

## IRN - The Reuse Network

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# Case Study in Reuse Fort Worth Independent School District

## Overview

Voters in the Fort Worth, Texas Independent School District approved a \$750 million capital improvement program, with the goal to enhance learning environments in the district's twelve high schools. These projects have added or expanded Career and Technical Education spaces, science classrooms, libraries, and collaboration spaces, and have eliminated the district's reliance on several dozen portable classrooms.

Installation of new furnishings and removal of the old have been closely tied to the schedule for renovations and new construction undertaken in many of the schools. It's been a complex project with many moving parts, extending (to date) over four years, with the many disruptions of Covid-19 thrown into the middle.

Based on a decade-long partnership, the District's new furniture supplier proposed reuse of the old furnishings as part of its service package. Considering the financial, environmental, social, and operational benefits, the district agreed that reuse was the best option for handling the furnishings to be disposed of.

## Composition

IRN's involvement to date has included 20 separate reuse projects, ranging from 275 to more than 1,600 pieces, and providing 43 tractor-trailers filled with furniture to needy communities.

Item	Number	Item	Number
Desk, Student	5,892	Table	1,832
Chair, Student	6,397	Desk, Professional	272
Stool	425	Chair, Adult	521
File Cabinet	211	Other	248
		<b>Total</b>	<b>15,798</b>

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## Destinations

Fort Worth furnishings have been provided to nine different nonprofit organizations, which in turn have distributed them into communities in thirteen countries and the state of Texas.

School	Pieces	Trailers	Destinations
Amon Carter HS	916	3	Mexico, Texas
Arlington Heights HS	1,143	3	Haiti, Jamaica
Benbrook HS	395	1	Guatemala
Diamond Hill-Jarvis HS	271	1	Haiti
Dunbar HS	842	2	Malawi
Eastern Hills HS	3,217	9	Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Jamaica, Zambia
Logan ES	927	1	International (Unspecified)
Mitchell ES	750	1	Lebanon
North Side HS	1,046	3	Jamaica
O.D. Wyatt HS	312	1	Haiti
Paschal HS	2,021	6	Haiti, Mexico
Southwest HS	324	1	Nicaragua
Trimble Technical HS	1,822	5	Haiti, Kenya, Turkey
Western Hills HS	1,812	6	Guatemala, Nicaragua, Philippines, Senegal
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,798</b>	<b>43</b>	



*Paschal High School  
Destination: Port au Prince, Haiti*



*Dunbar High School  
Destination: Lilongwe, Malawi*



*Eastern Hills High School  
Destination: Lusaka, Zambia*