

Collins Academy in Jefferson receives grant from EPA to help paddlefish

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The Collins Academy in Jefferson has been awarded a \$125,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to help facilitate the academy's Paddlefish Reintroduction Education Initiative.

The initiative allows students in East Texas and Northwestern Louisiana schools to participate and help run the paddlefish reintroduction program in the next two academic school years.

"We are pleased and grateful that after reviewing our conservation proposal, the EPA chose to award the grant to us," said academy Director Gary Endsley in a prepared statement.

"It will provide numerous educational opportunities, not otherwise available, to students in East Texas and Louisiana to further their understanding of certain fish and animal species as well as the importance of salvinia eradication.

Paddlefish are a 65 million-year-old species native to the Jefferson Waterfront from the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge in southern Oklahoma.

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