

History of WHS and the Kangaroo

The first notes of a public school in Weatherford date back to 1860 when a Masonic Institute taught elementary through college students in a local blacksmith shop. The school, located on South Main, now the Jack-In-The Box, had a dirt floor and split log benches.

In 1875, the Weatherford High School Association was formed. The first five students graduated in 1885, receiving certificates of completion. In 1894, the first Weatherford High School diplomas were awarded.

Weatherford Independent School District was formed in 1954, and the first high school was built at the present site of City Hall on Palo Pinto Street. In 1957, the high school was relocated to the site on South Main, which is presently home of the Weatherford High Ninth Grade Center.

With the ever growing community, Weatherford High School needed to change and expand. The present campus, opened in 2003, is a state of the art facility that serves over 1500 students, and 150 faculty and staff.

Many have asked how the kangaroo became the mascot of Weatherford High School. In the early 1920's, Ray Morrison, a beloved coach at WHS, accepted a position at Austin College. Since Coach Morrison was so admired, WHS adopted the mascot of his new school, the kangaroo, as their own.

Today, WHS proudly boasts the Kangaroo mascot with school colors of royal blue and white. Kangaroo Stadium, built in 1949 at the second WHS location, is still home to Roo football, baseball, and track and field.

