

History of USD 489

City of Hays established

1867

1873

Public education is established in Hays

Original Hays High School was built



1916

1874
Hays built first school house



1925

Lincoln & Washington Elementaries are built

1925

Original schoolhouse becomes the junior high

Original schoolhouse torn down; junior high students attend Hays High

1939

1940



St. Joseph's grade school was renamed to Jefferson School & leased to school district

Additions to Washington and Lincoln are approved.

1950

1953

Addition to High School approved

Addition to Hays High not approved

Jefferson School is now the junior high

1954

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12th Street Auditorium was established

Hays Junior High is completed to serve 7th and 8th grade

1964

1959

Woodrow Wilson Elementary is constructed



1966

Surrounding areas close schools & become part of Hays Unified School District

Roosevelt Elementary is opened

1967



1978

Passed bond to build new high school



1982

Hays High opens doors to new school for 9th-12th grade

O'Loughlin Elementary opens as district first magnet school

1990

Bond passed for student learning

1992

Washington Elementary repurposed to Early Childhood Center

2015

Bond passed for new high school, renovations and relocations of schools

2022

1969

Jefferson School is renamed JF Kennedy School

1981

Sixth grade moves from elementaries to the now name Felten Middle School

1985

Wilson Elementary receives renovation and addition

1991

Westside School is established

2012

Kennedy Middle School closes its doors

2020



Early Childhood Center opens its doors at new building on 13th St.

Here's to the future!