

NEW TIGER FAMILY GUIDE

Welcome to Dripping Springs ISD! We are excited to welcome you to our school district, nestled in the picturesque Texas Hill Country! This guide contains useful information for new families in our district. DSISD currently enrolls more than 8,000 students across eight campuses.



Dripping Springs High School (DSHS)

Phone: 512.858.3100	Grades 9-12
Website: dsisdtx.us/dshs	940 Highway 290 West
Principal: Angela Gamez	One mile west of RR12/290 intersection



Dripping Springs Middle School (DSMS)

Phone: 512.858.3400	Grades 6-8
Website: dsisdtx.us/dsms	111 Tiger Lane
Principal: Angela Frankhouser	South of Hwy 290 at Tiger Lane



Sycamore Springs Middle School (SSMS)

Phone: 512.858.3600	Grades 6-8
Website: dsisdtx.us/ssms	14451 Sawyer Ranch Road
Principal: Kelly Miller	One mile south of Highway 290



Cypress Springs Elementary School (CSE)

Phone: 737.260.8700	Grades PK-5
Website: dsisdtx.us/cses	11091 Darden Hill Road
Principal: Kellie Raymond	Sawyer Ranch/Darden Hill intersection



Dripping Springs Elementary School (DSE)

Phone: 512.858.3700	Grades PK-5
Website: dsisdtx.us/dses	29400 Ranch Road 12
Principal: Jamie Eubanks	Two miles north of Highway 290



Rooster Springs Elementary School (RSE)

Phone: 512.465.6200	Grades PK-5
Website: dsisdtx.us/rses	1001 Belterra Drive
Principal: Steve Novickas	Located in the Belterra subdivision



Sycamore Springs Elementary School (SSE)

Phone: 512.858.3900	Grades PK-5
Website: dsisdtx.us/sses	14451 Sawyer Ranch Road
Principal: Cody Spraberry	One mile south of Highway 290



Walnut Springs Elementary School (WSE)

Phone: 512.858.3800	Grades PK-5
Website: dsisdtx.us/wses	113 Tiger Lane
Principal: Maureen Jamail	South of Hwy 290 at Tiger Lane

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MORRIS-KUENTZ



Dear DSISD Community,

Welcome to the Tiger Family! On behalf of Dripping Springs ISD, it is my honor to welcome you to our amazing school district. I know that many families seek out DSISD specifically for our acclaimed schools, and rightfully so. Our community has a long tradition of outstanding education and takes great pride in our district's reputation for excellence.

One of the reasons our schools excel is because of the dedicated support of our parents. As new members of this community, I encourage you to get involved. All of our campuses have Parent-Teacher Associations that provide vital support to our wonderful staff and students. We also have an active Dripping Springs Education Foundation that serves the district with both financial and program support. From volunteering in the classroom, to athletics and fine arts booster clubs, you are invited to take an active role in our thriving district.

Thank you for choosing Dripping Springs ISD. As our dedicated staff, community members, and parents work together to support our district, I have no doubt we will accomplish great things! We are so glad you are here!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Holly Morris-Kuentz".

Dr. Holly Morris-Kuentz
Superintendent of Schools

VISION

We inspire and equip students to be life-long learners and positive contributors to the world.

MISSION

We partner with students, parents, and the community to provide a personal and exceptional education for every student.

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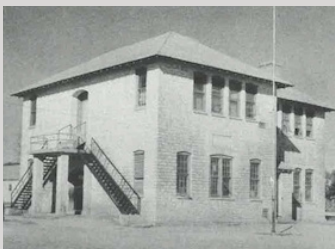
Dripping Springs ISD is all about personal learning for the students and adults in our district. Our logos represent the concept of the "Signature Education" that students receive at DSISD. The athletics logo is a maroon paw with a gold "DS" in the center (SSMS uses a silver accent). Schools within the Dripping Springs "Tiger Nation" have different versions of a tiger.

Dripping Springs

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



DSISD HISTORY



The Dripping Springs Academy building

Education has been in the forefront of Dripping Springs' history ever since the first students received tutoring here in the early 1860s. The Dripping Springs Academy, founded in 1882, laid the foundation for what would eventually become Dripping Springs ISD.

In 1934, 14 common school districts consolidated with Dripping Springs to form the Dripping Springs Rural High School District. With the consolidation came growth and construction of a new four-room high school building downtown off Mercer Street, just west of the original school in 1939. A decade later, a new school building housing all grades was completed in time for the 1949-50 school year. On Feb. 18, 1950, the district officially was named Dripping Springs ISD.

Dripping Springs ISD branched off into separate elementary, middle school and high school buildings in the 1980s, and now includes five elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school. Dripping Springs High School (now DSMS) was built in 1985 and Dripping Springs Elementary was completed in 1987. Dripping Springs Middle School was housed in the current DSISD Administration Building until a new middle school building (now the site of DSHS) was added in 1995. After middle school students moved out of 510 W. Mercer Street, Dripping Springs Intermediate School was established there to serve fourth- and fifth-graders. Younger grades continued to attend Dripping Springs Primary School on Ranch Road 12. A new intermediate school campus was built in 1999 on Sportsplex Drive.

In 2006, the intermediate campus became Walnut Springs Elementary and the primary school was named Dripping Springs Elementary. The following year, Rooster Springs Elementary opened its doors as the district's third elementary school.

In 2010, the middle and high school "swapped" buildings to allow for expansion of the current high school. Sycamore Springs Elementary and Sycamore Springs Middle School were built in 2017, and the newest campus, Cypress Springs Elementary, came on board in 2021. That same year, Walnut Springs Elementary relocated next to Dripping Springs Middle School.

From a two-room schoolhouse with 64 students during its first year, Dripping Springs ISD has grown to more than 8,000 students across eight campuses.

COMMUNICATION METHODS

Communication with parents and other stakeholders is a priority in DSISD. Learn more at dsisdtx.us/communicationtools.

Skyward Family Access: This online tool is a depository for annual registration documents and health records, and features grades, attendance, and other student information. Family Access data is used for automated phone calls in time-sensitive or emergency situations.

Websites: The DSISD website (dsisdtx.us) includes district information, news, events, menus, bus information, staff directory, links to online payments, and much more.

Canvas: Canvas gives parents the ability to see class or course information, along with assignments. Teachers use Canvas to upload course syllabi, assignments and grades, and to communicate with parents.

E-mail: Parent e-mail blasts are sent from the district, campus and classroom levels. District blasts (coming from DSISDnews@dsisdtx.us) are used for news and updates.

Notifications: DSISD offers parents options for emergency and time-sensitive notifications, as well as major announcements, through Blackboard Communications via e-mail, phone calls, or texts. These notifications are delivered to the contact information listed in Family Access.

Newsletter: Parents are emailed a weekly newsletter "Inside DSISD" from the district with upcoming events and the latest news.

District App: DSISD has a free app that is available through iTunes or Google Play. The app is customizable for parents, depending on which campuses their students attend.

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DRIPPING SPRINGS ISD

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All eight Dripping Springs ISD schools are named after existing natural springs in or around the district attendance zone.

ENROLLMENT TIPS

School attendance zones are determined by the student's street address. Our Interactive Map at dsisdtx.us/addresslookup can confirm what school(s) correspond with your address.

Student registration consists of three steps:

1) Enroll online: Parents/guardians should use the online system to fill out registration information for any new student.

2) Required document submission and registration completion: After the online process is complete, parents/guardians must visit the student's new campus on a specified registration date to submit required documents. Once the campus has received the necessary documents, the enrollment process is complete. A list of documents needed for initial enrollment can be found at dsisdtx.us/registration.

3) Annual enrollment verification: Student information verification is an annual process that must be completed for ALL students. Parents/guardians can check and update contact, emergency, and health information, and complete required yearly forms online.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PTAs/Booster Clubs: All schools have Parent-Teacher Associations that offer opportunities for parental involvement and volunteerism while supporting programs and events on campuses. In addition, at the secondary level, parents with children in specific activities (band, cheer, athletics, theater, etc.) can get involved with booster clubs that support those groups.

Campus/Classroom: Schools have opportunities for parents to volunteer in areas such as the library, teacher workroom and classrooms. Visit dsisdtx.us/volunteer to begin the registration process.

District: There are opportunities for parents to be involved on a district-wide basis through advisory committees. For more information, see dsisdtx.us/committees.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dripping Springs ISD's Community Services Department offers many programs and services benefitting students, parents, staff and other adults in the community.

Some examples are:

- Child Development Center
- After- and before-school care
- Elementary enrichment programs
- Summer camps
- Preschool classes
- Adult education classes

For more information, call 512.858.3021 or visit dsisdtx.us/cs.

SECURITY AT CAMPUSES

Check-In: Campus visitors must show a driver's license to receive a visitor's badge and be entered into a database that cross-checks a national sex-offender registry. Visitor badges must be displayed while on campus and turned into the office upon departure. For major school events, parents should allow enough time to check in.

Background Checks: Campus volunteers who will be working in classrooms or around children are required to have a background check completed. A form can be filled out to authorize the check, which remains valid for one year.

Access Control: Campus visitors must enter through the front doors. All other doors are locked during the school day, although teachers have access cards. It is important not to breach building security by propping doors open.

Video Cameras: All schools have security cameras positioned around campus. Video cameras are also in place on all buses.

School Resource Officers: Dripping Springs ISD has three full-time school resource officers who are Hays County Sheriff's Office deputies.

KEY CONTACT NUMBERS

DSISD Administration	512.858.3001
Cypress Springs Elementary	737.260.8700
Dripping Springs Elementary	512.858.3700
Rooster Springs Elementary	512.465.6200
Sycamore Springs Elementary	512.858.3900
Walnut Springs Elementary	512.858.3800
Dripping Springs Middle School	512.858.3400
Sycamore Springs Middle School	512.858.3600
Dripping Springs High School	512.858.3100
Athletics	512.858.3037
Business Operations	512.858.3006
Child Nutrition	512.858.3057
Communications	512.858.3001
Community Services	512.858.3021
Human Resources	512.858.3064
Learning and Innovation	512.858.3010
Special Services	512.858.3066
Facilities and Construction	512.858.3013
Superintendent's Office	512.858.3002
Technology	512.858.3035
Transportation	512.858.3502

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Board meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month in the DSISD Central Office Board Room starting at 6:00 p.m. An agenda review meeting is held the previous Monday, except in November and December.

DRIPPING SPRINGS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Founded in 1992 to support academic achievement, the Dripping Springs Education Foundation supports the district in many ways including grants to teachers for classroom enrichment, encourages and supports excellence in teaching, and fosters student participation in special projects that otherwise would not be funded in the district budget.

The Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. For more information, to donate, or to volunteer, please visit the DSEF website at dseducationfoundation.org.





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