



History of Red Oak ISD Campuses

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Red Oak ISD History



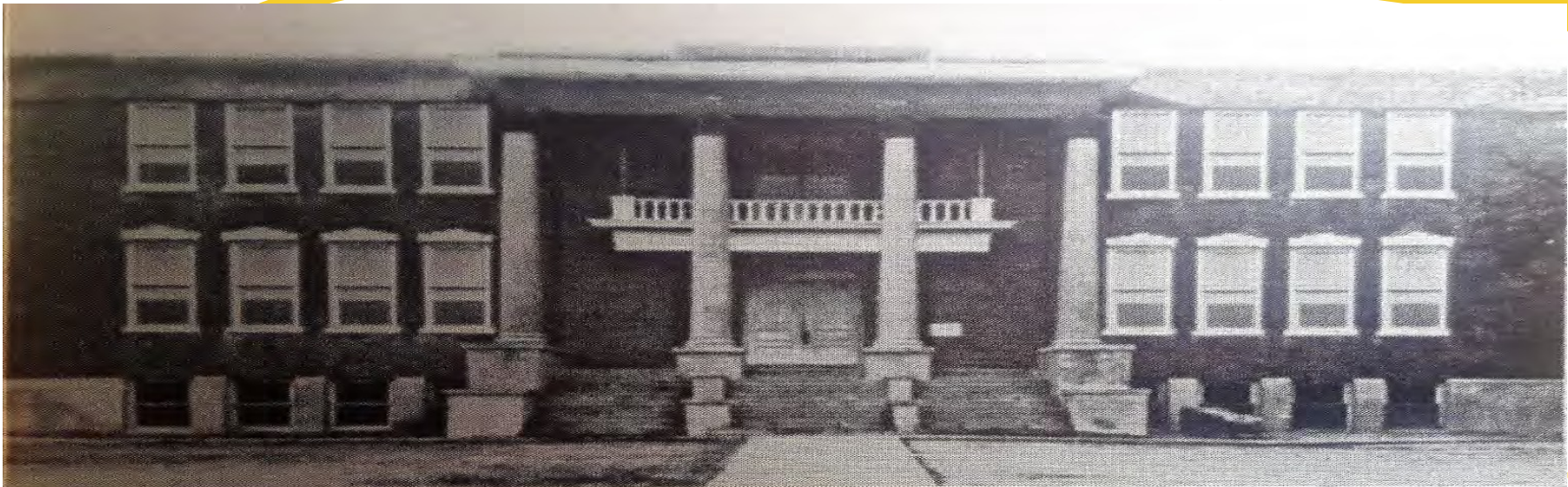
1912

The Red Oak Independent School District was officially established in 1912. All students attended this white-frame building at the corner of Red Oak Road and Methodist Street. A storm in April 1913 swept across Ellis County destroying this building by fire from a lightning strike. Earliest available records show an enrollment of 245 students.

This is the same location where the current Red Oak ISD Education Service Center is located.



Red Oak ISD History



1913

In 1913, a two and a half story brick building was constructed at the same location to replace the burned school. Built at a cost of \$11,000, this school housed all grades of Red Oak students. The gymnasium was built in 1937. Ironically, both buildings were also destroyed by fire in 1963. After the fire, the students attended classes in various church and community buildings.

This is the same location where the current Red Oak ISD Education Service Center is located.



Acorn Building



1963

This school, gymnasium and cafeteria were built in 1963 on Live Oak Street. These facilities served students in grades 7 through 12. Elementary students were bussed to this campus for lunch daily. On Feb. 8, 1965, the school board voted to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1965. That Fall, enrollment was open to all school-aged children and the district was fully integrated. In 1972, a second wing was added to this campus as enrollment neared 800. The cafeteria and gymnasium divided the two wings, separating junior high and high school students for the first time.



Acorn Building



- Located at 101 Live Oak St., this structure was originally built in 1963 for 7th-12th grade, with a second wing added in 1972.
- It was converted to Red Oak Junior High for a period of years
- It was renovated and became the 5th-6th grade campus in the 1990's.
- When the building that now houses Schupmann Elementary opened in 2001, students were transferred there and it was called Red Oak Intermediate.
- Acorn then housed DAEP and the Special Education Department.
- In 2014, it became the Family & Student Services Center and the location for our Education Foundation offices.



Red Oak High School



1976

As the district continued to grow, a \$1.25 million bond issue was passed for a new high school and gymnasium on FM 2377. When the building opened in 1976, enrollment had reached 1,133 students. The following Spring, construction began on an athletic complex that included a 3000-seat stadium, all-weather track, field house, baseball field and tennis courts.



Red Oak High School



1993

An expansion project, completed in 1993, changed the face of the ROHS building. Classroom capacity doubled and a cafetorium was added. Enrollment had reached 3,454 students. In 1998 a band hall was added to the campus and a career and technology center opened in 2004.



Red Oak High School



2010

In 2010, Red Oak ISD opened a \$75 million, state-of-the-art high school building on SH 342. Enrollment for the district was 5,494 students. The new high school featured a 1,200-seat Performing Arts Center along with premier athletic and academic facilities. The three-story building encompasses 370,000 square feet and has a capacity for 2,400 students with the ability for expansion. By 2012, total district enrollment was 5,617 students.



Red Oak Middle School



- The building on Louise Ritter Blvd. was originally built in 1977 for ROHS, with a new addition in 1993 and expansions in 1998 (band hall) and 2004 (career & technology center).
- Wooden Elementary relocated to a new campus in 1999 and ROHS took over their adjacent campus and converted it to a 9th grade center.
- ROHS moved out of the building in 2010, then it was remodeled and rededicated in 2011 as Red Oak Junior High for 7th & 8th grades.
- It was remodeled and renamed as Red Oak Middle School in 2015 for 6th-8th grades. The building that used to be Wooden Elementary, then the 9th grade center, was remodeled and became the 6th grade center.
- Prior to moving into this building, ROJH was located on the campus at the end of Live Oak Street near the downtown city park.

Education Service Center



- The corner of Methodist and Red Oak Rd., where the current ESC building stands, was the original site of the first schools built in Red Oak in 1912 & 1913. Both those campuses burned to the ground.
- The current ESC building originally housed the first elementary school in the district; Red Oak Elementary.
- The first portion of ROE was built in 1961 and was a section of the north wing. An expansion to the north wing was added in the 1970's. The wing along Methodist Street was added in 1981.
- The building remained an elementary school until January 2006, when the school relocated to the new campus along SH 342.
- The building was remodeled in 2014 and became the Education Service Center for administrative offices.



Red Oak Elementary



- Red Oak Elementary was originally located at what is now the Red Oak ISD Education Service Center. ROE occupied that building from 1961-2006.
- In January 2006, ROE relocated and opened the new building off of SH 342.



H.A. Wooden Elementary



- Wooden Elementary originally occupied the building on the ROMS campus that is now the 6th grade center. It was built in 1973 and expanded in 1985.
- They were the second elementary campus in Red Oak ISD.
- They relocated to a new campus down the street in 1999 and remain at that location today.
- The school is named after former superintendent Mr. Henry A. Wooden.



Donald T Shields Elementary



- Shields Elementary was originally located on the campus that now houses Little Hawks Learning Center and was the third elementary school opened by Red Oak ISD..
- The original Shields Elementary on West Ovilla Road was built in 1979 and was originally called West Red Oak Elementary. There was an expansion to the building in 1997.
- The new Shields Elementary campus was built behind the original campus and the school took occupancy in 2009.
- Following a tornado in December 2015, Shields temporarily moved to the old ROJH campus at the end of Live Oak Street in Red Oak. They moved back into their renovated campus off Ovilla Road at the start of the 2016-2017 school year.
- The campus is named after former superintendent, Mr. Donald T. Shields.



Eastridge Elementary



- Eastridge Elementary opened in 1993 and is located on East Ovilla Road.
- It was the fourth elementary campus built by Red Oak ISD
- It remains at it's original location today.



Russell P. Schupmann Elementary



- The building that currently houses Schupmann Elementary on West Ovilla Road, was originally built in 2001 and was called Red Oak Intermediate. It housed the 5th & 6th grade students in Red Oak ISD.
- The campus was remodeled in 2015 and converted to Red Oak ISD's fifth elementary campus.
- The campus is named after former Red Oak Intermediate/Junior High/High School principal, then Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Russell P. Schupmann.



Little Hawks Learning Center



- West Red Oak Elementary School was completed and opened in January 1979.
- It was eventually renamed to honor former superintendent, Mr. Donald T. Shields.
- An expansion to the campus was completed in 1997.
- When Shields Elementary moved to their new campus in 2009, the newest wing of the old campus was remodeled and Little Hawks Learning Center (a daycare for employee's children) began operation that same year.
- Remodeling of Little Hawks Learning Center has been ongoing since its opening in 2009 due to increasing enrollment and the addition of more classrooms.



Building on Live Oak



- The building on Live Oak Street was built in 1986 and was originally called Red Oak Middle School, serving 7th & 8th grades. It was eventually renamed Red Oak Junior High.
- It was expanded twice while serving as a junior high campus, one of those expansions in 1997.
- In 2011, when Red Oak Junior High moved to their new location on Louise Ritter Blvd. (the former high school campus), this building remained vacant.
- After the tornado in December 2015, Shields Elementary was relocated to this quickly renovated campus on a temporary permit until the end of the school year. They moved back to their campus on West Ovilla Rd. in August 2016.
- From 2016 - 2018, the building was used for designated district events such as professional development and Education Foundation events.
- The Live Oak facility was sold to the City of Red Oak in 2019.