

Facts from the Past in Austin County Schools

- In 1900, there were 526 school districts in Texas. Today there are 1033 school districts.
- In 1911, Star Hill School was classified as an intermediate school to teach 5 grades.
- On November 5, 1917, the County Board visited schools and also inspected the new bridge over the Brazos River at Hempstead.
- The County Board minutes of February 17, 1914 refer to a Small Pox epidemic at Bleiblerville.
- The first school bus in Welcome District #12 was a funeral hearse purchased from Herman Lahrmann in Industry and converted into a school bus.
- C. Walters, a native of Germany, taught at Industry Simmons School from 1889-1891. He held a diploma from Sam Houston Normal Institute and was a very good teacher. He had 2 assistants, E. F. Gehrls and Albert Niebuhr. A new room was added to the school. The room was painted and seats were bought by the patrons of the school for donations of \$1.00 to \$50.00.
- The Skull Creek School site was donated by Joham Fiesler and the school was built in 1886.
- In 1907, the county commissioners' court appointed E. H. Steinberg as the first County Superintendent.