

## **The History of Franklin Township School, Quakertown, New Jersey**

Before Franklin Township School was renamed to Franklin Township School the school was called Franklin Township Consolidated School. The school was built in 1837 and the taxes were raised up to \$2000 to fund the building of this new school. The school combined all schools around and it was built in 1936. This was the first of its kind in Hunterdon County. During World War 2 in the 1930s the school was a bomb shelter to protect the people in the town.

In 1956, five more classrooms and a library were added. The new addition cost was a little under one million dollars. In 1968, a second addition was built which included the gym. In 1988, the third addition was put in which added an office, more classrooms, and a remodeled library. In the 1990s a playground was built alongside the school in the back with swings and things to climb on. In 2014 The playground was remodeled and the climbing bars were removed. In the same year, a new playground was added for the older kids. This playground still had things to climb on, but they were less of them. Technically you aren't allowed to climb on the new one like you were on the old one.



### **Franklin Township School today**

The school was built to give people a place to learn without having to drive far. The first principal; Sydney Keller; decided that the name of the school would be Franklin Township Consolidated School. They changed the weird (to us) name from Franklin Township Consolidated School to Franklin Township School in 1939.

Our current principal, Dr. Fredericks, has been in charge for a little over 2 years now. The school's current name is Franklin Township School. It looks like a smaller version of a high school. On the inside we have at least 18 classrooms, we also have a gym, music room, art room, and a STEM (Science technology engineering and math) room.



**Above is a picture of inside of the school.**

**The front of the school above**



**Above is our Little Red schoolhouse:  
The school before the new one. This is one of the original one-room schoolhouses in  
Franklin Township.**



**Above is a picture of our classroom**

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