The Hollingsworth Science Center provides a cost-effective management system without compromising the quality of the living specimens that are provided.

The Hollingsworth Science Center is a unique HISD resource that provides all services free of charge and with exceptional quality for both students and faculty. The Hollingsworth Science Center staff cares about the educational needs of HISD and are motivated and committed to continuously producing high quality service for excellence in science education.

**Offerings**

The Hollingsworth Science Center offers the following educational opportunities:

- Butterfly Gardens
- Greenhouse
- Living Specimen
- Nature Walks
- Meeting/Training Room
- Lab Equipment (when in stock)
- Scavenger Hunts
- School Yard Habitats
- Science Workshops
- Wildflower Gardens

We are here to serve and assist your educational needs in science.

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**Mission Statement**

To provide unique living science resources that are used to engage, challenge, and deepen teacher and student learning and promote improved academic achievement, college-career readiness, and educational accomplishment in an ever-changing society and world.
The Marcile Hollingsworth Science Center is located on 2.4 acres in the south region of the Houston metropolitan area. It is designed to be a biological supply source for enhancing the K-12 science curriculum of the Houston Independent School District. The Science Center is designed to meet the environmental conditions and safety standards that are necessary to grow and develop live specimens. The Science Center has operated at its present location since October 21, 2001.

The Hollingsworth Science Center is surrounded by beautifully landscaped natural gardens as well as a greenhouse. Throughout the year, the Hollingsworth Science Center is available for science curriculum training and as an HISD meeting facility. The Hollingsworth Science Center is a central location for many workshops that are offered through the Elementary and Secondary Science Departments of HISD.

### Hollingsworth Science Center

The Science Center has over 51 different living specimens available (see chart below). These interesting specimens are selected and developed for use in teaching and addressing relevant principles and applications that are instilled within the science curriculum of HISD.

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We process orders every month of the calendar year.

### Online Ordering of Living Specimen

The Hollingsworth Science Center provides orders of living specimen at no cost to schools. Our ordering process is user-friendly. Simply go to our website: [sci cent@houstonisd.org](mailto:sci cent@houstonisd.org) and complete the online order form. Requisitions must reach the Hollingsworth Science Center by the Wednesday prior to the Tuesday or Wednesday that the living specimens are needed. Based on the route number assigned to your campus, orders delivered on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

### Outdoor Learning Center Partnerships

The Hollingsworth Science Center has established numerous learning center partnerships and plans to establish many more in the future. Below is an abbreviated listing of some of these partnerships.

**Houston Arboretum and Nature Center**