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**APPLICATIONS FOR GRADES 1-5 AT MORRISS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

**Texarkana, TX** – The Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics & Engineering Elementary School is now accepting applications for students entering Grades 1-5.

Applications are available for download at [www.txkisd.net](http://www.txkisd.net) or at the TISD Central Office, 4241 Summerhill Road. Completed applications must be submitted no later than Tuesday, May 29 in person or via postal mail to 4241 Summerhill Road, Texarkana, Texas 75503. An acknowledgement receipt will be given at the time of submission. Proof of residency (current photo id or driver's license along with a utility statement, lease agreement or tax appraisal statement) will be required with all applications.

All applicants will be required to take a Math and Reading Readiness Assessment in late May/early June. All of the skills included on the locally developed assessment are within the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Mathematics skills will be assessed at a grade level above the actual grade to correspond with the acceleration in the Morriss Elementary classroom. TEKS and practice STAAR tests can be found on the Texas Education Agency website at [www.tea.state.tx.us](http://www.tea.state.tx.us). If you are unable to access the TEA website, TISD can provide a copy of the information needed.

The selection process for students will be based on a scoring rubric that awards points based on performance on the required assessments, sibling status and TISD district residency. Additional scoring points will be given to children of staff employed full time at Morriss Elementary School. Applicants with the highest composite score will be selected for admittance.

The Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics & Engineering Elementary School offers students a state-of-the-art elementary campus. The school has instructional opportunities specifically in the areas of math, engineering and technology with direct ties to Texas A&M University Texarkana College of Arts & Science and Education and College of Engineering.

For more information, contact 903.794.3651 ext. 1030 or visit [www.txkisd.net](http://www.txkisd.net).

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