, NWSISD produces a data/participation report. The 2024-25 report, released just this June, is publicly accessible [here](#).



## Did you know?

Our office has **A NEW LOOK!** When they would stop by, families and member-district staff have often been confused as to where to enter our offices. Using the last remainder of some grant funds, we partnered with Anoka-Hennepin schools to create this new, eye-popping look!



## NWSISD PROGRAMMING & DIRECT SUPPORTS



### College & Career

We offer three student programs that are yearlong. Consider getting them started at your site this fall!

OPPORTUNITY	OVERVIEW
<b>Essence Mentorships</b> coordinated by K. Felder	skill building for secondary students (most female-identifying)
<b>Step-Up Mentorships</b> coordinated by JB Bernacki	skill building for secondary students (most male-identifying)
<b>Educators Rising (ER)</b> coordinated by A. Davis	education (and related) career exploration for secondary students

To learn more, reach out to the listed coordinator

& we have a new team member ↓

**NEW** **JB Bernacki**  
SFC Empowerment Specialist

Vacant since December 2024, we're thrilled to again have both Student, Family, and Community (SFC) Empowerment Specialist roles filled! In August, Bernacki will begin working part-time with us here at NWSISD; he'll mainly serve as a mentor for secondary students in our Step-Up program. Nonetheless, he is not one to wait; Bernacki collaborated with our team already this June by assisting with Summer Summit and starting to connect with future Step-Up students.



### Educator Support

As you plan your year, know that we would love **LEARNING TOGETHER** to have you join us for any of the any/all of the following opportunities; each designed for educators/educational leaders from any and all of our member districts to come learn from/alongside one another.

OPPORTUNITY	FACILITATOR
<b>COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE</b>	ONGOING
FOR STAFF FROM ANY MEMBER-DISTRICT	
Multilingual Leaders & Educators <b>NEW</b>	U. Rodriguez
Teaching & Learning Leaders <b>NEW</b>	U. Rodriguez
AVID Leaders & Educators <b>NEW</b>	U. Rodriguez
A&I Coordinators (MDCC)	H. Lyke
FOR STAFF FROM ANY MEMBER-DISTRICT MAGNET SITE	
Magnet School Administrators <b>NEW</b>	R. Koch
Curriculum Integration Coordinators	U. Rodriguez
<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	SINGLE SESSIONS
FOR ANY STAFF MEMBER OF ANY MEMBER-DISTRICT	
Sept. Supporting Foreign Born Students	Multiple/Forum
Oct. Intro. into Resilience Journey: Marking Districts Great Workplaces	Martin Blank

To learn more or join, reach out to the facilitator listed or Kim Haggen (khaggen@nws.k12.mn.us)



### Magnet Support

Staff who work with magnet student data (enrollment, transportation access, etc.) may be excited for the 2025-2026 transition to a new online system! Get ready for new, exciting features, such as:

- email and address verification
- improved accessibility (*mobile phone capability, multilingual access, etc.*)
- transparent progress tracking

Plus, we've this staffing change ↓

**NEW** **Randy Koch**  
Magnet Services Director

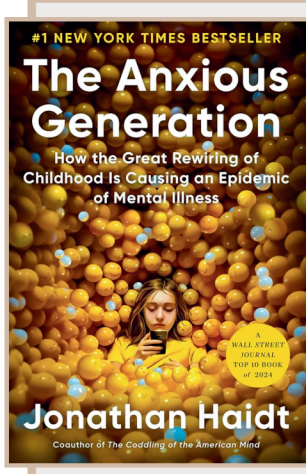
Koch formally served (for 7 years) as our Grant Project Director, supporting 7 magnet sites that received federal grant funds. Starting July 2025, he shifts to supporting all 27 of our magnet schools.

- Overseeing Application & Transportation Services
- Supporting our Learning & Development Specialist (U. Rodriguez) with magnet-related learnings/PD
- Support magnet programming (Admin. support, Reflection & Review cycles, MSA alignment, etc.)



### A classroom tool.

While planning lessons for this coming year, consider adding in some tangible, culturally authentic items to make the learning more three dimensional! The Multicultural Resource Center (MRC), curated and run by Ayenna Davis, is our NWSISD artifact library. Any staff member from any site within our 7 districts may check out items for free! Such artifacts help provide more multidimensional, hands-on learning experiences for students while also bringing world cultures to life!



### What ~~we're~~ Loving.

This past year, educators from across the state gathered together to read *The Anxious Generation* through a course offered by MDE. Then, some staff from across NWSISD dove even deeper, following up each MDE session with group discussions focused on personal takeaways and classroom applications. If you have not yet had a chance to read this highly impactful text, **we fully recommend it!**



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