



Dripping Springs, is well-known as the “Gateway to the Hill Country.” Located just 20 minutes west of Austin, Dripping Springs is home to spectacular natural wonders, historic treasures, unique shopping, eclectic live music venues, exciting rodeos, a plethora of wineries, craft breweries and local distilleries and legendary hospitality. Also, recognized as the official, “Wedding Capital of Texas®,” Dripping Springs is a premiere destination location, as well as being a great base for exploring the rest of the Texas Hill Country.

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Dripping Springs, Texas offers the perfect blend of hill country beauty, heritage, and good old-fashioned hospitality.

Come & Play With Us

The Hill Country beckons to you – and the gateway to that beautiful scenery begins in the small, slow-paced and welcoming city of Dripping Springs. Stop, take a deep breath and stay around to enjoy the nice people, wonderful shops and good eats.

The “dripping springs” which served as the catalyst for the name of the city, is located in the heart of Dripping Springs. Visitors from all over the globe come to enjoy the history of our city, shop in well-known establishments and enjoy world famous barbecue.

Spend the day in Dripping Springs touring the olive orchard and area vineyards, sampling locally

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District Profile

Dripping Springs ISD is located in the northwest portion of Hays County (approximately 20 miles west of Austin) and offers a comprehensive curriculum based on the goal of student achievement at the highest level. Teachers strive to personalize instruction to meet the needs of each student and help him or her reach individual potentials and connect with personal passions.

Superintendent Bruce Gearing has promoted the importance of having a “life changer” in every classroom to truly impact students’ love of learning in addition to helping them with content mastery. District planning in all areas emphasizes students’ acquisition of 21st Century skills like creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, communication, problem-solving, and global citizenship. There are many factors that contribute to DSISD’s excellence in education,

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Why Dripping Springs?

A vibrant community with a dynamic and expanding marketplace, Dripping Springs is the perfect location to grow your business. Our community holds fast to its historic roots and hill country settings, while embracing a comprehensive growth plan to take us into a sustainable future. Dripping Springs is home to successful agri-businesses, wineries, world renowned guitar craftsmen, an accomplished artistic community, and luxury event centers, as well as a neurological treatments center, high tech industries, manufacturing, and commercial construction companies.

Bring your business to Dripping Springs, It All Starts Here...

The Dripping Springs Area Economic Development Committee’s primary focus is to help facilitate business growth and opportunity in our community. We work hand in hand with business partners to grow our existing economic base and attract new business enterprises. This fast growing community is

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produced salsas and jellies or traveling just down the road to hike, swim or enjoy the scenery at Hamilton Pool, Pedernales Falls State Park and West Cave Preserve. And after a wonderful day in Dripping Springs, come relax and enjoy the hill country ambiance of one of our charming lodging establishments!

Local Area Attractions

The Dripping Springs area is rich in wonderful attractions. Set at the threshold of the Texas Hill Country, Dripping Springs has an altitude of 550 feet (MSL), and is only minutes from Austin and Johnson City. The landscape is characterized by steppe prairies with sweeping views of rolling hills, and towering Live Oak woodlands.

Below are some nearby attractions where you and your family can enjoy Texas:

- Hamilton Pool
- Pound House Museum
- Texas Parks and Wildlife
- Lake Travis
- Highland Lakes
- Westcave Preserve
- LBJ Historical Park
- Texas Hill Country Guide
- LCRA

THE WEDDING CAPITAL OF TEXAS®

THE PERFECT BLEND OF HILL COUNTRY BEAUTY COMBINED WITH GOOD OLD-FASHIONED HOSPITALITY. Boasting over 35 wedding venues within a 15-mile radius, from extremely elegant to down-right rustic, Dripping Springs is an ideal location for weddings of all shapes and sizes. Tucked into the natural beauty of the Texas Hill Country, you will find a relocated 19th century Vietnamese chapel, rustic barns, historic mansions, churches, chapels, and more.

In addition to discovering their perfect venue, a couple can find everything they need in the Wedding Capital of Texas® to create their dream nuptials a reality. Local wedding accouterments include ministers, wedding planners, florists, bakeries, photographers, catering, and of course, all kinds of romantic honeymoon possibilities. With our hills hosting over 1000 weddings a year, even the Legislature agreed in 2015, Dripping Springs is the official, "Wedding Capital of Texas®."

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including a quality teaching staff at all grade levels. Outstanding academic and extracurricular activities are available to all students, and students routinely participate and excel in UIL competition.

Starting in fall of 2017, the district operates seven schools along with a central administration office, and separate transportation and support service facilities. In 2016-17, DSISD eclipsed the 6,000-student mark and enrollment is growing at a rate of 6-7 percent per year.

Our Students – Data from 2016-17

Total Number of Students: 6,008 (5.1.17)
Graduation Rate: 99.1%

Graduates' Post-Secondary Plans

Four-Year Colleges: 70%
Two-Year Colleges: 22%
eTrade School: 3%
Military Service: 2%
Employment: 3%

Class of 2016 ACT Scores

DSHS: 24.7
State: 20.6
Nation: 20.8

Class of 2016 SAT Scores

DSHS: 1671
State: 1393
Nation: 1484

Our Schools

Total Number of Campuses: 7
• High School: 1
• Middle Schools: 2
• Elementary Schools: 4

District Size: 198 square miles
Total Acres in Use: 230.4 acres

Our Staff

Total Number of Employees (2016-17): 785
• Teachers: 355
• Auxiliary Support Staff: 223
• Instructional Aides: 90
• Professional Support: 72
• Central Administration: 8
• Campus/Off-Site Dept. Administration: 16

Beginning Teacher Salary: \$43,020
Teachers with advanced degrees: 21.4%
Average years of experience of teachers: 10.3 years

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attractive because of its top rated schools, small town atmosphere and close proximity to major metropolitan areas. Our talented work force and household income levels help to create a strong business environment.

Dripping Springs Area EDC provides a friendly environment and support for business development, corporate relocation, and economic success for industry and individuals. We are a proud member of the Greater San Marcos Partnership.

Talent/Work Force

Dripping Springs is home to a talented and highly educated work force pool. According to 2010 demographics 51% of residents over the age of 25 with in a 15 minute drive time has obtained a college level degree. (Associate, Bachelor's, Graduate or Professional Degree) The diversity of industry professionals living in Dripping Springs include experts in engineering, construction, financial, healthcare, manufacturing, government and high tech.

Demographics projections show that 43% of households have an average income level of over \$100,000, helping to facilitate a strong retail growth over the past several years.

Tax Structure

Sales Tax.....8.23% (Total)
State.....6.25%
Hays County.....0.50%
City.....1.25%

Property Tax (per \$100 valuation - 2011)

County.....\$0.4691
City.....\$0.12
School.....\$1.62
Hays County ESD#6.....\$0.0795
North Hays Cout ESD #1.....\$0.0243
Special Road Dist.....\$0.044

Major Employers

Dripping Springs ISD - 600
HEB - 230
Patriot Erectors - 211
Core Health Care - 164
Home Depot - 130
The Springs YMCA - 78
Trudy's Four Star - 75
Hill Country Care - just under 50