



## Celebrating a New Building A 2017 Bond Project

SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Memorial Drive Elementary

11202 Smithdale Road, Houston, TX 77024

Principal: Thayer Hutcheson

The new 94,850 square-foot Memorial Drive Elementary provides unparalleled classroom views and functionality through its collaborative learning spaces, enhanced Media Center and learning courtyard. The replacement school accommodates 550 students and is a significant upgrade from the original 58,965 square-foot building constructed in 1949.

### Building

The school's design was a collaboration between Spring Branch ISD, Stantec and the project advisory team, composed of staff, parents and community members. Marshall Construction Company served as the Construction Manager at Risk for the project. All classrooms receive natural light and are equipped with flexible student and teacher furniture, a large active wall, an electronic active panel and plenty of storage.

### Community and Nature

The school's design embraces nature, showcasing the landscape's iconic oak trees. Large classroom windows, hallways, an outdoor learning courtyard that includes access to the Art & Science Patio, an outdoor deck under a mature oak tree and an outdoor classroom with a covered pavilion provide one-of-a-kind learning opportunities.

### Collaboration

At the heart of the school is a spacious media center, that hosts books, computers, a makerspace, and an adjacent broadcast room with a green screen. Additionally, the school is organized around grade-level learning areas that each have collaborative flex spaces. These spaces provide secure connections to a central outdoor learning courtyard that gives amazing views to the exterior.

### Site Plan

School grounds boast an outdoor covered play area, a large open field with a walking track and outdoor playground areas for all age groups. The dining commons space is a large multi-purpose area located adjacent to the gym to allow for large-scale events. The direct access between the commons, gym, outdoor playground and play fields provide a backyard feeling to the campus.



Spring Branch ISD is honored to celebrate the grand opening of the newly constructed Memorial Drive Elementary. Approved by 80% of SBISD voters in November 2017, the redesigned building is part of the 2017 Bond Program. The transformation of district facilities began with the 2007 Bond Program. For more information, visit: [www.springbranchisd.com/bond](http://www.springbranchisd.com/bond).

**Architect:** Stantec

**Contractor:** Marshall Construction Company

**Capacity:** 550 Students    **Size:** 94,850-square-feet

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