

JACK LOWE SR. ADVOCATE FOR EQUALITY

John Burford Lowe was born in 1913 and raised in the Oak Cliff area. Even with a career marked by business and civic accomplishments, Jack Lowe (as he was known) will be remembered most for his work as the chief architect of the Dallas Independent School District's desegregation plan that was adopted by the U.S. Federal Court in 1976.



In 1946, Lowe founded Texas Distributors Inc. in the back of an auto parts store owned by his aunt. Today, the firm known as TD Industries has more than 1,300 employee-partners and generates annual revenues of \$240 million. The company's servant-leadership culture established by Lowe and dedicated to helping employees succeed remains part of the company's vision and values. *Fortune* magazine lists TD Industries as among the 100 Best Companies in America.

Lowe's work as chairman of the multiracial Dallas Alliance Education Task Force, which worked to develop an acceptable school desegregation plan, proved controversial at times, but his consensus-building skills and his love for Dallas and the city's children paid off. The federal court adopted the plan almost word-for-word. For his work on this task force, Lowe was honored with one of Dallas' highest community service awards, the Linz Award.

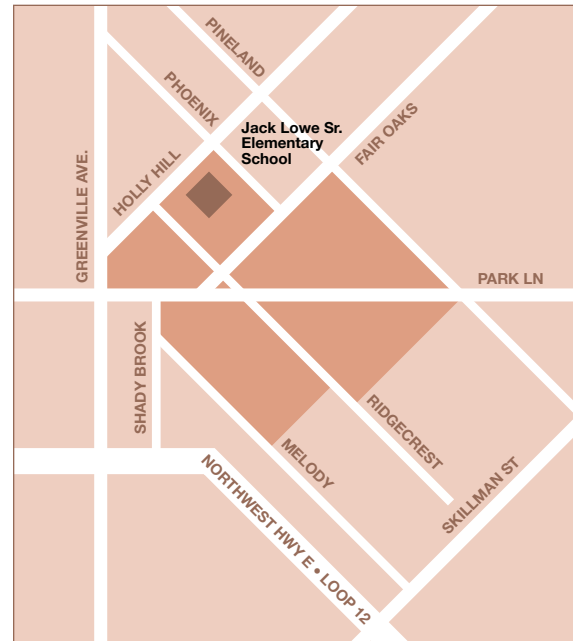
Lowe also helped strengthen the Greater Dallas Council of Churches and served on the Citizens Council, Community Relations Commission, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Urban League, YMCA, and Girl Scout Council. He also helped develop the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, the Salesmanship Club of Dallas, and the Dallas Kiwanis Club.

Jack Lowe Sr. died in 1980 at the age of 67.

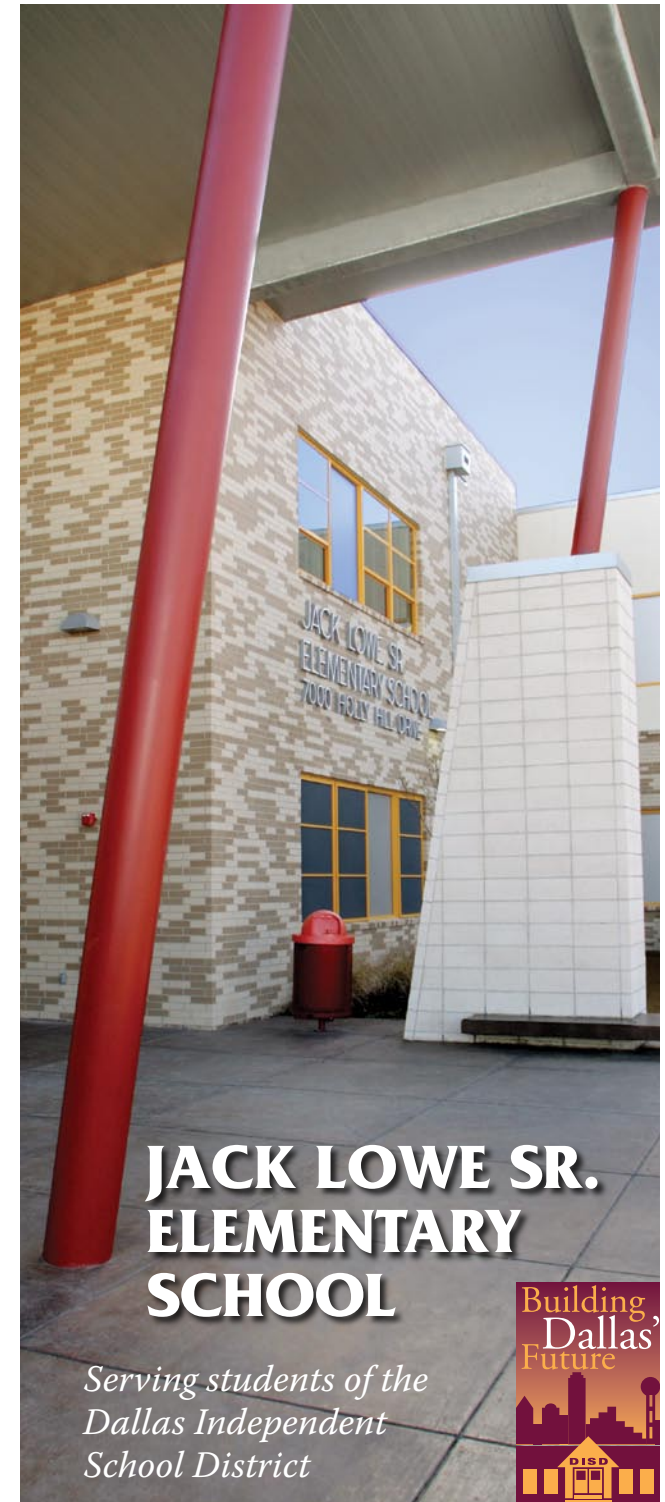
FEEDER PATTERN

Grades PreK-5	Grade 6	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12
Jack Lowe Sr. ES	Sam Tasby MS	Sam Tasby MS	Emmett J. Conrad HS

Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School is receiving students from L.L. Hotchkiss, Robert E. Lee, Preston Hollow, and Dan D. Rogers elementary schools.



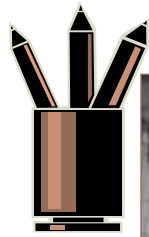
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INTRODUCTION

Residents of the Vickery Meadow area of Northeast Dallas long desired their own neighborhood schools as anchors for a thriving community. To that end, the Vickery Meadow Improvement District, a coalition of approximately 50 area organizations, worked with the Dallas ISD to plan and develop four new campuses for their area, one of which is Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School.

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SPECIAL FEATURES

Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School is part of an **educational complex** that shares many common spaces with another new school, Sam Tasby Middle School. The two schools share the **auditorium, stage, and kitchen**, but have separate entrances, both made of **brick veneer accented by stucco and metal panels**

that reflect the energy of the surrounding neighborhood. **Four mobile sculptures**, created to represent the goals and spirit of Jack Lowe and Sam Tasby, have been installed at the schools with one located in each of Lowe Elementary's two entrances, one inside the Tasby Middle School entrance, and one outside the shared auditorium.

The building has about 89,000 square feet and includes **34 core classrooms plus a science lab, art room, music room, instructional technology classroom, media center, gymnasium, and cafeteria**. The gymnasium, cafeteria, and shared common areas are separated from classroom areas so students and visitors can gather and meet in these areas of the school without disturbing classroom instruction. These spaces also facilitate using the building for **community and social events**.

Outside play areas give students and neighborhood children many opportunities for structured physical activity and play.

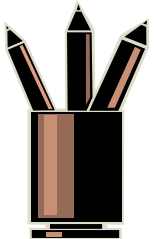
ACADEMIC FEATURES

Students are given many opportunities to explore their creativity in the school's **computer and science labs** and through the **music and art programs**. In addition to the core curriculum, the school offers **computer technology, orchestra, gymnastics, ballet and jazz**, and a **talented and gifted program**.

Prekindergarten classes prepare students to enter elementary school ready to read and to learn. In **special education inclusion classrooms**, primary and modified instruction is provided to ensure that students with disabilities have the opportunity to participate and interact with the school community and in school activities.

The school has an active and supportive **PTA and Site-Based Decision Making organization**. In addition, parents and community members have many opportunities to participate in the school's **volunteer program**.

The school has launched the **Support Success Initiative**, giving individuals, organizations, and corporations the opportunity to support a homeroom class with a \$1,500 donation that is used to provide **uniforms, school supplies, instructional materials, and field trip experiences** for students. The school's **Partner in Education** is Park Cities Baptist Church, which is helping to develop opportunities for students to enhance their education.



Grade levels
Prekindergarten through fifth grade

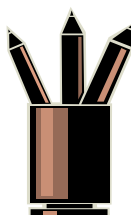
Enrollment
750 students

Size
89,000 square feet

Number of classrooms
34

Construction cost
\$12 million

Opened
August 2006



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