Natalia ISD: Own the Outcome
A Strong Start to 2026-2027

Fall 2026











Message from the Superintendent

As we settle into the 2026–2027 school year, I am proud of the energy, dedication, and sense of purpose that can be seen throughout Natalia ISD. From our classrooms and campuses to our athletic fields and extracurricular programs, our students and staff have embraced the year with enthusiasm and a commitment to making a difference.

This year, our battle cry is "Own the Outcome." These words remind us that each of us has a role in the success of our students and our district. It means taking responsibility for the things we can control, approaching challenges with determination, and making choices each day that move us forward. For our students, it means taking ownership of their learning and actions. For our staff, it means continuing to provide meaningful opportunities and high-quality instruction. For our families and community, it means partnering with us to support every Mustang.

We have much to celebrate, but we also recognize that our work continues. Across the district, we remain focused on academic growth, student attendance, safe and supportive schools, and providing our teachers and staff with the resources they need to succeed. At the same time, the progress of our Bond 2024 projects is providing a visible reminder of the investment our community has made in the future of Natalia ISD.

I am especially grateful for the support our district continues to receive from our families, local organizations, businesses, churches, and community members. Natalia ISD is stronger when we work together, and your involvement makes a meaningful difference in the opportunities we are able to provide our students.

As we move through the fall semester, I encourage everyone to stay connected, celebrate our students and staff, attend our events, and continue being an active part of Natalia ISD.

There is great work happening throughout our district, and I am excited about where we are headed. Together, we will continue to put students first, support one another, and Own the Outcome .

Thank you for your continued trust and support of Natalia ISD.

Dr. Elmer Avellaneda

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Mustang Difference Makers

Owing the Outcome, Making a Difference

Natalia ISD is proud to introduce our Mustang Difference Makers, a recognition that celebrates students and staff who demonstrate what it means to Own the Outcome through their actions, attitude, leadership, and positive impact on others.

Throughout the school year, each of our campuses will have the opportunity to recognize students and staff members who are making a difference in their school community.

We are excited to celebrate our first Mustang Difference Makers of the 2026–2027 school year!

Their contributions are a great reminder that making a difference can happen in many ways—and every member of our Mustang family has the opportunity to make an impact.

High School



Adrianna Pissari

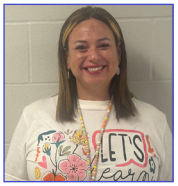

Kenzlie Jarreau

Junior High


Debbie Martinez


Marlene Ferez Ortiz

Elementary



Maguey Lozano


Bryce Mendoza

Early Childhood Center


Amanda Leach-Beeching


Atticus Duenes

Natalia ISD Celebrates Districtwide Academic Growth

Natalia ISD is celebrating significant academic progress following the release of the 2025–2026 State Accountability ratings, with the district and every rated campus earning a "C" rating.

Natalia Elementary: F → C
Natalia Junior High: F → C
Natalia High School: D → C
Natalia ISD Overall: F → C

This growth reflects the hard work and commitment of our students, teachers, staff, administrators, families, and community. By strengthening instruction, supporting students, and maintaining high expectations, Natalia ISD continues to move forward.

There is more work ahead, but we are proud of the progress being made across our district.

Natalia ISD Food Distribution

Natalia ISD's monthly Food Distributions are open to our Natalia community and surrounding areas. Families are welcome to stop by and receive available food items while supplies last.

Upcoming Dates

Event schedule 2:00-4:00
- October 21, 2026
- November 18, 2026
- December 16, 2026
- January 20, 2027

Topping Out Ceremony: 2024 Bond Construction Update

Natalia ISD celebrated an exciting Bond 2024 milestone on September 25 with a Topping Out Ceremony marking continued progress on the district's construction projects. Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Board President Eric Smith, Elementary Principal Nichole Speer, Ag Teacher Madison Flores, High tower and SpawGlass San Antonio Region President Jason Smith shared remarks during the ceremony. Representatives from SpawGlass, Pfluger Architects, and AG|CM joined Natalia ISD Board members, administrators, staff, community leaders, and special guests to celebrate the occasion.



The milestone represents another important step forward as Natalia ISD continues investing in facilities and learning spaces that will serve students for years to come.

Building for our students. Owning the Outcome.

FIRST Financial Rating

Natalia ISD earned a Superior "A" rating under the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST), achieving a score of 96. The rating reflects the district's commitment to financial accountability, transparency, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. It also marks significant progress, with the district improving 16 points—from 80 two years ago to 96 today. This achievement reflects the continued efforts of the Board of Trustees, administration, and staff to strengthen the district's financial foundation and ensure resources support student success.



80 → 96 | Stronger finances. Stronger schools. Stronger community.

Healthy Hearts in Action at Natalia Elementary

Natalia ISD would like to thank the American Heart Association and representatives Sonia Marines and Tammi Martin for visiting our district and making a special presentation to Natalia Elementary.

We are excited to announce that Natalia Elementary has been selected as a recipient of the American Heart Association NFL PLAY 60 Active Recess Grant in the amount of $500!

Through the Kids Heart Challenge, our students learn healthy habits, build character, have fun, and help spread awareness while raising lifesaving funds.

Thank you to the American Heart Association, Tammi Martin, and Sonia Marines for supporting our students and encouraging healthy hearts and active lifestyles!



Learning in Action

Across Natalia ISD, our classrooms are filled with students actively engaged in learning, collaborating with classmates, asking questions, and building new skills. From hands-on activities to meaningful classroom discussions, our students are taking an active role in their education each day. These moments reflect the dedication of our teachers and the hard work of our students as we continue to Own the Outcome!

Be on the lookout for our new monthly Learning in Action video series, highlighting learning happening across Natalia ISD and giving our community a closer look inside our classrooms.

High School

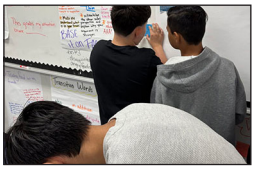




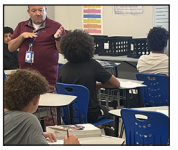




Junior High






Elementary









Early Childhood Center









Football








Volleyball







Cross Country

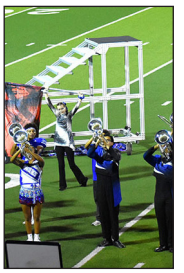


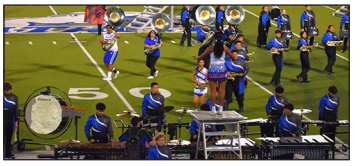
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Mustang Band



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Homecoming 2026

Natalia ISD celebrated Homecoming Week with dress-up days, a pep rally, parade, tailgate, and plenty of Mustang pride! The Mustangs capped off the week with a 50–6 victory over YMLA.

Congratulations to Homecoming King and Queen Leonardo Buentello and Kaylee Uviedo! We were also proud to honor the heroes and lives lost on September 11 and welcome back former coach Dub Well and former Mustang athlete Jimmy Cabrera.

It's a Great Day to Be a Mustang!








Help Build the Natalia ISD Education Foundation

Natalia ISD is taking the first steps toward establishing the Natalia ISD Education Foundation—a community-led organization focused on creating new opportunities for our students and teachers.

The Foundation could support classroom mini-grants, student scholarships, career certifications, STEM and fine arts programs, enrichment opportunities, and innovative learning experiences.

WE WANT YOU ON THE TEAM!

We're looking for parents, family members, alumni, local business leaders, and community members who want to help shape the Foundation's future.

Interested in getting involved?
Scan the QR code to complete our Interest Survey!
Together, We Can Build a Better Tomorrow for Natalia ISD!

Natalia ISD is a connected community where we create opportunities for growth, empowerment, and future success.

Students First • Loyalty to the District • Overcommunication • Work Ethic