



## Water Conservation School Program Sponsorship Information for Water Providers

This document describes general information about the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District's Water Conservation School Program for water providers that are interested in providing sponsorships.

The Water Conservation School Program was implemented in 1994 to provide free water conservation curriculum and resources for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms throughout Harris and Galveston counties. The School Program comprises water resources and subsidence education through lesson plans, which are customized to our local region and aligned to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills ([TEKS](#)), and a water conservation take-home kit, which contains a variety of water conservation tools for students to use at home. As of the 2022-2023 school year, the School Program was rebranded to H<sub>2</sub>O LABS! and updated with additional online resources, tutorials, and activities for teachers and students.

The Water Conservation School Program is available at no cost to teachers or students through sponsorships. Sponsorships from permittees or other entities bear the cost of the School Program in return for Groundwater Certificates that can be applied to their permit. Water providers that wish to participate in the School Program must enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District. The Interlocal Agreement is effective for one year and the effective term coincides with the academic calendar year. A copy of the Interlocal Agreement can be provided upon request.

### Sponsorship Information

- Each student sponsorship is \$40.00 and each earns the entity 84,000 gallons in Groundwater B Series Credits that can be applied to the permit term and valid for 20 years from issuance.
- If the Sponsor chooses to sponsor any school and/or the Water Conservation Program, the minimum requirement is 50 sponsorships.
- If the Sponsor chooses to sponsor a specific school(s), the minimum requirement is 100 sponsorships. With selecting a specific school(s), the Sponsor can also decide from two enrollment options:
  - 1) If the specified school does not enroll, the Sponsor chooses not to participate.
  - 2) If the specified school does not enroll by winter break, then the Sponsor will sponsor any school or the Water Conservation Program.
- Sponsors will not receive an invoice until school enrollment has been confirmed. If the Sponsor chooses to sponsor the Water Conservation Program, an invoice will be sent no later than May. Sponsors may receive multiple invoices within a school year until sponsorships are fulfilled.
- Groundwater Certificates are issued upon payment of the School Program's Sponsor invoice.

**If you are interested in being a Sponsor, please complete the [Sponsor IA Request Form](#).**

Please contact Ms. Denise Ma, the Water Conservation Program Coordinator, at 281-956-2190 or via email at [dma@subsidence.org](mailto:dma@subsidence.org) for questions and additional information.

