



AT A GLANCE

2
SCHOOL
DISTRICTS

10,031
STUDENTS*

COMAL ISD
(2018)

** within City limits and current ETJ*

8,950
STUDENTS
NEW BRAUNFELS ISD
PK-12TH GRADE
ENROLLMENT (2017)

9+
POST
SECONDARY
SCHOOLS/ AREA
UNIVERSITIES



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EXISTING CONDITIONS

The Education and Youth Plan Element considers the needs of the city's community and youth from education and health to social activities and child care. Education input will guide goals and policies for school locations, preparing youth to become responsible citizens, and identifying technical vocational training and higher education needs, as well as the educational and social needs of all generations in the community.

While New Braunfels' ETJ includes portions of the Marion, Navarro and Seguin Independent School Districts, two primary school districts serve New Braunfels: New Braunfels Independent School District (NBISD) and Comal Independent School District (Comal ISD). Since both districts are independent, neither the City of New Braunfels nor Comal or Guadalupe County control either of these school districts. Instead, the City and Counties strive to collaborate with the districts to ensure that the community's educational needs are met. The City of New Braunfels and school districts work together on projects, such as safety, as well as community improvements such as school athletic fields. Other school districts have jurisdiction to the east and south in our ETJ that we should consider as we grow in those directions toward Seguin, McQueeney, Marion, Santa Clara and Cibolo.

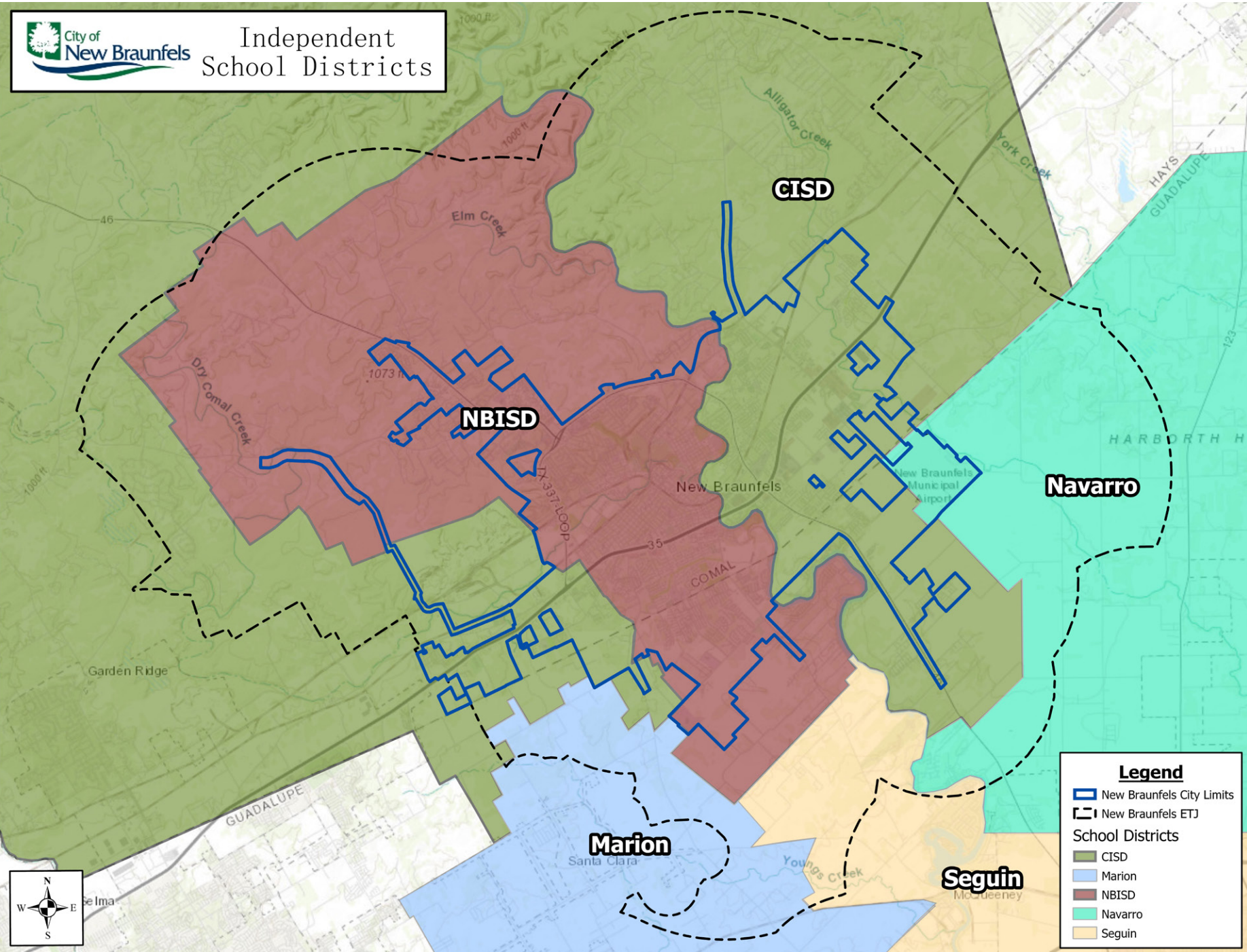
NEW BRAUNFELS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Serving more than 8,950 students, the NBISD currently has 15 campuses: one early childhood center, nine elementary campuses, two middle schools, one ninth grade center, one 10-12th grade high school, and one alternative learning center. Consistently performing above their state peers in testing, NBISD strives to increase student performance by offering more opportunities for education, and challenging academic programs. Since 2012, NBISD has implemented the TEC21 program aimed at empowering students to engage in the collaboration, creativity, communication and critical thinking skills that are essential to a post-K12 education and career. The TEC21 one-to-one initiative seeks to blend education with new technology, such as iPads.

COMAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Comal ISD serves more than 23,000 students within its 589 square mile area. With 28 schools and roughly 800 new students per year, CISD is one of Texas' fastest-growing districts. It's schools are known for its wide range of educational services including career and technology offerings, dual high school/college enrollment, special education services, teacher training, fine arts, agriculture and sports programs.





VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION

To meet the needs of the community, the New Braunfels Mayor's Higher Education Task Force continues to develop a plan for higher education opportunities by working closely with Howard Payne University, Texas Lutheran University and Wayland Baptist University. Currently, Howard Payne University offers MBA classes to the community, and plans to build a university in the planned Veramendi development. These institutions help provide education for a diverse group of students, including middle-aged and senior learners.

Additionally, through a partnership between Alamo Colleges and the New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation, the Central Texas Technology Center (CTTC) offers entry-level and advanced technical skills for area residents. Offerings include academic core courses such as science, math and humanities, as well as short-term workforce training programs in welding technology, OSHA training and other emerging high-demand jobs. In addition to providing valuable education, CTTC also helps connect students of all ages and career stages to employers through job fairs and job search preparation.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Both the NBISD and Comal ISD offer community education opportunities. Classes offered range from exercise and music to professional development skills courses. The option of Ed2Go online courses offered through both districts makes a wide variety of classes easily accessible to community members. In addition, the New Braunfels Public Library partners with the Westside Community Center and Region XX Adult Education to provide GED, ESL and citizenship classes to residents.





PLAN ELEMENT ADVISORY GROUP RECAP

STRENGTHS

- New Braunfels' strong sense of identity and history help root young residents to the community.
- The New Braunfels and Comal Independent School Districts offer strong K-12 education opportunities.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Promoting the kinds of innovative businesses that are often found in neighboring metropolises could help New Braunfels retain young residents.
- Enhanced career training and higher education opportunities could both better prepare New Braunfels' youth to enter the workforce, and encourage them to stay in the community.
- Plans for enhanced sports venues and athletic fields will provide opportunities for active youth recreation.

PRIOR GOALS (2016)

The Plan Element Advisory Group conducted an inventory of the 2006 Comprehensive plan goals and determined which ones were and were not achieved and identified the gaps that Envision New Braunfels could work to complete. Refer to the [Technical Report Appendix](#) for a matrix of the reviewed goals.



EDUCATION AND YOUTH GOALS

1. Support workforce training and development focused on targeted industries.



2. Foster an environment that encourages youth to want to stay, return and invest in the future of the city.



3. Through collaborative efforts, continue to provide and expand coordinated and comprehensive opportunities and environments to prepare children and their families for early education and their complete education journey.



4. Promote healthy lifestyles for youth through upgraded and new sporting venues, parkland and trails.



5. Provide locations for social opportunities for teens after school/evenings.



INDICATES A STRATEGY THAT SUPPORTS THE PLAN ELEMENT GOAL

APPLICABLE STRATEGIES
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