



50 YEARS

History of Lufkin Independent School District

1964

- Carver Elementary (Grades 1-6) for African American students was relocated on Lubbock St. and renamed Hackney Elementary.
- Slack Elementary School (Grades 1-6) opens on Fuller Springs Dr. 1966
- Reading Clinic (formerly Lillie B Miles) opens on East Ward St. 1969
- Redland Schools (Grades 1-6) annexed to Lufkin ISD. 1970
- The United States filed suit against the Texas Education Agency and against a number of individual East Texas schools including Lufkin ISD. On August 7, 1970 the Court entered an Order requiring the Lufkin ISD to collaborate with TEA in the preparation of a plan for the immediate conversion of the Lufkin SD to a unitary, non-discriminatory school system. On August 15, 1970 the Lufkin ISD submitted a plan to TEA and the United States. The Court determined that this plan, as modified, would disestablish the dual system of schools in the Lufkin ISD, and by its Order of August 24, 1970 ordered the plan to be implemented by the school district at the beginning of the 1970-1971 school year.

1971

- Integration of all Lufkin ISD schools occurred
- Brandon Elementary for African American students closed
- Dunbar High School converted to Dunbar Intermediate School for all 7th graders in Lufkin ISD
- Hackney Elementary becomes a Special Education Center for the district

1973

- Central Ward Elementary is closed
- Old Lufkin Jr. High becomes Jr. High West (Grades 8-9)
- Brookhollow Elementary (Grades 1-6) opens on Live Oak Street
- Lufkin Jr. High East (Grades 8-9) opens on Loop 287
- Kindergarten is added to Lufkin ISD

1978

- Mabel Melear Elementary closes

1979

- LHS wins State Basketball Championship

1982

- The first Lufkin ISD Alternative School was established on 3rd and Paul Street

1983

- Anderson Elementary (Grades K-6) on Champions Drive and Brandon Elementary (Grades 1-6) on Sayers Street opens

1984

- Mabel Melear was converted to LISD Alternative School.
- Brandon Elementary (Grades 3-6) is paired with Garrett Elementary (Grades K-2) Garrett Elementary began serving Bilingual students

1985

- Coston Elementary began serving Bilingual students (K-3)

1990

- The first Prekindergarten classes open at Brookhollow Elementary

1991

- The Court established a Tri-Ethnic Advisory Committee in the LISD to replace the then inactive Bi-Racial Committee that had been established by prior order in the 1970's. The committee addressed a broad range of desegregation-related issues within the District.
- To address the disproportionate transportation burden placed on minority elementary students the District's elementary campuses were paired to create larger geographic attendance zones. Additionally, the revised elementary assignment plan centralized the Bilingual program at Slack Elementary School (Grades K-6).
- Trout, Kurth, Garrett, and Herty were converted to grades PK-3 and paired with Brookhollow, Anderson Brandon and Coston which were converted go Grades 4-6.
- Construction of additional classrooms at both Brandon and Garrett Elementary were completed to accommodate the expansion of the LISD's elementary gifted and talented program (PACE Program).
- Redland Elementary closes and becomes LISD Instructional Services.

1995

- Dr. Fran Sicola Cardwell became the first female superintendent
- A bond is passed to address:
 - Jr. High East renovation to the new Lufkin High School on Loop 287 serving Grades 9-12
 - Old Lufkin High School conversion to Lufkin Middle School, Grades 6-8
 - Dunbar Intermediate School conversion to Dunbar Primary School and District Instructional Services
 - Activity buildings added to all six (6) elementary/primary schools
 - Additions and renovations to Slack Elementary, Herty Primary, Coston Elementary and Brookhollow Elementary
 - Major ADA compliances on all campuses

1998

- PK 3 added to Hackney Primary School

1999

- Jr. High West was closed when new high school opens

2000

- Jr. High West is sold

2001

- July 11, 2000 the desegregation order is lifted by Judge John Hannah
- Property exchange with City of Lufkin to convert Library on Cotton Square to the Lufkin ISD Administration Building and City acquiring portion of Jr. High West land to build new library
- District purchased and renovates vacant Tipton Ford Dealership and converted to State of the art Transportation Department

2005

- Lufkin High School wins State Football Championship

2007

- LISD becomes a state hub at LHS to accommodate thousands of evacuees from Hurricane Rita and again in 2008 with Hurricane Ike

- A bond is passed to address:
 - Campus safety and security, installing security cameras and enclosing breezeways at several primary/elementary campuses
 - Program and facility upgrades included:
 - Herty wing replacement
 - LHS Auditorium
 - Math/Science wing at Lufkin Middle School
 - Science Labs at Dunbar Primary and Brandon Elementary
 - Science wing added at Lufkin High School

2009

- Burley Primary School (Grades K-2) paired with Slack Elementary School opens
- Overcame near total destruction of Hackney Primary due to EF-3 tornado in December.

2010

- MyPAC Student Health Center
- Organized Lufkin ISD Police Department

2013

- Organized Lufkin ISD Education Foundation
- Dr. LaTonya Goffney became the first African American superintendent

2015

- LHS Boys Soccer wins State Championship

2017

- Dr. LaTonya Goffney named Region VII Superintendent of the Year