

## Quick History of Texico Schools

One of the oldest schools in Curry County, Texico is located on the Texas-New Mexico state line, eight miles east of Clovis, New Mexico.

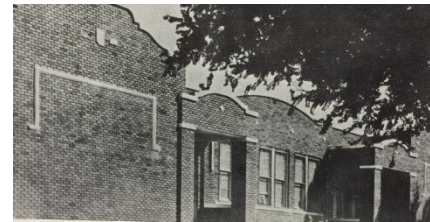
Texico served as the gateway to New Mexico even before there was a house in Clovis. Although the town had many tough characters during its early days, it was still able to support a good school. By 1910 it boasted a three-teacher school, consisting of eight elementary and three high school grades. D.I. Adkins was the Superintendent and Mrs. M.A. Todd and Miss Edna King were teachers.

During the next eleven years under the administration of Professor Adkins, it developed into a four-teacher system and was one of the best schools in Eastern New Mexico.



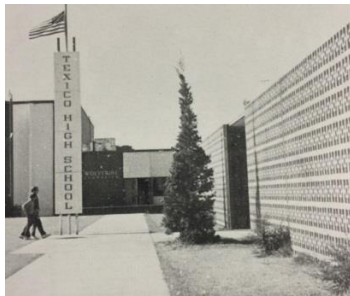
In 1918, the old two-story building at Texico was razed to the ground, and a new brick structure was erected. In 1927, a new brick and tile gymnasium and auditorium were built.

In 1937, a Vocational Agriculture Building was erected.



1950 saw another gymnasium constructed with Agrie Jones serving as superintendent. This gym is still in use today, and is known as the 'Elementary Gym'.

In 1955, an elementary building was erected.



1962 saw the construction of the high school building (now the Middle School), with J. Buck Doran, superintendent.

In 1965 additions of two classrooms and a library were added to the high school and also five classrooms were added to the elementary school.

In 1967, a new cafeteria and Vocational Agriculture Building were built while A.D. McDonald served as superintendent. They were completed in 1968.



1972 saw the construction of the Wolverine Gymnasium. The Red Dog Cinder Track was built in 1973, and in 1975 the new Junior High School, (Now the High School) Band-room (Now the Technology/Server Room and Ag Classroom) and parking lot were built while A.D. McDonald was still superintendent.



In **1983**, Jim Pierce, Superintendent, oversaw the construction of the Educational Complex. The Complex consists of two regular classrooms, business classroom, administrative offices, and a multi-purpose auditorium.



**1987** saw the addition of four classrooms, a nurse's office, book room, and counselor's office added to the Elementary.

In **1993**, under the guidance of Dr. R.L. Richards, a new wing was added to the Junior High Building (now the High School). The addition included a secretary and principal's office, bookroom, a fully equipped science lab, computer lab, and three additional classrooms.

**1995** saw the renovation of the football field and track with funds from a state grant. The work included a new automatic sprinkler system, new lighting, and an all-weather track.

In January of **2002**, the Texico Sports Arena was completed. The Sports Arena includes a new weight facility, boys and girl's dressing rooms, two coach's



offices and a training room. It also included a modern concession stand that serves for football and basketball games, as well as for track meets. The new Sports Arena has seating for 1300 fans. Dr. R.L. Richards was the superintendent when this construction took place.

On April 12, **2007**, the Texico Baseball Complex was completed and dedicated by Senator Gay Kernan throwing out the first pitch in a game against Elida. The Baseball field was built on property next to the Texico FFA Ag Farm on Highway 60-70-84.

**2011** saw the construction of the new school cafeteria and maintenance building/bus barn, along with upgrades in all restrooms in the elementary, junior high, and high school while Dr. Richards was still superintendent.



The current superintendent is Mr. Robert Brown.