

Our History

On December 22, 1798 Bourbon Academy was established. By 1800 the school was in session. Teachers were paid by the parents of the pupils.

By 1805 more than 100 students were attending the Academy.

In 1865, Bourbon Academy became Paris City School. Four years later, primary, intermediate and higher education were offered and 210 pupils were enrolled.

In 1894, a standard 4 year high school was organized in Paris. The first graduating class was in 1897.

In 1918 Dr. Lee Kirkpatrick was hired as Superintendent. He remained in that position until 1953 when he retired.

In 1953, William Fulton Russell became Superintendent. He served until his death on April 16, 1964. At this time Paul Polly became Superintendent. Since then the Superintendents have been David Gover, Ron Chumbley, Tod Williams, Ron Hickey, Janice Cox-Blackburn, and Gary Wiseman.

Paris City Schools are still ranked among the highest academically in the state. Latin is still being taught here as it was in the 1800's. Our athletic teams still excel as they have over the past 75 years. Our music program is outstanding with the marching band making the State competition every year.

Please come and visit us if you are in Paris. We would love to show you our Paris Pride and make great memories for you.

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