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### **Sycamore Springs ES/MS Is Honored with Rain Catcher Award**

The Sycamore Springs Elementary/Sycamore Springs Middle School rainwater collection system has been chosen as one of five recipients of the Texas Water Development Board's Rain Catcher Award. The TWDB Rain Catcher Award is a rainwater harvesting competition and recognition program established to promote technology, educate the public, and to recognize excellence in the application of rainwater harvesting systems in Texas.

The rainwater collection system has been in operation since the two schools opened in August 2017. The schools employ three separate rainwater harvesting systems: two of the systems are used to supply water for toilet flushing and the third system is used to supply irrigation water. Each toilet flushing system has the potential to harvest approximately 200,000 gallons of rainwater during an average year of rainfall for Dripping Springs. The system that supplies water for the irrigation system can harvest approximately 160,000 gallons of rainwater during an average year of rainfall.

The Sycamore Springs campus was designed by Huckabee Architects and built by Lee Lewis Construction.