

Lufkin Middle School

History

1951 - The construction of a new high school on Denman Avenue was approved. (current Lufkin Middle School). J.A. Anderson became superintendent of Lufkin ISD. He began to press for additional classrooms and buildings. Then came the voluntary increase in property taxes and the approved release of \$1,500,000 in bonds to build a new high school on Denman Avenue. The money not used for the new high school plant was to be held in reserve to begin a ten-year plan for construction of additional elementary schools.

1955 - The new high school was completed (current Lufkin Middle School).
Eisenhower was president and gas was 19 cents!

1969 - Dr. Langston Kerr was named superintendent. A two-story, air-conditioned academic wing (5th wing) was built at Lufkin High School. A vocational and PE wing were also built.

1978 - A bond was passed to repair some existing buildings at 900 E Denman Avenue, a band hall, and a wood shop building.

1981 - A bond was passed to build a gym complex at the Denman Avenue property following the state basketball championship in 1978. Additions were made to the existing library and an office was added. The student commons area was built.

1995 - The existing high school on the Denman Avenue property was moved to a new building on the Loop encompassing the existing Jr. High East building. \$2 million was allotted in the bond to convert the existing high school to a 6-8 grade complex. We continued to use the stadium built in 1972 at Junior High East as the high school stadium.

2001 - Lufkin ISD and the City of Lufkin agreed to a mutual property swap to construct a new Kurth Memorial Library. Lufkin ISD traded property from the old Junior High West plant to the city in exchange for the downtown administration building (old library), and baseball and softball fields at Morris Frank Park.

2007 - A bond was passed to renovate existing primary and elementary campuses to ensure safety and security. Vestibules and enclosed wings were added to all campuses. Burley Primary was built. A portion of this bond was used to add a math and science wing at Lufkin Middle School.

2016 - Voters approved a tax ratification election (TRE) allowing the district to make parking lot improvements with new lighting.

