

A history of the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School

By 1919, High School work had been going on in Ridgeway for eleven years. Students attended the Continuation School in what is now the Masonic Building where they were taught by two teachers.

In 1921 classes were moved to a new public school building, now Ridgeway Public School, which was built for approximately \$128,000. In 1925, two rooms were added to this building and by 1926 there were four teachers on staff.

In 1927 the School Trustees applied to the Township of Bertie for \$132,000 for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a new Continuation School building. This building, now known as the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School, is still in use today.

A cafeteria, which has since been enlarged, was build in 1956. In 1960 an addition which included administrative offices, industrial arts and home economics rooms, a library, and more classrooms was built on the north side of the building. In 1966 science laboratories and more classrooms were added and a new physical education wing was built.

In 1973 an addition was built on to the south end of the building. This wing included classrooms for the teaching of typing and accounting and a new library. The old library became a science laboratory while the old typing room was used to enlarge administrative and guidance offices.

From its inception in 1909 with two teachers and approximately twenty-eight students, the present Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School has grown to a staff of thirty-one and a student enrolment of 537.